



IASA POSITION STATEMENT

- *Global Climate Change* -

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As the lead organization promoting excellence in the management of organized recreational snowmobiling, the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators (IASA) has considered the subject of *global climate change* within the broad context of the organization's mission and has concluded the following:

1. Determining the likely parameters, possible contributing causes, and the efficacy of potential responses to *global climate change* is principally a scientific matter subject to the responsible peer review and validation processes established by the mainstream international scientific community.
2. Determining appropriate public policy response to the issues, challenges, and opportunities identified through scientific consensus related to *global climate change* is principally a political issue subject to international, national, state and provincial, and local decision making and accountability processes.
3. The significance and consequence of the possible impacts of *global climate change* are such that the subject should remain a priority for both scientific research and public policy development and approval.
4. The IASA will continue to monitor scientific agreement and political public policy development related to *global climate change* as understanding of the issue evolves to determine what, if any, action should be recommended to member organizations consistent with its organizational mission. In the meantime, the IASA will be guided by the following assumptions:
 - Climate conditions suitable for organized recreational snowmobiling will continue to exist in current IASA member jurisdictions for the reasonably foreseeable future.
 - The increased variability in seasonal winter conditions reported by snowmobile program managers in many IASA member jurisdictions is likely to continue and in some cases increase over the reasonably foreseeable future. Building enhanced flexibility and responsiveness to changing conditions into operational processes and practices is an appropriate immediate response.
 - Planning of new trail projects or existing trail infrastructure upgrades should carefully consider the local potential for more frequent and/or extreme weather events.
 - The considerable progress made by every original equipment manufacturer in lowering new snowmobile emissions will continue in order to meet regulatory requirements as well as strong rider demand for cleaner and more efficient sleds.
 - ISMA member organizations will continue to encourage riders to take all reasonable steps to reduce the operational impacts of their vehicle on the natural environment, other recreationalists, and the community at large.

The very positive economic impact of organized snowmobiling can be maintained and grown while the recreational values of individual riders are met and progressively lower overall snowmobile emission levels are achieved.