



## **URGENT NOTICE FOR ALL RIDERS**

Winter is fast approaching and we are all anxious to have that first ride of the season. It is imperative that all riders stay off the trails until they are officially opened by the club. There are a number of things that need to be completed before the trails can be opened and we are working diligently on all of them. Signage is nearing completion but there are still a couple of trail repairs that need to be completed to ensure a safe and enjoyable ride.

The first snowfall of the year is NOT the go sign for the season. In fact the first snowfall is generally the most dangerous time of the year as obstacles that are usually visible are now covered with a thin layer of snow just waiting for the unexpected snowmobiler. Serious injury and/or damage to your snowmobile can result from jumping the gun on trail opening. In addition to the physical dangers, some landowners have requested that sections of trail remain closed until crops and/or livestock have been dealt with. Respect any Trail Closed signs you encounter and never open a closed/locked gate. These types of actions could result in a landowner withdrawing permission for the trail and a permanent trail closure.

## **HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN TRAILS ARE OPEN?**

This is an easy one. Check the new and improved **INTERACTIVE TRAIL GUIDE** which is accessed from the OFSC website ([www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca)) or from our club website under Trail Conditions ([www.riversidesnowmobileclub.ca](http://www.riversidesnowmobileclub.ca)). The Interactive Trail Guide is the official source of trail status and conditions. If a trail is showing as Unavailable (trail is showing as red) then you can not legally access the trail. Use of the trail constitutes trespassing and you could be charged.