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News Release – for immediate release

Snow Country! OFSC District 6 is pleased to announce receipt of over **\$800,000** in funding assistance from the Province of Ontario's tourism development investment supporting snowmobile tourism for the 2011/12 season. As part of the Ministry of Tourism & Cultures initiative to support attraction, product, development and capacity this funding will support infrastructure projects underway for this season. This funding will help boost the 1 million dollars in economic benefit to the County generated annually by our snowmobile clubs and the local trail system. Our 1800 kilometers of snowmobile trails are an economic cornerstone of winter tourism within Renfrew County.

Work is already underway with trail improvements occurring in the Golden Lake, Wilno, Barry's Bay, Deep River & Pembroke areas. Part of the Round Algonquin Park (RAP) Tour, riders will see big changes to a number of trails along the route. Trail improvements such as brushing, dozing, culvert replacements and two bridges are planned. One of our projects, the new Indian River Bridge installation is the largest project funded in the province this year. Providing access to services in the City of Pembroke, this new structure will allow this trail to open earlier and stay open longer than ever before.

It is important to understand that this recent investment in local trails is not for operational costs, which are paid for solely by the sale of trail permits. This is an investment in protecting snowmobiling's significant contribution to Ontario's winter tourism economy. Snow Country reminds snowmobilers that it is critical to continue supporting local trail operations by purchasing a 2012 trail permit from your local club.

Snow Country! OFSC District 6 thanks the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) and the Province of Ontario for its generous support.

***SNOW COUNTRY OFSC DISTRICT 6** is dedicated to providing leadership and support to District 6 snowmobile clubs, to establish and maintain quality snowmobile trails throughout the region in conjunction with its member clubs and associates, that will be used in a safe and environmentally responsible manner to further promote the enjoyment of snowmobiling.*

