Influx of Snow Bikes

- Difficulties prior to legislation
  - Didn’t fit snowmobile definition
    - “designed primarily for travel on snow and ice”
  - Purchaser not obtaining new permanent decal

New Legislation

- Difficulties after legislation
  - System constraints – off-highway decal issued
  - Off-highway definition
Resident Snowmobile “Trail Pass”

- Updated snowmobile definition

- $18 – supports snowmobile program and trail grooming

- Over 4000 miles of designated routes

- Issued by State Parks
  - Valid for 3 years
• 26 private snowmobile clubs in MT
• State program began late 70s
  • The state provides grants to the 26 clubs each year for grooming activities
  • Funding from gas tax, snowmobile registrations, non-resident permits and the new “trail pass”
• The snowmobile program logs over 10,000 volunteer grooming hours each year from the 26 clubs
• Highest use snowmobile areas are West Yellowstone and Cooke City
  • Sale of 10,000 non-resident permits each year with 80% in these cities
Tracked Off-highway vehicles

- Doesn’t fit snowmobile definition
  - Has tracks vs. skis or runners
  - Is not less than 48” wide
  - Continuing to seek solution

- Allowed on trails or routes?
  - Depends on how trails/routes are defined
  - Can receive a “trail pass” and Off-highway decal
  - Law enforcement deems if access is allowed
Fat Tire Bikes

- Fat tire bikes must obtain a “trail pass” to legally ride on snowmobile routes
- Fat tire bikes are not decaled through MVD
- No guidelines for non-resident
Tiny Houses

- Where does the unit fit into current definitions?
  - Does it have wheels?
    - Department of Justice – Motor Vehicle Division
  - Choices may be – mobile home, travel trailer, motor home etc..
    - Decisions include
      - Principle residence vs. temporary
      - Length-width-weight
        - May require over-weight, over-size permits
Tiny Houses

- Where does the unit fit into current definitions?
- Is it on a permanent foundation?

- Department of Labor and Industry – Business Standards Division
  - If meets manufactured home definition, also regulated by MVD
Tiny Houses

- Ongoing effort with Department of Labor and Industry
  - Co-author a Pamphlet to educate consumers
What’s Next ???

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