

Crow Wing County Land Services Department

Comprehensive Recreation Trails Plan and High Conservation Value Forest Assessment

Year One Outcomes & Recommendations

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Summary of Public Comments & Response to Comments

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Background

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department's Public Land Management office is responsible for the management of 103,000 acres of tax-forfeit lands in the county. The lands managed by the County provide many recreation trail services.

In October 2009, the Crow Wing County Land Services Department initiated a two-year project to develop a Comprehensive Recreation Trails Plan. The plan development process was also to be informed by the completion of an assessment of High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF) as defined by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification standards that are followed by Public Land Management.

The comprehensive recreation trails planning process focuses on the recreation trails and facilities under the direct management of the Crow Wing County Land Services Department Public Land Management Office. The "Year One Outcomes & Recommendations" document reports the results of year one of the project and focuses on near-term priorities for addressing trails management considerations on these lands. Year two of the project will include activities and actions outlined within the document.

Public Consultation Process

The project was initiated in October 2009. A 13 member citizen Advisory Group was formed to provide input to the project and monthly meetings were held with the group from March 2010 – December 2010, including a field tour in May. All meetings were open to the public with time reserved on the agenda for public comment. Meeting notes were taken and made available to the public. To support public awareness and participation in the project, a project website was maintained and a project contact list including 682 email addresses was used to distribute notifications of meetings and other information. A media list including local newspapers (23 contacts) was also used to distribute meeting notices and other project information.

Specific to the HCVF process, the meetings held on March 23rd and April 21st, 2010 addressed the HCVF aspects of the project. The draft results of the HCVF assessment were prepared and made publicly available on July 26, 2010 with a 60-day public comment period announced through a news release and with information distributed to the project contact list and advisory group members. The draft document was available online and upon request. An article about the public comment period on the HCVF assessment was published in the local paper on July 28, 2010.¹ The comment period remained open through October 1, 2010. A complete summary and response to comments was prepared and made publicly available on November 19, 2010.

The draft "Comprehensive Recreation Trails Plan - Year One Outcomes & Recommendations" document was presented at a public meeting on December 14, 2010. A presentation was provided at the meeting to present the contents of the draft plan and hardcopies of the draft plan were provided to attendees. The draft recommendations from the document were also shared at

¹ 28 July 2010, Brainerd Dispatch, http://www.brainerddispatch.com/stories/072810/new_20100728038.shtml

the Advisory Group meeting on November 30th and at a Crow Wing County Board Committee of the Whole meeting on November 16th. Both of these meetings were also open to the public.

The public comment period on the draft “Comprehensive Recreation Trails Plan - Year One Outcomes & Recommendations” began with the public meeting on December 14th. An article about the public comment period was published in the local paper (Brainerd Dispatch) on December 16th. The public comment period was announced in a news release on December 17, 2010. The news release was sent to the project contact list, Advisory Group members and the project media contact list.

The public comment period on the draft plan document remained open through close of business on January 21st, 2011.

Summary of Results

During the public comment period, the draft document was downloaded 183 times from the project webpage. One written request for a mailed hardcopy of the plan was responded to during the comment period. A total of 17 individuals provided comments on the draft Comprehensive Recreation Trails Plan. Complete copies of the comments are available for public review at the Land Services Department offices. The following table lists the individuals providing comments and the following pages summarize the comments received and provide the County’s responses, including any subsequent changes to the draft plan.

List of Individuals Providing Comments

Name	Organization (if provided)	Location (if provided)
Robert Bodine		
Jodi Dambowy		Platte Lake Township
Russell Heittola	Cuyuna Iron Range Riders	
Todd Holman	The Nature Conservancy	Cushing, MN
Joel and Mary Huntley		Miller Lake, Wolford Township (Crow Wing County, MN)
Tom Huntley		Crosby, MN
Ken Irish		Wolford Township/Inver Grove Heights, MN
John Kruse		
Linda Lawrie		Crosby, MN
Robert Manning		
Susan Moehling		
Mark Nelson		
John Reynolds		Merrifield, MN
Richard Sergot		Crosby, MN
Ed Shaw		Brainerd, MN
Alan Steiff		Brainerd, MN
John Sumption	Sumption Environmental	Longville, MN

