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Well, here we are again, another year in the recordbooks ! Kind of makes you wonder what kind of history we're making keeping the South Denali Winter Trail System maintained for generations of Alaskans when we're all long gone, doesn't it? With more and more remote development in Alaska, our public lands, trails and recreation will become increasingly valuable. You and I might just be saving up for something bigger than we could have ever imagined.

Saving up? Yes indeed...your Curry Ridge Riders membership and every penny you donate are making the future possible for the South Denali Winter Trail System because we've worked so hard to make available for the generations to come. Your contributions speak big words about what you want to see happen in South Denali now and in the future. And special recognition is deserving of our business members because they are the financial backbone of our organization and provide a credible community profile. Please be sure to patronize their establishment and let them know how grateful you are of Curry Ridge Riders support:

- **McKinley View B&B**
- **Moore's True Value Hardware**
- **Johnson Construction & Maintenance**
- **Munro Enterprises**
- **Alaska's Northland Inn**
- **Trapper Creek Inn**
- **Weld-Air Alaska**
- **Sheep Creek Lodge**
- **Gate Creek Cabins**
- **Alaska Ladies Ride**
- **Alaska Snow Cat**
- **Jim Brown Construction**

Curry Ridge Riders would like to also take this opportunity to thank the former BAART (Backcountry Avalanche Awareness and Response Team) members and representative Wes Coyne for their generous donation to our safekeeping of the trail system. BAART educated and trained snowmachiners in Alaska from 2001 to 2012 on Alaskan avalanche awareness and rescue long before anyone did. *Thank you BAART Team !!*

Speaking of making history, we've got some big shoes to fill this winter. As many of you know by now, Curry Ridge Riders was awarded the Federal ORTAB (Outdoor Recreation and Trails Advisory Board) Grant to upgrade, repair and replace the trail signage in South Denali. All the materials and equipment are ready and we'll commence work in the next few weeks and throughout the winter season. Stop and say hi when you see us out on the trails working.

Curry Ridge Riders is also working with the Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks & Rec to establish snowmachine trail access to our namesake: Curry Ridge.



The trail access along the Parks Highway has become K'esugi Ken Campground this year for inclusion in the South Denali Implementation Plan to include the South Denali Visitor Center.

As a reminder, Trapper Creek Inn store, gas station and parking lots at Milepost 114.5 will be closed to the public until March 8th. Stay tuned for any updates but on a helpful note, CRR Business Member GATE CREEK CABINS sells fuel to the public as well as two-cycle oil.

So you see, we have much new ground to cover in the coming year and we're looking for some help to get it all done right. If you or anybody you know would like to participate or contribute as the CRR quarterly Board of Directors, please contact us at:

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our hotline telephone number is 907-689-7669 where you can also leave a voice message that will be returned. We are looking for those who would contribute more than financial means to help us manage the decisions the club makes and the directions we go. The future of this resource is yours if you want it to be.

As of this writing, the snow has been coming down in Petersville and South Denali with promises of a great riding season ! Randy has already begun grooming and you can find trail update reports on his Facebook page "Alaska Snow Cat" as well as "Curry Ridge

Riders" and weekly trail updates on the CRR Hotline. It looks like we're all in for a White Christmas, so the Curry Ridge Rider Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to extend the heartiest of health, happiness and prosperity as we all wish you and yours a very Merry of Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays !! See you on the trails.

Glenn Swan, President

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Jerry Siok, Board

Michelle LaRose, Board & Club Secretary

