Volunteer community groups and public agencies that develop and operate recreational and tourism snowmobile trail networks rely on local legislation, regulations, and practices that allow snowmobiles to operate on and/or cross specified roadways in order to maintain essential trail connectivity.

Snowmobiles, like other authorized road vehicles, produce incremental wear on road surfaces. Snowmobilers, like all other road vehicle users, contribute to the cost of road maintenance through a range of measures including, but not limited to, fuel taxes and required vehicle fees.

As the lead organization promoting excellence in the management of organized recreational snowmobiling, the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators (IASA) believes that incremental road wear specific to snowmobile use should be treated by road operators as a routine road maintenance matter as is the case for road wear caused by other authorized road users.