Summary of Topics Included in Comments and Responses

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Response</i>
<p>If these plans include the trail usage in the Cuyuna Country Recreation Area, I have a HUGE concern that there is NO provision for Horses on any trails. During the entire trail process we were assured that horses would continue to have access to the rec area, but signage has been put up stating otherwise. To your knowledge, is there ANY plan for horse usage for ANY trails in Crow Wing county?</p>	<p>The Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area is managed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. More information about the DNR's management of the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area is available at: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/cuyuna_county/index.html</p> <p>There are several non-motorized, multi-use trails on county-managed lands in Crow Wing County that are available for horses, including Larson Lake Trail, French Rapids and Wolf Lake Trail. More information about these trails is available at: http://www.co.crow-wing.mn.us/land/recreational_trails.html</p>
<p>The plan is only for CWC TF land and I understand that. I think it would be a shame to not capitalize on the gathering and public process to develop a stand-alone chapter perhaps that just deals with linkages throughout the County. Maybe that is just implied throughout the plan, but for example: connecting French Rapids to Riverton would be an important linkage to highlight in the plan. There are probably a short list of about 6-8 eight of those types of critical linkages that connect CWC TF properties for the express purpose of a better larger recreation facility for snowmobiles, ATV's, Mtn bikes, canoeing etc. that could be mapped...Please give this some thought as you work forward in the process.</p>	<p>Trail linkages are an important part of recreation trail management and exploring these opportunities would be a helpful step in the planning process. In response to the comments received, an additional Major Recommendation was added to the plan to address the opportunity to "Explore Potential Trail Linkages that Can Enhance Recreation Opportunities on County-Managed Lands" (see page 18 of the revised plan for the complete description of this recommendation).</p>
<p>Do not expand general ATV / OHV trail access or use from current status with the exception of creation of an ATV / OHV "park". Such a park could and should be located in an area currently, and foreseen to remain as, sufficiently distal from residential area and not be disruptive (particularly noise from use and accessing) to surrounding area. This would dictate the location being some ways from "anything else" and / or have a naturally-occurring, or feasibly constructed,</p>	<p>The plan outlines work to be done regarding motorized summer recreation, including development of an evaluation process for identifying areas that are suitable or not suitable for this type of use.</p>

<p>bowl shaped configuration to aid sound containment. Some past gravel pits or mining areas - e.g., space within the Cuyuna pits area - could be likely candidates.</p>	
<p>Further restrict ROW (right-of-way) riding, in either or both access or in speed. There is too much damage being done to ditches, approaches / driveways and adjacent areas. Not only is the damage unsightly, but it affects run-off and erosion, ergo water quality of adjacent wetlands. Also, during dry periods even one or two ATVs ditch riding at high speed raises enough dust that the dust interferes with visibility of vehicles driving on the roads (this has occurred several times on the county road -#127- upon which we live). That is a public safety hazard. If such restrictions won't or can't be emplaced, then please provide funding (e.g., assess surcharges or fees to ATV clubs / associations) for reimbursement to property owners and counties for repair of driveways and approaches</p>	<p>Jurisdiction for enforcing safe riding and other road use regulations varies depending upon the entity that is responsible for the road (township, county, state, etc). The county sheriff and conservation officers have authority along county roads to cite ATV riders that are engaged in dangerous or damaging behavior. State regulations related to ATVs and riding in the right-of-way include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A valid driver's license is required to operate an ATV on a road rights-of-way, including ditches, inside and outside slopes, and crossing roads. (A driver's license is not needed when riding on a designated trail.) • When riding in ditches, ATV operators are allowed to drive on a roadway shoulder or inside bank of a public road right-of-way, if necessary, to avoid obstructions or environmentally sensitive areas. • Class 2 ATVs cannot be operated in road ditches except when riding on a portion of right-of-way that is part of a designated trail. • Cities, towns, counties, and road authorities may further regulate the operation of ATVs under their jurisdiction. Check with the appropriate unit of government for additional regulations. • The U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regulate motor vehicle use on federal lands. Check with the managing agency before riding on these lands. <p>To request a copy of the current Off-Highway Vehicles Regulations booklet, call the DNR Information Center, 651-296-6157 (888-646-6367 toll-free).</p> <p>The DNR administers the Off-Highway Vehicle Damage Account. First authorized in 2003, the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Damage Account makes funds available to repair or restore damage to property resulting from the operation of OHVs. Certain conditions must be met before a claim can be approved. The DNR Division of Trails & Waterways administers the program out its Area Offices located in cities and towns all across Minnesota. Funds are not typically used for driveway or ditch maintenance because ditch riding is generally permitted along County and Township roads in Minnesota. Should damage occur outside the legally defined riding zone,</p>

