



**Woods & Wheels ATV Trail System
GIA ATV Trail Proposal
Project Summary**

- Sponsor:** City of Wolf Lake
- Proposer:** Wood & Wheels ATV Club
- Project Name:** Smoky Hills ATV Trail System
- Trail Administration:** DNR Area 1A Supervisor in Bemidji, MN
- Partners:** Wood & Wheels ATV Club, Becker County; Townships of Carsonville, Green Valley and Wolf Lake, MNDOT, MNDNR.
- Trail Location:** Smoky Hills State Forest in Becker County
Carsonville Township, Becker County: T 140 N – R 37 W, Section 1
Green Valley, Becker County: T 139 N – R 36 W, Sections 6, 7,
Wolf Lake Township, Becker County: T 139 N, R 37 W, Sections 1, 2, 3,
4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17

Miles of trail by type:

Total mileage of the proposed ATV GIA trail is approximately 20.53 miles, including:
3.56 miles of State Forest System Roads
8.41 miles of State Forest Minimum Maintenance Roads
5.45 miles of Designated Forest Trails Class I & II ATV Allowed
0.53 miles of County Forest Route
2.58 miles of New ATV Trails

Project Description:

Becker County encourages user groups through their Forest Resources Management Plan to develop comprehensive all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails and routes. This grant-in-aid (GIA) ATV trail proposal will provide a connection between two existing GIA ATV trail systems, the Wood & Wheels current trail southwest of Osage and the collections of trails within the Smoky Hills State Forest.

In accord with Becker County policy, the Wood & Wheels ATV Club will obtain the needed resolutions of support from all local units of government with land traversed by the proposed GIA Trail.

Wood & Wheels ATV Club proposes to sign and maintain this trail for use by Class 1 and 2 ATVs from May 1-November 1 of each year, unless otherwise authorized or prohibited by the DNR, Becker County, or other public land manager. The proposed ATV GIA route will bring ATV riders into areas for services such as food and lodging, while also providing a needed connection between two other managed ATV riding GIA trail systems.

Administration of the trail will follow: guidelines provided in the State of Minnesota GIA OHV Program Manual; requirements of the trail sponsor, City of Wolf Lake, and requirements of the towns and cities through which it travels.

The trail will be operated, maintained, and managed by the City of Wolf Lake with assistance and support provided by the Wood & Wheels ATV 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. The trail will be monitored by the DNR Parks and Trails Area Office 1A located in Bemidji, supplemented by the DNR's Trail Ambassador program. Volunteer Trail Ambassadors promote safe, environmentally responsible operation of OHVs through informational and educational contacts and on-trail monitoring.

Trail Route Description:

The Wood & Wheels Trail System has three minor trail sections which connect area property owners and businesses with other trail systems while providing access to the scenery of the area. At any time, the trail user may observe wildlife such as deer, bear, fox, wild turkey, grouse, turtles, rabbits, ducks, geese, porcupine, wolves, and many bird species.

Section 1 starts on the northern end south of Minnesota State Highway 34, goes along Navillus State Forest Road, loops around and connects to Hanna Ore & Wolf Lake State Forest Roads,

Section 2 is located south of section one along Hanna Ore and Wolf Lake State Forest Roads to Forest Road 420,

Section 3 is south of the other two sections and connects Hanna Ores Forest Road to County Road 38 and runs through the heart of the State Forest with connections to multiple State Forest Minimum Maintenance Roads.