DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Date:	April 4, 2017
То:	Parties on the EAW Distribution List / Other Interested Parties
From:	Bill Johnson

Subject:Minnesota Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area, Renville County, MinnesotaEnvironmental Assessment Worksheet / EQB Monitor Notice

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) has prepared the attached Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to describe the environmental effects associated with the Minnesota Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area project, located in Renville County, Minnesota. The production of this document is mandatory. The MNDNR is the Responsible Governmental Unit for the environmental review of this project.

A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on April 10, 2017 with the publication of the notice of availability of this EAW in the <u>EQB Monitor</u>. The MNDNR invites public comments on the EAW during the public review period from April 10, 2017 to May 10, 2017 at 4:30 pm. A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- MNDNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155
- MNDNR Southern Regional Office, 21371 State Highway 15 South, New Ulm, MN 56073
- Hennepin County Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, Second Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1992
- Willmar Public Library, 410 Fifth Street, Willmar, MN 56201
- Olivia Public Library, 405 South Tenth Street, Olivia, MN 56277

The EAW is also posted on the MNDNR's website at:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/mn valley ohvra/index.html.

Written comments must be received by Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 4:30 pm and sent to:

Bill Johnson, Planning Director

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Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to <u>Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us</u> with "Mn Valley OHVRA" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include your name and U.S. mailing address.

Signed written comments may be sent via facsimile to (651) 296-1811. For additional information, or copies of the EAW, please call (651) 259-5126.

Attachment: Environmental Assessment Worksheet

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