	<p>or if private property trespass is involved, damage may be eligible for reimbursement under the program. More information: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/ohvdamageaccount/index.html</p>
<p>Emplace additional regulation on exhaust noise (decibel limits) of ATVs / OHVs.</p>	<p>Vehicle noise limits are regulated by the State of Minnesota. Current state laws addressing sound levels include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overall noise emission from ATVs and ORVs may not exceed 99 decibels at a distance of 20 inches. - OHMs that are not competition cycles and were manufactured in or after 1986, may not exceed noise emissions of 96 decibels at a distance of 20 inches. - Mufflers may not be altered to increase motor noise, or have a cutout, bypass, or similar device except for organized events. <p>Violations of these regulations can be cited and ticketed by Conservation Officers and the enforcement agents that have jurisdiction in the area where the activity occurs. To request a copy of the current Off-Highway Vehicles Regulations booklet, call the DNR Information Center, 651-296-6157 (888-646-6367 toll-free).</p>
<p>We need trails so ATV and snowmobiles have a place to enjoy with families and friends like bikes and walkers.</p>	<p>These comments are noted. Thank you for providing input through the public comment process.</p>
<p>I'm very pleased to see the County is coming up with a plan to use when looking at new trails in the county. I would like to thank the CWC Commissioners and CWC staff for seeing a need for a plan to be in place so everyone knows what is expected and what is out there.</p>	<p>These comments are noted. Thank you for providing input through the public comment process.</p>
<p>There are a lot more non-motorized trails than motorized (23 ATV, 6.5 Motorcycle miles). The county needs to look at all users. Other user groups need to step up and take care of the trails they use. This way it would take some burden off the county for maintenance of their trails.</p>	<p>These comments are noted. It is recognized that user groups and partnerships are essential to the planning, maintenance and management of recreation trails.</p>
<p>The local ATV clubs have turned in about 1100 letters of support and a petition with names for more motorized trails in CWC. The local ATV clubs I believe have shown</p>	<p>These comments are noted. The county is aware of the interests of the ATV clubs and the level of activity of their members in monitoring and maintaining trails and with safety and training</p>

<p>more than enough support for these trails. We have about 40 Trail Ambassadors in the county that are ready to go. The clubs also do youth safety training.</p>	<p>courses.</p>
<p>There are many miles of old logging roads, mining roads, forest roads, train grades and trails that have been used for years (ex- black bear area) that just need to be classified as a trail. If the county was to change the classification of the county lands at this time would be very detrimental for this process. Other areas in the state have put a plan like this together and have benefited from it.</p>	<p>The county’s plan includes the recommendation to develop a classification for county forest roads and trails. This process was initiated several years ago and has not been completed on the county-managed lands. The process needs to be completed so that classifications on county lands can be clarified in relation to adjacent public lands, including interwoven state lands that have already been classified. This process will include a review of existing roads and trails to identify any additional potential trails that can be designated following a review of impacts and other issues of feasibility.</p>
<p>CWC currently has 4 existing HCVF sites, totaling 158 acres. This is proportionately grossly inadequate, given the amount of publicly owned land.</p>	<p>The HCVF policy does not set a minimum or maximum amount to be designated. The designated HCVF sites resulted from the completion of the HCVF process outlined in the certification standards and policy.</p>
<p>I highly encourage you to follow through with the ‘E-5’ red-shouldered hawk habitat area recommended as HCVF. This addition would be excellent.</p>	<p>The E-5 Red Shouldered Hawk Habitat Area has been recommended for HCVF designation and is being managed for red shouldered hawk habitat.</p>
<p>I also encourage you to put ‘C-1’ through ‘C-4’ into a designated area of high value. I understand that they don’t officially qualify for HCVF. But to leave these valuable acres as areas to monitor, only leaves them highly vulnerable to a short-sighted change of philosophy by the staff. Could CW County not develop their own areas of High Value Conservation Forests with their own guidelines to better protect these areas?</p>	<p>These “Candidate HCVF areas” will remain on the candidate list and be included in the required annual review of the HCVF designations.</p>
<p>Regarding Non-Motorized Summer Trails/Winter Trails: I agree totally with your strategic priorities in these areas. With our public land base being what it is, we are not able to offer people long trails for several-day hiking, overnight, horseback, or mountain bike experiences.</p>	<p>These comments are noted. Thank you for providing input through the public comment process.</p>

