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Help Support Laurel Mountain XC Ski Trail Grooming!

Dear Friend,

Will you help keep Laurel Mountain's XC ski trails groomed and free for the public to use this winter?

Consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Pennsylvania Cross Country Skiers Association (PACCSA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit and volunteer-led organization, to help cover the essential annual costs of our Laurel Mountain Grooming Project.

Since 2012, PACCSA volunteers have maintained the Laurel Mountain XC ski trails for skiers from the Greater Pittsburgh region and beyond. The groomed trails, timely condition reports on our website (PACCSA.org), and webcam images help visitors plan safe and enjoyable outings. PACCSA's grooming efforts, as well as our "Kind-a-Hard" race, bring locals and tourists to the Laurel Mountain area, supporting nearby restaurants, lodging, and other local businesses.

Historically, membership dues and individual donations have covered PACCSA's operating costs for the Laurel Mountain Grooming program. **New requirements introduced by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in 2025 added $2,900 of annual expenses** for commercial liability insurance and a new Area Use fee. As a result, we are seeking community support to close the funding gap and enable us to provide free groomed cross country ski trails at Laurel Mountain.

PACCSA's annual Laurel Mountain Grooming program expenses are approximately as follows:

Annual expense	Cost
Snowmobile liability insurance	**$400**
Grooming equipment maintenance	**$1,500**
Webcam internet service and website hosting	**$1,000**
Commercial liability insurance **	**$2,800**
DCNR Area Use Fee **	**$100**
*** new in fall 2025, impacted operations last winter*	
Total annual cost	**$5,800**



Please consider making a gift of $100, $250, $500, or any amount, to help us keep the Laurel Mountain Grooming Project going! To discuss sponsorship, email fundraising@paccsa.org Donations can be made via our website or by mail – email fundraising@paccsa.org for details.

PACCSA will provide a non-profit tax receipt with your donation. We will also recognize your support throughout the 2026-2027 winter season on our website paccsa.org, on the Laurel Mountain webcam page and the Laurel Mountain Grooming Project page. This recognition encourages the public to support the businesses and community partners that help make winter recreation possible at Laurel Mountain.

Thank you for helping us ensure that Laurel Mountain's trails are ready for the community this season!

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