

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

NAME OF UNDERTAKING:

Development of a short section of Snowmobile Trail, this section will by-pass the Water Crossing at Hinds Lake as was approved originally. This crossing proved to be unsafe as water was present on the ice, because of small brooks running free and flowing into this end of the lake. This work will be carried out in affiliation with the local Snowmobile Club, the Junction Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Deer Lake.

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THE UNDERTAKING:

To by-pass an unsafe section of water trail, to meet NLSF standards, for use as a Snowmobile Trail, located near the Eastern end of Hinds Lake, near the Town of Buchans. And is situate as shown on the attached maps. 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, to be used by local snowmobile enthusiasts and tourists and in turn to enhance the Island Snowmobile Industry. Upon completion of this trail, Snowmobilers will have a safe trail around the unsafe water crossing. Snowmobilers will have access to the remainder of the province, via the Provincial Snowmobile Trail.

DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING:

(i) Geographic Location:

This Trail running from Buchans to Howley, is part of the Cross Island Snowmobile Trail and will allow Snowmobilers safer traveling to Grand Falls. The trail presently crosses over a large body of water, (Hinds Lake). And is considered too unsafe to meet trail standards.

(ii) Physical Features:

This trail will leave the existing Snowmobile Trail on the South side of Hinds Lake and skirt around bogs in the area. The trail will be cut in the low spruce and fir that exists between the bogs and the lake. and will proceed to connect to an existing road near the Hinds Lake, Spill Dam located near the Eastern end of the lake. This trail will be upgraded to meet NLSF standards. As the trail is being cleared there may be stream crossings that require some form of Bridging, this will be addressed by the crews and appropriate information will be forwarded and permits obtained if required.

(iii) Construction :

It was anticipated that Trail construction will be starting sometime in early Fall. Trail construction will employ approximately **10** workers for **8 weeks**.

Construction will consist mostly of cutting of trees and brush along the existing trail, 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.

At this time heavy equipment will not be used during trail construction, although applications have been submitted 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 the stump removal in this area may not be necessary.

On site fuel will be for use of chain saws and other small engines.

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 snowmobiles and is unlikely to be used by any other type of vehicle. The overall 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 8week 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 as required.

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

(vi) Project Related Documents:

Copy of maps depicting the proposed trail on the 1:50,000 Scale.

APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:

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

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| (1) Approval of the undertaking. | NDOEL. |
| (2) Approval for all watercourse crossings. | NDOEL. |
| (3) Crown Land Permits. | Govt. Services and Lands. |
| (4) Work affecting Fish Habitat. | DFO. |
| (5) Cutting, Burning and Operating Permit. | Dept. of forest Resources and Agrifoods. |
| (6) Work over Navigable Waters . | DFO. |
| (7) Shelters, Pit Privies, signs etc. | Government Service Centre. |
| (8) Employees Health and Safety. | NDOEL, Labour. |
| (9) Archaeological Assessment. | Dept. of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. |
| (10) Municipal Development Permits. | Various Municipalities. |
| (11) Permits required concerning Highways. | DOWST. |
| (12) Permits from Companies holding timber rights. | Timber Companies. |

In addition to the above:

All and any other permits required will be obtained.

SCHEDULE:

The actual start of construction, depends on when all of the necessary documents are in place, it is anticipated that sometime in early fall 2003 would be the earliest that workers could commence construction.

FUNDING:

The local snowmobile club, Junction Trail Blazers at Deer Lake, will receive funding from the Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation to complete the trail work. The Federation has received funding from ACOA, to carry out trail development at various clubs across the island. The development of this section of trail will cost approximately, \$ 20,000

Date 05 Sept. 03

Signed by.....William P G Wheeler
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