

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

NAME OF UNDERTAKING:

Development of a section of Snowmobile Trail, located in the Main River/ Pollard's Point area. The trail is a continuation of the existing trails in the area. When completed this section of the Snowmobile Trail will connect 2 Forest access roads in the area and is being used to access the Northern Peninsula Primary Snowmobile Trail, and is approximately 12 Kms long.

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THE UNDERTAKING:

To construct a 12 Km section of Snowmobile Trail, from an existing forest access road to connect to another forest access road to connect to the Northern Peninsula Primary Snowmobile Trail. The Trail is situated as shown on the attached maps. This 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, is located West of the Main River Reserve, a section of this trail will follow along an existing cut trail for approximately 4.5 Kms. And will follow along the low wooded valleys in the area. When completed this trail will allow Snowmobilers access to various other trails and will also allow snowmobilers to avail of the numerous services in the various communities in the area.

(ii) Physical Features:

This trail will leave the existing Forest Access Road, used as a Snowmobile Trail on the West side of Main River and proceed to connect to another Forest Access road, approximately 12 Kms. distance from the beginning. The trail will be cut in the low spruce and fir that exists in the area. 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 as required.

(iii) Construction :

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.

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 with a Snow Groomer and kept up to Federation standards by volunteers from the local snowmobile club. 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.

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| (1) Approval of the undertaking. | DOEC. |
| (2) Approval for all watercourse crossings. | DOEC. |
| (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 . | DOT. |
| (7) Shelters, Pit Privies, signs etc. | Government Service Centre. |
| (8) Employees Health and Safety. | DOEC, 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 maybe this early Spring 2005, because of the remoteness of the trail, snow would allow workers easier access to the Trail.

FUNDING:

The local snowmobile club, Humberwinterland Snowmobile Club, Pollard's Point, White Bay, 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, \$ 50,000

Date: 08 Mar 05

Signed by.....William P G Wheeler
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