

# Only Snowbike Race in the Cascades Steps Up Again

Round 3, 2021 NASBA 509/US Air Force Special Warfare National Championship Snow Bike Series, February 20 – Diamond Lake, Oregon

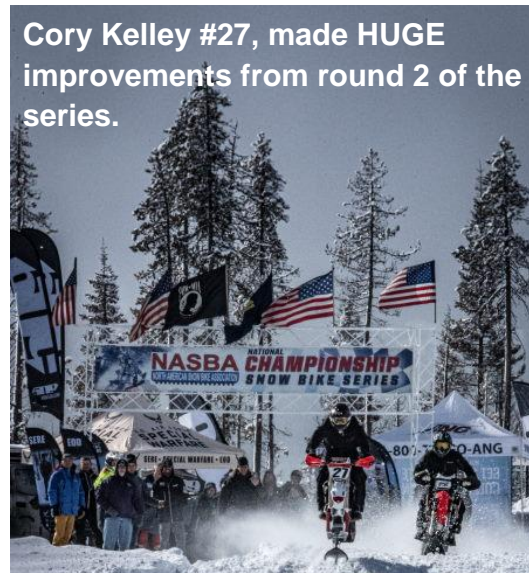
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Round three of the 2021 NASBA (North American Snow Bike Association) 509/US Air Force Special Warfare National Championship Snow Bike Series featured plenty of snow and an all-new track. This was the fifth year for Oregon's only snowbike race (the only one in the Cascades as well), at the stunning Diamond Lake Resort, located in Central Oregon near Crater Lake. X Games racer Darrin Mees and Diamond Lakes groomer, Randy Webb, teamed up to build a great, new track, and to their credit, the US Forest Service was extremely cooperative with the event, allowing race organizers to use a bigger, better area for the track, and avoid burned and dangerous areas from the old location, which got hammered in last summer's forest fires. The hard work to make the race fly paid off, as the race pulled a record-sized crowd of 500 spectators and 52 racer entries to an event that, like everything else, was running under the cloud of a pandemic.

Idaho riders Jake Hedlund and Canyon Ashley staged a good battle with Hedlund taking the overall with a second moto win in the men's pro class. California's Jason Caldwell also set some blazing lap times, but his machine broke down both motos, and Idaho's Cory Kelley got the nod as most improved as he really upped his game, leading the first pro moto for a number of laps before fading to third.



**Hedlund #59 & Ashley #19 swapped pro moto wins, with Hedlund taking the overall.**



**Cory Kelley #27, made HUGE improvements from round 2 of the series.**

Montana's Jason Weis and Idaho's Ryan Rogers challenged each other again in the always fun 40+ senior class, with Weis taking a hard-earned win, and Ryan's son, River Rogers had a very solid day, beating arch rival Nate Kingston in both the 350 and the

Open Trophy classes. Kingston continues to show blinding speed, but he crashed too many times on this particular day.



**Nate Kingston is FAST, but he had trouble with crashes at this event.**



**As usual, the UTVs put on a wild show for the cheering crowd.**

A number of snowmobilers turned out and Bend, Oregon locals Cale Voos and Tommy Bunch also swapped moto wins with Voos taking the overall win. The day of racing ended with the eagerly-awaited UTV (4-wheelers) taking the line, and just like last year, the crowd was treated to mayhem and the craziness that 4-wheeled racing in the snow always brings out. In the end, only a few machines managed to finish. Alan Patton from Medford took the UTV Turbo win, earning a \$100 gift certificate from UTV Obsessions, with Teribone's Cody Lundquist also getting a \$100 prize from UTV Obsessions by winning the non-turbo class.

For the first time ever, several ATVs showed up to race and they put on a great show. Young Carl Lawellen from Bentea, Oregon was clearly the fastest, but his machine was wild and spun and slid all over the track. Meanwhile, 71 year-old Steve Hensley from Cascade, Idaho (who was also the event flagger) was smooth and steady on his 4-wheel drive machine. He passed Lawellen numerous times, much to the crowd's entertainment, but in the end the youthful Lawellen prevailed, but just barely. At day's end, everyone agreed that this year's new track was much better than the old one, and hopefully it can be used again in the future.

Round 4 of the 2021 NASBA 509/Air Force Special Warfare National Championship Snow Bike Series will be held at the always incredible, 2-mile long outdoor MX track at Fossil Bowl, near Clarkia, Idaho on February 27.

Partners for the Diamond Lake race were: 509, US Air Force Special Warfare, Rockwell Time, Ruffian Snowbikes, UTV Obsessions and the Diamond Lake Resort. Special thanks to the US Forest Service, Janie Pardo, Rogue Valley SXS Club, and of course the race could have NEVER happened without the help and support of John, Brandy, Randy, Shannon and Albert, and the entire staff of the Diamond Lake Resort.