<p>The Wolf Lake, French Rapids and Larson Lake trails work well as both groomed ski trails and hiking/mountain bike/ski trails. I would encourage the development of 2 or 3 other systems like those in Maple Grove for primitive skiing/snowshoe/winter use and hiking in the summer. These should be located in the central and/or northern parts of the county.</p>	<p>This comment is noted and opportunities for trail establishment or expansion will continue to be explored. Other areas and trails are available for these types of uses (e.g., Rice Lake Trail-Irondale Twp., Ft. Ripley Trails-Ft. Ripley Twp. and Pine Ridge Trails-City of Fifty Lakes). The plan includes evaluating user data to increase understanding of trail needs and user interests.</p>
<p>The current x-county ski system is excellent. With the addition of a trail in partnership with Crosslake, and getting grant-in-aid for the Wolf Lake system, the county is in good shape. (I want to thank the county for the excellent grooming on the Larson Lake and Wolf Lake trails—they are both scenic and topographically wonderful systems).</p>	<p>These comments are noted. Thank you for providing input through the public comment process. The county continues to pursue grant-in-aid designation for the Wolf Lake trail.</p>
<p>Motorized Summer Trails: I again agree with your strategic priorities. Our public land base does not provide for long trails. It is true that some may desire this, but that is not what CW County can offer. (It also does not offer several-day canoe trips, lodge-to-lodge ski opportunities or backpacking adventures).</p>	<p>These comments are noted. Thank you for providing input through the public comment process. The county would be looking for linkages with other landowners to provide longer trail opportunities.</p>
<p>As we look ahead, we need to establish some guidelines for future use of our public lands and the number of miles of ATV trails on them. As of yet, no guidelines have been established. Just as we zone property for different uses, I believe we need to establish ‘zones’ for different uses on public lands. Information gathered by the trails committee a few years ago can be of use. I would highly recommend that all county lands be closed to OHV’s, ATV’s, and OHM’s, except those designated and signed as open.</p>	<p>These comments are noted and the plan includes a recommendation for development of a “decision making matrix” that can aid in assessing site and trail designation suitability. The plan also includes the recommendation to develop a classification for county forest roads and trails. This process will include determining areas to designate for riding and any areas to be posted closed or open, depending upon the final approach that is selected. This process should help clarify the county’s approach in relation to the designations that have been established by adjacent counties and on state lands within Crow Wing County.</p>
<p>Water Trails: I agree with the strategic priorities. I really would like to encourage the re-establishment of the Rabbit River Portage route. To paddle from the Mississippi through this portage/lake system and back to the Mississippi, would be a wonderful addition to our paddling community.</p>	<p>This comment is noted and the plan includes the recommendation to pursue the reestablishment of the Rabbit River Portage.</p>

