

RECORD OF DECISION

Attachment A

Star of The North Walking Trail
Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Public Comments

From: [Cory & Cathy Jones](#) on behalf of owen362@hotmail.com
To: [MN Review, Environmental \(DNR\)](#)
Subject: Star of the North Trail EAW
Date: Friday, January 05, 2018 7:48:51 PM

I support the plan and would like to see it happen

Owen Gustafson

From: [SysAdmin](#)
To: [MN_Review_Environmental\(DNR\)](#)
Subject: Star of the North Trail EAW
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018 11:30:27 AM

I think this is a good and worthy idea. I would like to use these trails with my hunting dogs. However, if trappers are allowed to set bodygrip traps on the ground anywhere near the trails, I will not use them and will continue to boycott hunting in Minnesota.

Rich Irvine
651-459-4799

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"Time is linear, Memory's a stranger
History's for fools, Man is a tool in the hands
Of the great God Almighty" - Roger Waters

From: thomas1947@gvtel.com
To: [MN Review, Environmental \(DNR\)](#)
Subject: star of the north trail eaw
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018 5:29:26 PM

There is no reason that tax payers should pay for a few hunters to have a better trail that has to be maintained. If hunters want better trails let them pay for them. Thomas Janssens 26606 350THst. Shevlin Mn 56676

From: [Jody Keelin](#)
To: [MN Review, Environmental \(DNR\)](#)
Subject: Star of the North Walking Trail EAW
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 9:53:13 PM

If this is truly meant to be a walking trail, please make it safe by not allowing traps near the trail - there are not that many safe places left to walk, especially with our dogs. And I feel much safer walking with my dog, as long as he is safe, too. Thank you.



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From: [Tegdesch, Elizabeth \(MPCA\)](#)
To: [Novak-Krebs, Cynthia \(DNR\)](#)
Cc: [Kromar, Karen \(MPCA\)](#); [Card, Dan \(MPCA\)](#); [Ziegler, Jim \(MPCA\)](#)
Subject: RE: MPCA Comment Letter - Star of the North Walking Trail
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 8:46:34 AM
Attachments: [Star of the North Walking Trail EAW Comment Ltr.pdf](#)

Cynthia, we are experiencing technical problems in sending PDF documents. If you received one that was all messed up, that is the incorrect version. You will be receiving a hard copy in the mail. Sorry for the inconvenience.

From: Tegdesch, Elizabeth (MPCA)
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 7:36 AM
To: Novak-Krebs, Cynthia (DNR) <Cynthia.Novak-Krebs@state.mn.us>
Cc: Kromar, Karen (MPCA) <karen.kromar@state.mn.us>; Card, Dan (MPCA) <dan.card@state.mn.us>; Ziegler, Jim (MPCA) <jim.ziegler@state.mn.us>
Subject: MPCA Comment Letter - Star of the North Walking Trail

Attached are the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's comments on the Star of the North Walking Trail Environmental Assessment Worksheet. A paper copy will follow by U.S. mail.

Please acknowledge receipt of this comment letter to Karen Kromar at Karen.kromar@state.mn.us

Thank you.

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From: [Scott Slocum](#)
To: [MN_Review_Environmental\(DNR\)](#)
Subject: Assessment missing from the Star of the North Trail EAW
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018 10:31:34 PM

1/18/2018

To: MN DNR (environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us)

From: Scott Slocum, 1416 Birchcrest Drive, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

Re: Assessment missing from the Star of the North Trail EAW.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Star of the North Walking Trail.

My comment refers to Section 9: "land use", items b and c: "incompatibility of the trail with nearby land uses."

In places and seasons where and when the use of body-gripping traps and power snares would be allowed on nearby land, there would be an incompatibility in land uses between the Star of the North Walking Trail and nearby land. Dogs accompanying their owners on the trail would be in danger of being killed by the traps or snares, and the dogs' owners would be in danger of injury in their attempts to release their struggling, biting dogs from the traps or snares.

Please add this incompatibility to item 9b of the Star of the North Trail EAW, and a mitigation of this incompatibility to item 9c. One potential mitigation would be to establish a trap-free buffer strip around the trail.

Dogs that are attracted to scents tend to find those scents, and if they're trapping baits and lures, dogs can be killed by the traps and snares.

The Star of the North Walking Trail should be a safe place, free of attractants and dangers for people and their dogs.

Sincerely,
Scott Slocum

From: [John](#)
To: [MN Review, Environmental \(DNR\)](#)
Subject: Star of the North Trail EAW
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018 8:22:01 AM

Please accept my comment on the Star of the North Trail EAW.

I think this trail is a great idea but if body grip traps are allowed to be set on the ground near the trail my dogs and I will never use the trail.

Sincerely,
John Reynolds
26385 County Road 3
Merrifield MN 56465