

***Environmental Assessment Registration  
Pursuant to Section 49 of  
The Environmental Act***

**Name of Undertaking:**

The *Eastern Trailriders* snowmobile club objective is to develop a primary snowmobile trail from St. John's to Holyrood, to allow access in this region for snowmobiles during winter months.

**Proponent**

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**The Undertaking**

**Nature of Undertaking:**

To construct a primary snowmobile trail.

**Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking:**

Construction of a 38 km snowmobile trail from the City of St. John's to the Town of Holyrood, then connecting to existing Rail-bed in Holyrood and continuing west to Goobies via Rail-bed. This trail will be maintained by the *Eastern Trailriders* during the snowmobile season.

### **Description of the Undertaking:**

See attached maps.

#### **(I) Geographical Location**

The *Eastern Trailriders* snowmobile club boundaries are from St. John's to Goobies, inclusive. The objective of the club is to develop and maintain a 5 meter wide snowmobile trail system that is undeveloped from St. John's to Holyrood. This trail will have proper national standards, snowmobile signage and be clearly marked for safe public snowmobile travel. The distance required to link the two sites is approximately 38 kms. This will include existing logging roads that were used by commercial operators in the past years and also some existing agricultural fields. Due to the careful routing of the trail, using existing roads and by-passing wooded areas, there will be minimal cutting required to construct the trail. (See attached map, exhibit a Bay Bulls topo and exhibit b Holyrood topo). We will be required to hire professional cutters and wood chippers to complete the trail in a correct manner as per national standards.

#### **(II) Physical Features**

Trails indicated on the maps will be 5 meters wide. Water crossings that are clearly marked on the map will be overcome by bridges to keep snowmobilers safe on the trails. Our trails will offer proper and clear direction along the trail route with marked distances to give direction to snowmobilers.

#### **(III) Construction**

The 5 meter trail will be cut the full length, to ensure that the trail is usable from the beginning of winter to the end of the season. Road crossings at intersections will be clearly marked for safety with no visibility obstructions. Bridging material for water crossings will be slung by helicopter to its location for construction on site. Any construction of bridges that can be done off-site of water crossings, will be completed and installed as one unit. Construction will begin as soon as approval is granted. Proper trail signage will be installed to meet national safety standards of snowmobile trails.

#### **(IV) Operation**

This snowmobile trail will connect to the rail-bed which is considered part of the primary snowmobile trail for the Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation. Other towns and communities along the route will be able to access the primary trail. The trail will be used by local snowmobilers and tourists. Groomer operations will be provided by volunteers of the *Eastern Trailriders*. These trails once developed will improve business and economical growth for the city and surrounding communities/towns.

(V) **Occupations**

During the construction phase it is estimated that 20 workers will be required for a 15 week period. The category of workers are as follows:

- ¥ 2 Supervisors to ensure proper work completion
- ¥ 6 Chainsaw Operators
- 6 Labourers
- 2 Brush-cutters
- ¥ 4 Carpenters for bridge building

All workers will be required to have completed relevant safety training. First Aid certificates will be a requirement. All safety and fire regulations will also be strictly enforced.

(VI) **Project Related Documents**

Copies of maps showing route of trail will be provided upon request and any work permits required will be obtained before construction of trail begins.

**Schedule**

Once approval has been received for the snowmobile trail and environmental requirements have been met, it is anticipated that work will begin in Summer of 2005. Funding partners will be from ACOA, HRDC and funds belonging to *Eastern Trailriders*, for trail development in eastern Newfoundland.