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Snowmobilers Asked to Stay on Designated Routes In the Franklin Basin Area, March 11-14, 2009

LOGAN, March 10, 2009 - The 4th Annual Ullr Chase 40km Freestyle Nordic Ski race will be held in the Franklin Basin area March 14th, 2009 under a special use permit with the Logan Ranger District, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. The Forest Service is asking snowmobilers riding in the Franklin Basin area to stay on designated routes while race organizers safely prepare the race course, starting at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday March 11th through March 13th and on Saturday, March 14th during the event. The entire Franklin Basin area can again be access on Saturday by all users after 5:00 p.m.

Franklin Basin Road (FR#006) and marked snowmobile trails will remain open to forest users. There will be some motorized routes through the x-country race areas for snowmobilers to access the high country. These routes will be designated with signs and poles. Maps will be posted at the Franklin Basin trailhead and the Tony Grove trailhead to apprise folks of the race route and motorized pass-through points. Jennefer Parker, Logan District Ranger asks "that riders on snow machines slow down and be cognizant of skiers along the first mile or so of the Franklin Basin road." The closures ensure the health and safety of the race participants and other forest visitors.

Parking will be tight in the Franklin Baskin parking lot. The overflow area, located on the eastside of the highway can be used if the Franklin Basin parking lot fills up. "We appreciate everyone's cooperation while putting on this community event," said District Ranger Jennefer Parker. The event is sponsored by Nordic United.

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Media Note: See Map

