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To amend title 23, United States Code, to require the use of a certain minimum amount of funds for winter motorized access trails.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. WINTER MOTORIZED ACCESS TRAILS.**

4 Section 206 of title 23, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(3) SNOWMACHINE.—The term ‘snowmachine’
9 means a motorized off-road vehicle intended to oper-

ate on snow, and which is propelled by means of a revolving track or tracks.”; and

(2) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the following:

“(5) WINTER MOTORIZED ACCESS TRAILS.—

“(A) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(i) DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall annually estimate revenues to the Highway Trust Fund derived from fuel purchased in each State for use in snowmachines, using information submitted by—

“(I) the Department of Commerce;

“(II) the Department of the Treasury;

“(III) the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association; and

“(IV) any other appropriate sources.

“(ii) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Of amounts made available to a State for motorized access under the recreational

trails program, not less than the amount that is equal to the revenues derived from fuel purchased for use in the State by snowmachines, as estimated by the Secretary under clause (i), shall be used for activities that enhance winter motorized recreational trails, including—

“(aa) trails on Bureau of Land Management or National Forest land where such uses are not prohibited by law; and

“(bb) trails designed for diverse uses in other seasons.

“(II) ACTIVITIES.—A State may use funds under subclause (I) to—

“(aa) locate, survey, and map winter motorized-use or multiple-use trails;

“(bb) document or secure public rights-of-way for trails;

“(cc) reroute trails where necessary;

“(dd) design and construct new trail routes;

1 “(ee) link existing trail sys-
2 tems;

3 “(ff) build trailhead facili-
4 ties;

5 “(gg) improve trails for safe
6 travel and multiple uses;

7 “(hh) establish safety caches
8 of first aid and emergency gear;

9 “(ii) sign and mark trails;

10 “(jj) purchase trail building
11 and grooming equipment; and

12 “(kk) mobilize trail volun-
13 teers as maintenance crews, safe-
14 ty patrols, and trail ambassadors.

15 “(B) PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Of the sums avail-
17 able to the Secretary for the administra-
18 tion of and research and technical assist-
19 ance under the recreational trails program
20 and for administration of the National
21 Recreational Trails Advisory Committee,
22 \$50,000 shall be used for each fiscal year
23 for public information campaigns edu-
24 cating the public about, and encouraging,
25 the safe use of snowmachines.

1 “(ii) CONTENT.—In designing the
2 content of public information campaigns
3 under clause (i), the Secretary shall con-
4 sult with—

5 “(I) representatives of
6 snowmachine manufacturers and
7 users; and

8 “(II) the Advertising Council.”.

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