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Kinross gets \$90,000 for new Tucker TERRA

Kinross, Michigan, October 20, 2005 – Kinross Charter Township has applied for and received a \$90,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources to purchase a new Tucker snowmobile groomer. With winter just around the corner, Kinross Charter Township will be receiving the new Tucker snow groomer just in time for the snowmobile season. The groomer will be purchased utilizing a combination of funds including the \$90,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources and some local township funds. The Equipment replacement grant is awarded to current grant sponsors who meet the DNR's criteria and submit substantiating information. "We've done a lot of work to bring our snowmobile trails system into physical and administrative compliance" said Joe Paczkowski, Deputy Supervisor of Kinross Township. "Our trail grooming volunteers are the best. They put their heart and sole into the program."

The snowmobile trail grant program provides funds for trail maintenance and improvement projects, which are performed by 31 U.P. snowmobile clubs on more than 3,000 miles of trail. The projects include trail widening, culvert installation, trail grading and bridge replacement and repair. Funds for these projects come from several sources with a majority coming from snowmobilers themselves paying for a snowmobile trail permit required to use the designated trail system.

"With the addition of the new Tucker, we now have sufficient equipment to do the best job possible, keeping the 38 miles of Kinross area trails in peak condition." Said Jason Oberle, supervisor. "Some of our area businesses rely on snowmobile tourism in the winter season and many Kinross residents take advantage of our trails. This program is important to Kinross."

The Kinross Snowmobile Trails program information can be accessed online at <http://www.kinross.net/snowmobile> this site provides a wide variety of information on the Snowmobile trails system including the 38 miles of trails in the Kinross area. Additionally, interested persons can purchase trail maps of all the trails in the Eastern Upper Peninsula through the online form for \$3.00. The maps are produced by the Eastern Upper Peninsula Snowmobile Council <http://www.snowmobileeup.org> of which Kinross Township is a member. EUPSC is a non-profit organization.

