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**MINNESOTA UNITED SNOWMOBILERS ASSOCIATION
(MnUSA)**

Presents the:

**Unsung Hero of the Year Award
February 2016**

**Mark Jorgenson of Fergus Falls Honored by the Minnesota United
Snowmobilers Association**

The Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association (MnUSA) is proud to announce the recipient of the 2015 Unsung Hero Award is Mark Jorgenson of Fergus Falls.



Mark has had a passion for snowmobiling for over 45 years and rides on local trails with his family. He desires to keep the sport alive for his kids, future family members and friends and does so through his dedication to the betterment of trails.

Mark is a member of the Otter County Trail Association (OCTA) of Fergus falls and the Pine Ridge Drifters Snowmobile (PRD of Clitherall as well as being a 19 year member of MnUSA. He has served as 3-term director of OCTA and is also been the club's Trail Coordinator for more than 16 years. As trail director, he builds and maintains trails, orders and posts signs for the trails, and keeps track of sponsor trail signs. He verifies landowner permits and marks them as well as accurately maintaining trail maps. He also is a negotiator for the addition of new trails including one that goes through the beautiful, Maplewood State Park. Under his leadership, the OCTA trail system has grown by 200% to over 364 miles of trails.

Mark is also an advocate for trails and works to protect them. Personally, he looks for snowmobiles that are environmentally friendly. His fellow snowmobilers appreciate that he is always willing to help maintain trails and has taken over trail maintenance from those who were unable to do it. He is a great asset to his club as well by creating social events and his assistance in the annual OCTA Landowners Banquet.

Mark's passion to protect trails along with being a help to his neighbors and snowmobile club is the reason that Mark Jorgenson is MnUSA's 2015 unsung hero of the year.

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The Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association, which works closely with the legislature, state, local and national organizations, to promote favorable snowmobile legislation, regulations and funding. The association and its volunteers have worked extensively to help develop Minnesota's snowmobile trail system – one of the most comprehensive systems in the country. For more information visit www.mnsnowmobiler.org.