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CANADA'S ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN

PRIME MINISTER HARPER ANNOUNCES MAJOR NEW JOB-CREATING INVESTMENT IN CANADA'S NETWORK OF NATIONAL TRAILS

WILMOT, NS – Families, outdoors enthusiasts and tourists across Canada will be able to enjoy more of our rich natural heritage thanks to a major new investment in Canada's network of national trails, part of the Harper Government's Economic Action Plan.

"Investing in our national trail system will make it easier for more people to safely enjoy our country's outdoor riches," said Prime Minister Stephen Harper who met with outdoor enthusiasts at a snowmobile trail near Wilmot, Nova Scotia. "These new trail projects will create immediate short term jobs in communities throughout Canada and open up new opportunities for the tourism industry here in Nova Scotia, and Canada-wide."

The Government's contribution will be matched by the National Trails Coalition, a joint venture, made up of the following non-profit organizations: Canadian Trails Federation, Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations and the Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council.

National Trails Coalition Chairman Terry Norman called the investment "a major boost to all forms of trail-based tourism and recreational activities."

The \$25 million investment in Canada's trail network is one of many job-creating investments contained within the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan

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