## Results, Round 3, 2021 NASBA National Snow Bike Series

| <b>Pro Men</b>     | <b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>  | <b>Hometown:</b>  | <b>Riding:</b>   |
|--------------------|--|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 (2-1)            | Jake Hedlund #59<br>C&M Suspension, FXR, MASH Motorsports, Lone Mountain Metalworks                        | Rathdrum, ID      | YAM - Timbersled |
| 2 (1-2)            | Canyon Ashley #19<br>Carl's Cycle, Rogers Motors, Ashley Heating, Fly Racing, Seat Concepts                | Kuna, ID          | HON - Timbersled |
| 3 (3-3)            | Cory Kelley #27<br>Mac's Cycle, Fly Racing, Rogers Motors  | Lewiston, ID      | HON - Yeti       |
| 4 (4-4)            | Austin Barber #721<br>C&M Suspension, Ryno Power, FXR, MASH Motors, Lone Mtn Metalworks                    | Rathdrum, ID      | HON - Timbersled |
| 5 (5-6)            | Kaya #259  | Garberville, CA   | KAW - Timbersled |
| 6 (6-5)            | Kamaal Owen #258   | Garberville, CA   | HON - Timbersled |
| 7 (7-7)            | Jason Caldwell #7  | Miranda, CA       | YAM - CMX        |
| <b>40+ Senior</b>  | <b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>  | <b>Hometown:</b>  | <b>Riding:</b>   |
| 1 (2-1)            | Jason Weis #23<br>Fly Racing, Skullcandy, Montana Powersports Products                                     | Hamilton, MT      | KTM - Timbersled |
| 2 (1-3)            | Ryan Rogers #285<br>Rogers Motors, Carls Cycle, Ashley Heating & Air, Mac's Cycle, Gateway Trailers        | Clarkston, WA     | HON - Timbersled |
| 3 (3-2)            | Dameon Pool #25  | Grants Pass, OR   | KTM - Timbersled |
| 4 (4-4)            | Moe Wylie #422<br>Circle D Farms   | O'Brien, OR       | HUS - Timbersled |
| 5 (5-5)            | Chris Conway #010<br>Bend Boost & Balance, Cascade Polaris   | Bend, OR          | KTM - Timbersled |
| 6 (6-6)            | Devin Parker #260<br>Circle D Farms  | Cave Junction, OR | KTM - Timbersled |
| <b>Open Trophy</b> | <b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>  | <b>Hometown:</b>  | <b>Riding:</b>   |
| 1 (1-1)            | River Rogers #285<br>Rogers Motors, Fly Racing, Carls Cycle, Ashley Heating & Air, GPS, Mac's Cycle        | Clarkston, WA     | KTM - Timbersled |
| 2 (3-2)            | Nathan Kingston #16<br>Kingston Drywall  | Caldwell, ID      | HUS - Timbersled |
| 3 (4-3)            | Alex Schwab #50  | Medford, OR       | YAM - Timbersled |
| 4 (2-6)            | Tallen Mitchell #112   | LaPine, OR        | HON - Yeti       |
| 5 (5-5)            | Trestin Parent #169<br>Bend Boost & Balance, Central Equipment, Conner Motorsports, Clean Home Restoration | Central Point, OR | KAW - Timbersled |
| 6 (7-4)            | Cole Conway #610<br>Bend Boost & Balance, Cascade Polaris  | Bend, OR          | KTM - Timbersled |
| 7 (6-7)            | Skyler Wylie #422<br>Circle D Farms  | O'Brien, OR       | HUS - Timbersled |
| 8 (8-8)            | Brandon Steele #252  | Redmond, OR       | YAM - Timbersled |

