

Roseau/Lake of the Woods ATV Trail – Grant in Aid Program Proposal Summary

Proposer: Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsman’s Club
Miles Hogenson, Trail Administrator

Sponsor: Roseau County

Project Location: Beltrami Island State Forest
Roseau County
T161N R35W (Oaks Township)
Sections 1, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29,
30, 34, 35, 36
T161N R36W (Clear River Township)
Sections 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
Lake of the Woods County
T161N R34W (Myhre Township)
Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

Project Dimensions: Total of 81 miles GIA ATV trail, including:
27 miles (existing trail) on State Forest minimum maintenance road (MMR)
2 miles new trail designation on State Forest MMR
46 miles new trail designation on State Forest system road
1 mile new trail designation on Township Road
5 miles new trail designation on Lake of the Woods County Road

Project Description:

Roseau County and the Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsman’s Club propose to establish a Grant-in-Aid (GIA) all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trail on state forest roads, existing state forest ATV/Off-Highway Motorcycle (OHM) trail, and local roads. ATV use is currently allowed on the entire route. Establishment as a GIA trail will allow the sponsor to use state trail assistance program funds for trail signing, maintenance, and repair.

The Beltrami Island State Forest was classified ‘Managed’ in 2007; the state forest roads were designated for ATV use at that time, and 27 miles of minimum maintenance road were designated as dual-use ATV/OHM trail.

The proposed trail will be signed and maintained for class 1 and class 2 ATV use. Improvements and maintenance will conform to the principles outlined in the DNR’s 2007 publication “*Trail Planning, Development and Design Guidelines.*”

The trail will be operated, maintained, and managed by Roseau County with assistance and support provided by the Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsman’s Club. The cost of maintenance is eligible for up to 90% reimbursement through the GIA program. The sponsor and the DNR

will share monitoring responsibilities, supplemented by the DNR Trail Ambassador program. The club will inspect the trail and perform maintenance and repairs as needed.

The proposal does not involve new route construction, new public water crossings, or wetland fill.

Connections:

The trail connects to the towns of Roosevelt and Williams and provides access to services available such as gas, food, camping, and lodging. The trail will provide connections to the Roseau/Lake of the Woods Recreation Area, the Bemis Hill Area OHV trail maintained by the North Star ATV Club GIA trail, and the Con-Con trail system maintained by the Fourtown Sportsman's club.

Need / Benefits of the Proposal: Grant-in-aid trail status will allow the Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsman's Club to monitor and repair these existing routes, provide mapping and signage, and to schedule and perform routine treadway and corridor maintenance.

Public Review:

The DNR invites written public comment on the proposal from July 16 to August 15, 2012. Copies of the proposal are available on the DNR website, (<http://www.mndnr.gov/input>), as well as at the DNR Bemidji Parks and Trails office.

Written comments on the proposal may be e-mailed to Allen.lego@state.mn.us, faxed to 218-681-0948, or mailed to Allen Lego, Area Supervisor, DNR Parks and Trails, 246 125th Avenue SE, Thief River Falls, MN 56701. For more information, or to request a printed copy of the proposal, please call Allen Lego at 218-681-0889, ext. 222, or the DNR Information Center at 1-888-MINNDNR (toll free).