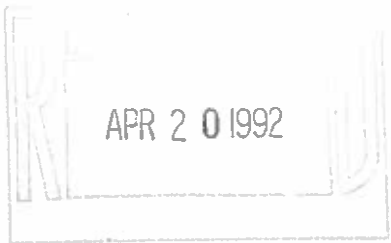


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TO : Minnesota ASCS State Executive Director
 THRU : Director, Midwest Area *jud*
 FROM : Deputy Administrator, State and County Operations *Dan Shaw* /s/ DANIEL A. SHAW
 SUBJECT: Use of CRP Land for "Grant-In-Aid" Snowmobile Trail System

BACKGROUND

A DASCO determination in January 1992, restricted land under contract in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) from being used for snowmobile rallies or general use by the public. Relief has been requested from the Minnesota Snowmobilers Association to allow CRP land to be used for snowmobiling in conjunction with the "Grant-In-Aid" snowmobile trail system.

"GRANT-IN-AID" TRAIL SYSTEM

The "Grant-In-Aid" trail system has been authorized by the Minnesota Legislature and is supervised by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Approximately ten thousand miles of trail system has been developed in Minnesota to date.

County or local units of government must sponsor a trail in conjunction with oversight from the DNR.

Landowners must grant an easement for a 10' wide strip of land through their property on which to construct the trail.

The DNR determines the environmental suitability of a trail and provides guidelines for the grooming and use of the trail system.

RELIEF GRANTED

The use of CRP land under the terms and conditions of the "Grant-In-Aid" snowmobile trail system in Minnesota is approved.

CAUTION

CRP contract holders are responsible for the maintenance of approved cover on CRP land.



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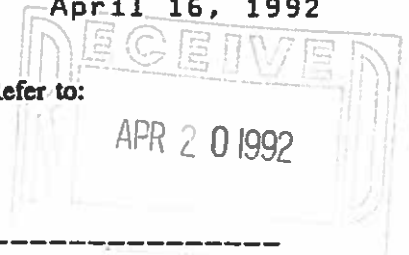
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To: COF's, DD's and COR's

Date: April 16, 1992

From: Donald L. Friedrich *Don L. Friedrich*
State Executive Director

In Reply Refer to:



Subject: CRP LAND USE - SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

Background DASCO originally restricted CRP land to be used for snowmobile rallies or general use by the public.

DASCO has reconsidered their policy.

New DASCO Ruling Enclosed is DASCO's April 6, 1992, memo which now permits snowmobile trails on CRP land provided the trail is under the Minnesota Grant-In-Aid snowmobile trail system.

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