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### **26th Annual D.C. Snowmobile Fly-In Brings National Advocacy to Capitol Hill**

Snowmobile leaders from 14 states meet with over 100 Members of Congress to champion responsible recreation, trails and riding areas

**Washington, D.C. — April 22, 2026** — Snowmobile leaders from across the country convened in the nation’s capital for the **26th Annual D.C. Snowmobile Fly-In**, held April 18–22, 2026. Organized by the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA), the event united riders, industry leaders, and state association representatives in a coordinated effort to advocate for the future of snowmobiling and outdoor recreation.

During the Fly-In, participants met with more than 100 U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives representing 14 states. These meetings provided an opportunity to highlight the importance of responsible snowmobiling and the critical role federal programs play in maintaining and expanding trail access across the country.

“Snowmobilers understand that access to public and private lands is a privilege—not a right,” said Dave Newman, ACSA President. “We are committed to being good stewards of the land while ensuring that future generations can enjoy the sport responsibly.”

A central focus of this year’s Fly-In was the **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**, which is set to expire on September 30, 2026. Funded through federal gas taxes paid by off-highway vehicle users—including snowmobilers—this program is instrumental in supporting trail development, maintenance, and safety projects across rural America.

“RTP is a user-pay, user-benefit program that delivers real results in rural communities nationwide,” added Newman. “Without RTP, many trail systems that support local economies and outdoor recreation opportunities would be impacted.”

In addition to meetings with Members of Congress, attendees engaged with federal agency officials and partner organizations to discuss shared priorities, including sustainable recreation, land access, and infrastructure investment.

The annual Fly-In serves as a vital platform for connecting snowmobile leaders with policymakers and reinforcing the economic and recreational importance of snowmobiling across the United States.

#### **About the American Council of Snowmobile Associations**

The American Council of Snowmobile Associations is a national organization representing state snowmobile associations, dedicated to promoting responsible snowmobiling, preserving access to trails, and ensuring the future of the sport through advocacy, education, and partnerships.

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