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| 9 (9-DNS)                                     | Cody Green #260  | Cave Junction, OR | KTM - Timbersled |
| 10 (10-DNS)                                   | Devin Parker #261  | Cave Junction, OR | KTM - Timbersled |
| <b>350 Trophy</b>                             | <b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>  | <b>Hometown:</b>  | <b>Riding:</b>   |
| 1 (1-1)                                       | River Rogers #285  | Clarkston, WA     | KTM - Timbersled |
|   | Rogers Motors, Fly Racing, Carls Cycle, Ashley Heating & Air, GPS, Mac's Cycle |                   |                  |
| 2 (2-2)                                       | Nathan Kingston #16  | Caldwell, ID      | HUS - Timbersled |
|   | Kingston Drywall   |                   |                  |
| <b>Kids 12-Under<br/>Ripper<br/>Snowbikes</b> | <b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>  | <b>Hometown:</b>  | <b>Riding:</b>   |
| 1   | Maeson Pool  | Grants Pass, OR   | KAW – Ripper     |
| <b>ATV</b>                                    | <b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>  | <b>Hometown:</b>  | <b>Riding:</b>   |
| 1   | Carl Lawallen #68  | Bentea, OR        | HON              |
| 2   | Steve Hensley #11  | Cascade, ID       | KAW              |
| 3   | Luis Villa   | Central Point, OR | YAM              |
| <b>UTV Non-Turbo</b>                          | <b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>  | <b>Hometown:</b>  | <b>Riding:</b>   |
| 1   | Cody Lundquist #989  | Teribone, OR      | YAM              |
| 2   | Joel Abbott #191   | Prineville, OR    | YAM              |
| 3   | Zachary Hastings #01   | Redmond, OR       | YAM              |
|   | Reckless Ranch Oregon  |                   |                  |
| 4   | Mike Boyce #0  | Redmond, OR       | YAM              |
| <b>UTV Turbo</b>                              | <b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>  | <b>Hometown:</b>  | <b>Riding:</b>   |
| 1   | Alan Patton #11  | Medford, OR       | Can-Am           |
| 2   | Moe Wylie #261   | O'Brien, OR       | Can-Am           |
| 3   | Brian Boyd #924  | Lebanon, OR       | POL              |
| 4   | Shane Wagner #106  | Shady Cove, OR    | Can-Am           |
| 5   | Cody Matheison #15   | Eagle Point, OR   | Can-Am           |
| 6 (Did not finish)                            | Joshua Spencer #827  | Bend, OR          | YAM              |
| 7 (Did not start)                             | Cody Lundquist #989  | Teribone, OR      | YAM              |
| 8 (Did not start)                             | Zachary Hastings #01   | Redmond, OR       | YAM              |
|   | Reckless Ranch Oregon  |                   |                  |
| 9 (Did not start)                             | Alex Schwab #50  | Medford, OR       | YAM              |
| <b>Men's<br/>Snowmobile</b>                   | <b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>  | <b>Hometown:</b>  | <b>Riding:</b>   |
| 1(2-1)  | Cale Voos #3   | Bend, OR          | Ski-Doo          |
|   | M9 Suspension, Sled Head Wraps, Pro-Caliber                                    |                   |                  |
| 2(1-2)  | Tommy Bunch #784   | Bend, OR          | Polaris          |
|   | Boneyard, Dynamic Designs  |                   |                  |
| 3 (3-3)                                       | Cody Sikes #36   | Bend, OR          | Arctic Cat       |
|   | Three Creeks Powersports   |                   |                  |
| 4 (4-4)                                       | Nick Fortin #410   | Redmond, OR       | Arctic Cat       |
|   | Three Creeks Powersports   |                   |                  |
| 5 (3-5)                                       | Skyler Wylie #4  | O'Brien, OR       | Ski-Doo          |
| 6 (6-6)                                       | Cody Green #262  | Cave Junction, OR | Ski-Doo          |



| <b>Kids 120cc Snowmobile</b> | <b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b> | <b>Hometown:</b> | <b>Riding:</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1 (1-2)                      | Maeson Pool                 | Grants Pass, OR  | Polaris        |
| 2 (2-1)                      | Macee Wessels #22           | Lewiston, ID     | Ski-Doo        |
| 3 (3-3)                      | Clayton Sikes               | Bend, OR         | Polaris        |
|                              | Three Creeks Powersports    |                  |                |
| <b>Kids 200cc Snowmobile</b> | <b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b> | <b>Hometown:</b> | <b>Riding:</b> |
| 1 (1-1)                      | Clayton Sikes               | Bend, OR         | Polaris        |
|                              | Three Creeks Powersports    |                  |                |



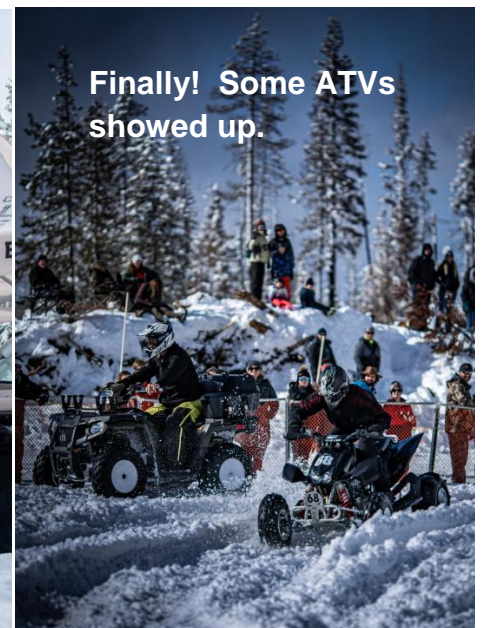
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**Finally! Some ATVs showed up.**