<p>Thank you for your interest in and efforts towards making the public lands in CW County open to diverse groups. I appreciate your sensitivity to HCVF and continuing efforts to look at increasing these areas.</p>	<p>These comments are noted. Thank you for providing input through the public comment process.</p>
<p>As property owners and full time residents of Miller Lake in Wolford Township, we live at the end of Miller Bay Road for privacy and quiet. We are located on a small bay of Miller Lake which is directly across from the maintained portion of Miller Lake Road and is part of the "Black Bear Trail" as designated by Crow Wing County. This road has been in existence for 100 plus years and winds through private and county property to the old town of Manganese (founded in 1910) and exits on County Road 30. We have used these roads for over 50 years for the purpose of hunting, fishing, hiking, berry picking and wildlife viewing. Some of these roads and trails have been posted closed by the state and county for use by automobile and truck traffic and open only to ATV'S and snowmobiles. We want to be able to continue using these roads and trails without additional ATV traffic which often results in more environmental damage, enforcement issues, noise pollution and dust. We do not want to see any expansion of the Black Bear Trail for the benefit of additional ATVer's or the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Brainerd Area business community.</p>	<p>The plan includes recommendations to review forest road uses and designations, including a review of the Black Bear Area to address concerns and potential user conflicts. The plan also includes a recommendation to continue the motorized vehicle use classification process for county forest roads and trails that was started several years ago. This process has been developed by adjacent counties and for state lands within Crow Wing County. The county will look at traditional uses as part of the classification process. There are places where the Land Services Department has posted signs to prevent damage to areas of newly planted trees and to provide resource protections. Signs have been posted to restrict some or all motorized vehicle use in sensitive areas.</p>
<p>I would certainly advocate for more trails to be designated or built to accommodate mountain biking. The same trails can often be used for cross country skiing in the winter. The new mountain bike trails in the Crosby Ore Pits have generated a lot of interest both in MN and nationwide, they have been written up as a destination by a number of mountain bike magazines. Any additional network of trails would only compliment the Crosby/Cuyuna trails, and offer more experiences for those who specifically travel here for this purpose.</p>	<p>County-managed non-motorized summer trails are available for this use. The plan includes a recommendation to explore the potential to improve mountain biking opportunities on non-motorized summer trails, perhaps through additional trail maintenance and mowing. Mowing of these trails currently occurs once per season in late summer (e.g., by mid-September).</p>

<p>A cooperative Gull Lake Trail agreement has been signed to proceed with planning. I would hope that any trails that extend and compliment the CW network would be a plus for your plan. Could the plan incorporate the Gull Lake agreement?</p>	<p>Trail linkages are an important part of recreation trail management and exploring these opportunities would be a helpful step in the planning process. In response to the comments received, an additional Major Recommendation was added to the plan to address the opportunity to “Explore Potential Trail Linkages that Can Enhance Recreation Opportunities on County-Managed Lands” (see page 18 of the revised plan for the complete description of this recommendation).</p>
<p>Motorized recreation use should be very limited. ATVs should be outlawed on public property.</p>	<p>The draft plan outlines work to be done regarding motorized summer recreation, including development of an evaluation process for identifying areas that are suitable or not suitable for this type of use.</p>
<p>I am opposed to creating any more motorized recreation trails on Crow Wing County Lands. Riders can lease or buy private land on which to enjoy their sport. Off road vehicles are too destructive and too much land has been devoted to their use. We need more land for silent sport users.</p>	<p>The draft plan outlines work to be done regarding motorized summer recreation, including development of an evaluation process for identifying areas that are suitable or not suitable for this type of use.</p>
<p>The plan proposes to bring more high impact recreation in the form of additional trails for ATVs/OHVs as a high priority for Crow Wing County recreation. This is wrong. It’s wrong for the environment, public safety, tax dollars needed to develop and maintain. It affects the overall quality of life. It does nothing to help our area economically. It puts archeological and historical areas at higher risk. It is unwanted by the citizens of our county. It sends a poor message to our children and visitors that our areas if living in the past. It has no factual or data basis of support. There are just too many negatives. I can see no real positives.</p>	<p>The draft plan outlines work to be done regarding motorized summer recreation, including development of an evaluation process for identifying areas that are suitable or not suitable for this type of use. The plan also includes evaluating data and trends related to the diverse recreation trails on county-managed lands.</p>
<p>I believe that any recreational trail system in Crow Wing County must be sustainable, must help protect our lands, our waters, our citizens. Low impacts trails do just that. High impact trails do just the opposite.</p>	<p>The draft plan includes a recommendation to develop an evaluation process for identifying areas that are suitable or not suitable for specific recreation trail uses. Trends and user needs will be evaluated to inform trail feasibility, management and planning. The county has the goal of creating a managed trail system that can be sustained through the control of impacts and appropriate maintenance.</p>

