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STANLEY, IDAHO—The first Winterfest 40 Fat Bike Race was inaugurated in Stanley, Idaho on Saturday, Feb. 21, with a welcome reception. The race, hosted by the Sawtooth Society, was a great success with nearly 40 bikers traveling to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area to participate in this first ever fat bike race in the Sawtooth NRA.

On the morning of the race, bikers from all over Idaho, and even a few from Alaska and Texas, came to the start line bundled in layers and ready for anything. In hopes of introducing the racers to Stanley and the community of Stanley to fat biking, the race started with a neutral roll out. Bikers did one casual lap around the city of Stanley to the cheers of the Stanley Winterfest goers before heading out of town and turning on the heat.

The Winterfest 40 course was not one for the faint of heart proved by the first steep hill out of town. The course wove up and down the Nip and Tuck foothills and included gradual and steep climbs and technical downhills. The weather was perfect, the trails were compact but not too icy and the Sawtooth Mountains were prominent throughout, which made for a grueling but beautiful race enjoyed by all.

The first place winner, Ian Noack of Boise, crossed the finish line at 2 hours, 1 minute and 27 seconds with second and third place Cameron Lloyd and Kyle Rafford of Ketchum close on his heels with times of 2:01:43 and 2:01:53. The first female rider Boise's Sharon Sell crossed the finish line at 2:21:29 placing ninth overall. Ketchum's Brenda Moczygemba and Brett Stevenson came in second and third for the females.

As the last of the racers who rolled into town, everyone headed to the Stanley Winterfest stage to listen to the soaring blues of Tony Holiday and the Velvitones and to watch the podium winners receive prizes from Club Ride Apparel, Backwoods Mountain Sports and Velocio Sun Valley.

The Wood River Valley Fat Bike Advocacy Group and the Sawtooth Society would like to thank everyone who helped make this race possible. Thanks Sturtevant's for a bike mechanic and Backwoods Mountain Sports, Velocio Sun Valley and Club Ride Apparel for the prizes. Also, a huge thank you to the community of Stanley and the Stanley snowmobile club for welcoming the fat biking community to the area. And thank you to Jennifer Biondi of Upcycle for the good looking race awards.

The Sawtooth Society is happy to have hosted such a fun event with such an impressive turnout. The organization put on the race to bring people to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, to show them all the incredible recreational

opportunities the Sawtooth NRA has to offer and to show that the Sawtooth Society supports the use of the Sawtooth NRA by all users.

The Sawtooth Society, formed in 1997, is the only non-profit group dedicated exclusively to serving as an advocate for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, preserving open space in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and enhancing its recreation facilities and services. The Sawtooth Society has funded over 160 recreational-related projects throughout the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

To learn about the Sawtooth Society and it's membership visit <http://www.sawtoothsociety.org>. For more details and information, contact Kelly Conde at kelly@sawtoothsociety.org.