

How Would You Like To Get Stuck Way Out Here?

Our PB 70 Snow Cat was broken down and stranded for the last three weeks of the ski season this year. →



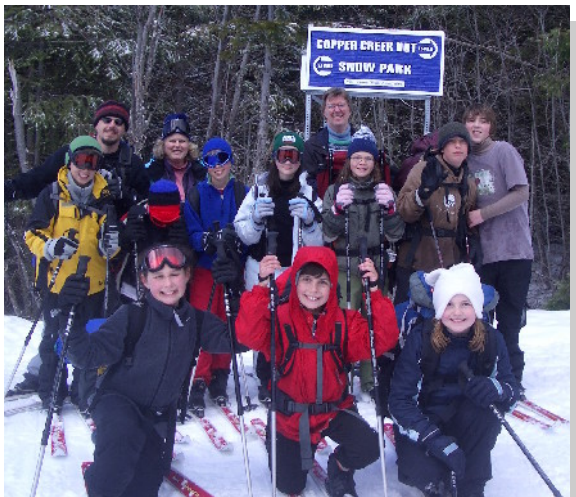
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Yes, really stuck, big time: with a battered, broken-down old Snow Cat, miles from the nearest road and absolutely no AAA Service for help. Well, MTTA's all-volunteer Ski Patrol often have to plunge themselves into this harsh environment in order to keep the trails groomed for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. The joy of a winter landscape turns into an outright struggle, trying to keep antique Snow Cats running smoothly.



In its 17 years of operation, MTTA has seen 25,000 overnight guests and 100,000+ day users. The trail system has seen explosive growth over the years! Because of this growth, MTTA was recently awarded an IAC Grant for \$75,000 for a new Snow Cat, and a private foundation has pledged another \$35,000. With the \$21,500 currently set aside, MTTA needs an additional \$20,000 to purchase the new \$151,500 Snow Cat, to keep the trail system groomed and safe for all trail users. Your contributions for a new Snow Cat will help MTTA keep the trails open so all trail users can continue to have smiles on their faces.

Trail users of all abilities enjoy the groomed



A Vashon school group enjoys a quality winter overnight experience.



A volunteer Ski Patroller, hip deep in snow, digs out a buried snowmobile.



Kids of all ages, skiers and showshoers alike, enjoy the miles and miles of groomed trails!