<p>As a property owner on Miller Lake and longtime area resident I am opposed to the Black Bear ATV Trail. Most of the roads that we travel have been there for 50 to 100 years. Already some have been posted for ATV's only. The area should remain as it has been for many years. No ATV trails.</p>	<p>The plan includes recommendations to review forest road uses and designations, including a review of the Black Bear Area to address concerns and potential user conflicts. The plan also includes a recommendation to continue the motorized vehicle use classification process for county forest roads and trails that was started several years ago. This process has been developed by adjacent counties and for state lands within Crow Wing County. The county will look at traditional uses as part of the classification process. There are places where the Land Services Department has posted signs to prevent damage to areas of newly planted trees and to provide resource protections. Signs have been posted to restrict some or all motorized vehicle use in sensitive areas.</p>
<p>I live on Black Bear Lake in Crow Wing County. I think we need ATV trails because a great many seniors, veterans and disabled cannot walk or ride a bike in the woods. I would like to see an ATV trail in the Black Bear Lake area for myself and others.</p>	<p>The plan includes recommendations to review forest road uses and designations, including a review of the Black Bear Area to address concerns and potential user conflicts. The plan also includes a recommendation to continue the motorized vehicle use classification process for county forest roads and trails that was started several years ago. This process has been developed by adjacent counties and for state lands within Crow Wing County. The county will look at traditional uses as part of the classification process. There are places where the Land Services Department has posted signs to prevent damage to areas of newly planted trees and to provide resource protections. Signs have been posted to restrict some or all motorized vehicle use in sensitive areas.</p>
<p>I am opposed to creating any more motorized recreation trails on Crow Wing County lands. Riders can lease or buy private on which to enjoy their sport. I strongly recommend the county create a solitude area large enough to provide quietude for our visitors who now travel hundreds of miles beyond our county for that experience. If the Crow Wing County land services fails to take advantage of our last chance to create this area future generations will be denied the experience forever.</p>	<p>The plan outlines work to be done regarding motorized summer recreation, including development of an evaluation process for identifying areas that are suitable or not suitable for this type of use. Trends and user needs will be evaluated to inform trail feasibility, management and planning.</p>
<p>Because the ATV fad is rapidly fading there is no compelling reason to designate any more motorized trails on county lands. Because only a percentage of ATV owners</p>	<p>The plan includes evaluating data and trends related to the diverse recreation trails on county-managed lands.</p>

<p>ride on public lands (excluding those that ride in ditches locally or ice fishing) there is no compelling reason to designate many more motorized trails on county lands.</p>	
<p>Crow Wing County has enough ATV/OHV trails. No more motorized recreation trails are needed in Crow Wing County. Crow Wing County should develop more non-motorized recreation trails for cross country skiing, hiking, biking, walking and bird watching. Non-motorized trails promote a healthy life style which encourages exercise.</p>	<p>The draft plan includes a recommendation to develop an evaluation process for identifying areas that are suitable or not suitable for specific recreation trail uses. Trends and user needs will be evaluated to inform trail feasibility, management and planning.</p>
<p>In December of 2009 the residents of Platte Lake Township whose property adjoins the land the proposed ATV trail is on address their concerns about the trail and area against the trail. The Township board is also against the trail as well. Attached is a list of all the residents who attended our monthly township meetings and oppose the idea of an ATV trail as well as a letter signed by the board of Platte Lake Township.</p>	<p>These comments are noted and were received by the county in 2009 in relation to the Ft. Ripley-Pine Center-Brainerd GIA ATV Trail proposal. Thank you for providing input through the public comment process.</p>
<p>CWC land services department and county officials are going in the right direction to designate non motorized and motorized trails and recreational areas in the county. The trails need connections to lodging, food, and gas. Riders are looking for camp grounds and RV areas with access to the trails.</p>	<p>The draft plan includes a recommendation to develop an evaluation process for identifying areas that are suitable or not suitable for specific recreation trail uses. Trends and user needs will be evaluated to inform trail feasibility, management and planning.</p>
<p>There are five ATV clubs in CWC. These clubs volunteer their time to host several youth ATV safety training classes annually as well as doing Trail Ambassador duty through the DNR.</p>	<p>These comments are noted. The county is aware of the interests of the ATV clubs and the level of activity of their members in monitoring and maintaining trails and with safety and training courses.</p>
<p>Having designated ATV trails will go a long way to minimize and solve user conflicts. These trails would be eligible for Grant in Aid funding administered through the DNR. Funding for this grant program is paid for from the ATV license fees and un-refunded gas tax paid for by ATVers.</p>	<p>These comments are noted. It is recognized that long-term funding sources are essential to the planning, maintenance and management of recreation trails.</p>

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