

Key Points/outline
12/18/2007 Trails Meeting

Special Guests were:

DNR-Lowell Jager

Darrel Palmer from Cyuna Lakes Trails Association

- ☀ Discussed Trails Association
- ☀ Discussed some of the Trails in Crosby, received a large map of trails
- ☀ State Trail from Aitkin to Baxter
- ☀ Installing trails chunk by chunk from Brainerd, Baxter, Cyuna, and to Aitkin
- ☀ People using Paul Bunyan Scenic By-way (County 10-South end of Bay Lake...North of county 11)
- ☀ Getting the road right-away is very difficult to do
- ☀ North to South back road trails from Crosslake to Crosby
- ☀ Always looking for ways to raise money for trails
- ☀ State Trails Unpaved and Paved Multi-season/Multiuse
- ☀ ADA Requirements
- ☀ Cost of 1 mile of paved trail is about \$150,000 according to the DNR
- ☀ Get ATV and snowmobile clubs involved!
- ☀ State Trail status
- ☀ Foothills state forests- great trail system
- ☀ Pillsbury State Forest- 10,000 acres – lots of horse trails!
- ☀ Brainerd Nordic Ski trail
- ☀ None motorized trail users do not generate a lot of money in the area
- ☀ ATV's is the ONLY outdoor recreation on the rise, the rest are on the down fall
- ☀ Contact Larry Moses for next meeting

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03/24/2007 Trails Meeting

Special Guest was: Larry Moses

Good Contacts:

- ☀ Crow Wing County Tom Cowell County- County land commissioner
- ☀ Doug Hanson- He does Trails maps for Crow Wing County. Ask him for maps if we need them.
- ☀ Tim Browning- He is another good resource for trails. Lives in Baxter, however, he works out a Bemidji.

- ☀ Trails planning design and development guidelines - Minnesota DNR (cost about 17.00)
- ☀ <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/index.html> (a site where you can possible get \$5,000+ State and federal funding)

- ☀ Grant and Aid - All types of trails from ATV to walking to horses. Do not have to have a great plan (our comprehensive plan will be more then good enough) - Snowmobile club has written quite a few. State will pay 65% - the rest has to be funded by us (either money wise or sweat equity). Anyone one can apply- individual, club, township- research and development and so on.

- ☀ Multi use trails “layered trails” can be ATV in summer or something else. Snowmobile in the winter, can get separate grant each one. - Multi-use trail around Gull Lake
- ☀ Talked on the RV park the county thought about putting in along Flanders lake

- ☀ Ambassador program for ATVs that was started by the State DNR. Anyone can be a trail safety ambassador by taking the ATV instructor training and ambassador training. As an ambassador a person can give out warnings (verbal or tickets). All the information goes into a data base- if someone keeps goofing off a conservation officer will contact them. 40 attended the first one - held 2 times a month at Fort Ripley. Groups of 2 (one needs to be a caption).

- ☀ Due to the new raise in the Gas Tax, there will be a push for more motorized trails- ATV’s and snowmobile

- ☀ Central Lakes Riders- Has a proposal to go in Brainerd to Cross Lake- We should contact some people on that committee.

- ☀ Crow Wing County is setting up a Parks and trails committee- five people in the county plus two commissioners will be on this committee.

- ☀ In May- there is going to be a trails specialist starting in Brainerd – That person will cover ½ the state. They will be in charge of writing grants and working on the trails systems in the area.