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### **NEWS RELEASE / PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **VILAS COUNTY SNOWMOBILE CLUBS TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL LAKE ACCESS SAFETY FEATURES**

The 11 Vilas County Snowmobile Alliance Clubs, (The Arbor Vitae Cross Country Cruisers, The Boulder Junction Snowmobile Club, The Conover Sno-Buddies, The Eagle River Sno-Eagles, The Lac du Flambeau Northern Hornshoe, The Land O' Lakes Frosty Club, The Manitowish Waters Sno-Skeeters, The Phelps Snowmobile Club, The Presque Isle/Winchester Sno-Bunnies, The Sayner Barnstormers, and The St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club) are adding additional safety measures at snowmobile trail lake access points in Vilas County.

Flashing beacon lights will be placed on both sides of the trail on the shoreline at lake access points. These lights have a 2 nautical mile visibility range and will flash in a sequence of red/white/green. These beacons, in conjunction with lake markers, will let snowmobilers know where it is safe to cross lakes, where the shorelines are and where the exits are. Additionally, 55 MPH night speed limit signs will be installed at all lake/trail accesses to remind riders that Wisconsin State law is 55 MPH during hours of darkness. This speed limit was put into effect to protect riders from running beyond the headlights of a snowmobile, creating safer riding conditions at night. Please stay off lakes and water crossings until they are marked and obey the 55 MPH speed limit at night.

**Please ride responsibly. Off trail riding is trespassing and could result in closure or loss of trails and fines for those who violate. Snowmobile safety begins with you! Enjoy the trails and thank you for visiting Vilas County!**

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