

**REGISTRATION
PURSUANT TO SECTION 6 OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT**

NAME OF UNDERTAKING:

Rerouting of a section of Snowmobile Trail, located East of the Primary Trail, near Castor River on the Northern Peninsula. The trail when completed will be a continuation of the existing Primary trail in the area. The proposed trail is located around Castor River pond so as to access a much shorter water crossing site and is approximately 7 Kms, in length. The work on this section will be carried out in affiliation with the local area Long Range Snowmobile Club, at Reef's Harbour.

PROPOSER:

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THE UNDERTAKING:

To construct a 7 Km section of Snowmobile Trail, from the existing trail, to by-pass Castor River Pond. This new section of trail will by-pass a major water crossing (approx. 300 Ft), adjacent to the Highway Bridge, across Castor River and will allow for a much less expensive Bridge to be installed at the site shown on the attached map section. Approximately 120 Ft. long. The Trail is situate as shown on the attached maps. The cost of this project will be funded by ACOA.

The purpose of this trail is to provide a safe, groomed, 6 meter wide snowmobile trail, complete with signs and water crossings as required. The trail will be used by local snowmobile enthusiasts and tourists and in turn will enhance the Island Snowmobile Industry.

DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING:

(i) Geographic Location:

This proposed trail runs from a point on the approved Primary Snowmobile Trail on the South side of Castor River near Highway 430 and will continue along this new trail, to a point approx 3.5 Kms from the beginning. At this point a stream crossing site has been surveyed at approx. 120 Ft. wide. From this crossing, the trail will return to the Primary Trail along the new route on the North side of Castor River Pond. When this section is complete, it will allow Snowmobilers a safe access to various other trails and will also allow snowmobilers to avail of the numerous services in the area.

(ii) Physical Features:

This trail will leave the existing Snowmobile Trail on the South side of Castor River and skirt around bogs in the area. The trail will be cut in the low spruce and fir that exists between the bogs and will follow, existing trails in the area whenever possible.. This trail will be upgraded to meet NLSF standards. As the trail is being cleared there may be other small stream crossings that require some form of Bridging, this will be addressed by the crews and appropriate information will be forwarded to complete the Permit process.

(iii) Construction :

It is anticipated that Trail construction may be starting sometime in early Spring or Summer 2004.

Trail construction will employ approximately **10** workers for **6 weeks**.

Construction will consist mostly of cutting of trees and brush, using Chain Saws, merchantable timber will be stockpiled for removal or for use elsewhere on the trail.

Brush will be burned or piled neatly by the sides of the trail in such a manner so as not to impede the movement of wildlife and other users of the existing trails.

At this time heavy equipment will not be used during trail construction, although approvals have been given to allow limited use of equipment on various sections of the Integrated trail to remove stumps that interfere with Grooming and Snowmobiling. It appears from preliminary surveys of the area that stump removal in this area may not be necessary.

On site fuel will be for use of Chain saws and Brush Saws.

Upon completion of construction, the trails will be signed to NLSF standards

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All guidelines in place by the various governing bodies will be strictly adhered to.

The proposed work will consist primarily of cutting of trees and brush but there will also be other activities that will take place during the final development of the trail, work will be ongoing to meet the criteria for a safe, family oriented, groomed trail and to meet the NLSF standards and in turn bolster the future development of the Island Snowmobile Industry.

(iv) Operation:

The proposed section of trail will be constructed for snowmobile use and sections of the existing trails may be used by ATVs as have been in the past years. The trail will be groomed and kept up to Federation standards by volunteers from the local snowmobile club. At the present time grooming costs will be offset by the selling of Trail Stickers.

(v) Occupations:

During the various phases of construction, it is anticipated that 10 workers will be required for a 6 week period, in addition to extra work that will be carried out by volunteers from the local snowmobile club. The category of workers that will be on site are as follows.....

- (1) Supervisor, trail cutting Foreperson. (On site full time during working hours).
- (2) Chain saw operators
- (3) Laborers
- (4) Overall supervision to ensure compliance, conducted by NLSF staff. (Project Manager and Field Monitors).
- (5) Volunteers from local snowmobile club.

All workers will be required to have instruction in the use of the most recent up to date safety equipment and hold First Aid Certificates and all other training required..

All Fire Safety Regulations will be strictly adhered to and enforced.

(vi) Project Related Documents:

Copy of maps depicting the proposed trail.

APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:

The following is a list of permits being or will be pursued prior to starting this project.

(1) Approval of the undertaking.	Dept. of Env. & Cons.
(2) Approval for watercourse crossings.	Dept. of Env. & Cons.
(3) Crown Land Permits.	Dept. of Env. & Cons.
(4) Work affecting Fish Habitat.	DFO.
(5) Cutting, Burning and Operating Permit.	Dept. of Natural Resources
(6) Work over Navigable Waters .	DFO. Navigable Waters
(7) Shelters, Pit Privies, signs etc.	Dept. of Env. & Cons.
(8) Employees Health and Safety.	Government Services
(9) Archaeological Assessment.	Dept. of Natural Resources.
(10) Municipal Development Permits.	Various Municipalities.
(11) Permits required concerning Highways.	Transportation and Works
(12) Permits from Companies holding timber rights.	Timber Companies.

In addition to the above:

All and any other permits required will be obtained.

SCHEDE:

The actual start of construction, depends on when all of the necessary documents are in place, it is anticipated early Spring or Summer 2004.

FUNDING:

The Federation has received funding from ACOA, to carry out trail development at various clubs across the island. The local club, the Long Range Snowmobile Club, at Reef's Harbour, will receive funding from the Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation to complete the trail work.

The development of this section of trail will cost approximately, \$ 25,000, Bridge costs approx, \$150,000.

Date 31 Mar 04

Signed by.....William P G Wheeler,
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