

Huntersville & Lyons State Forests Trail Revision Project



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Background

- Forest classification and trail designation plan completed in 2008
- Developed three classifications for motorized recreation:
 - ~~Managed: Routes are open unless posted closed~~
 - Limited: Routes are closed unless posted open
 - Closed: Forest is closed to motorized recreation
- This process is the second phase and will focus on trail designations

Planning

What is included

- New trails and trail connections (both motorized and non-motorized)
- Special management areas
- Rerouting or closing of unsustainable trails.



Planning

What is Not Included?

- ❑ The trail system changes will not include changing forest-wide motorized classifications.
- ❑ Other recreation facilities such as campgrounds and day use sites
- ❑ State corridor trails

Project Area

- Huntersville State Forest
- Lyons State Forest
- Scattered state forest lands throughout Wadena County



Why do it?

- ❑ Adaptive management of recreational use of trails
- ❑ To respond to working forest land changes
- ❑ Changes in recreation needs



Process Objectives for the Project?

- 1) Designate a sustainable system of trails that provide for diverse motorized and non-motorized public recreation and access.
- 2) Close/reroute unsustainable routes to vehicular travel.
- 3) The public will be engaged in recommending and reviewing changes to forest trail systems and management.

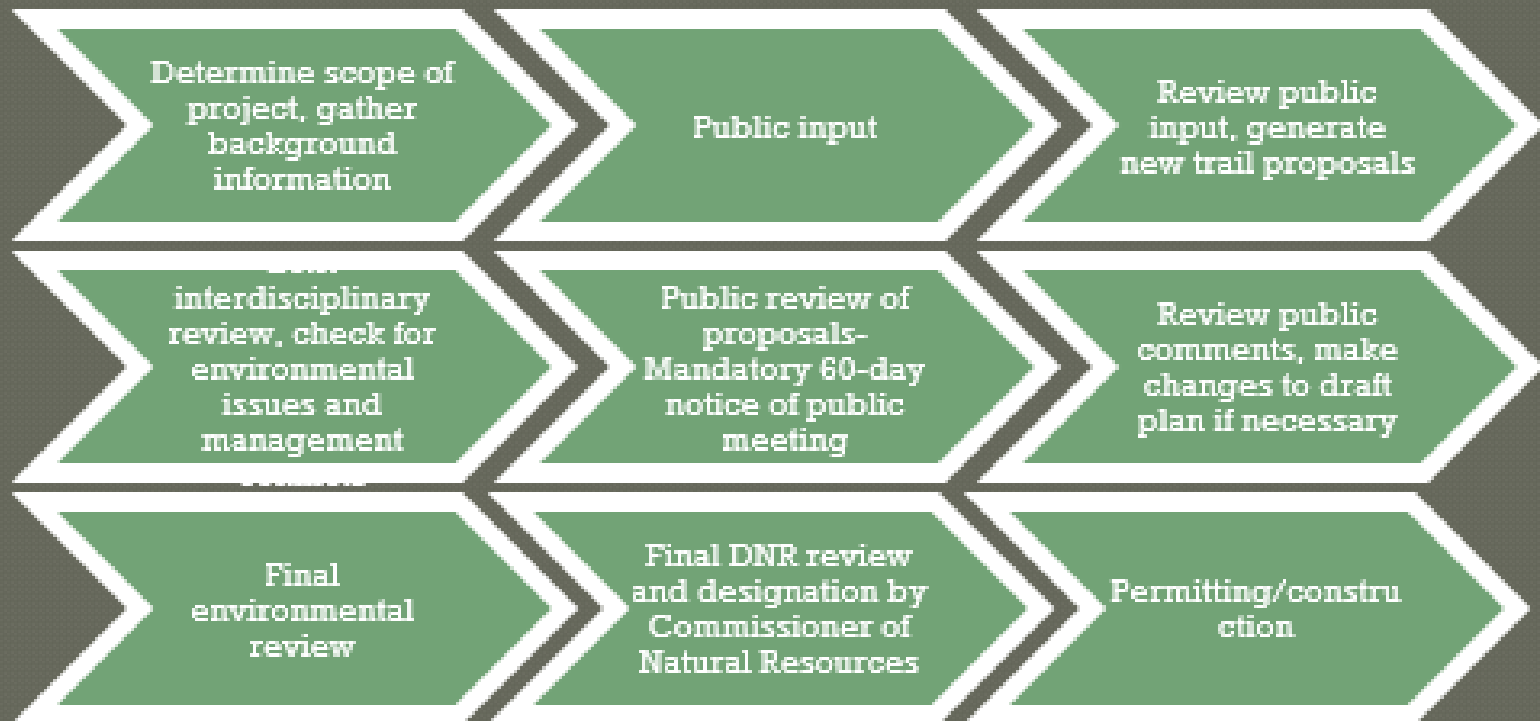
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- 4) Designated trails and trail systems that provide a 'quality' recreational experience, and provide connections to other recreation facilities, support services and other popular destinations.
- 5) Trails that provide adequate access for both recreational and utilitarian purposes (e.g., hunting, trapping, angling, firewood collecting, berry and mushroom picking, etc.)

Process Objectives for the Project?

- 6) Management options not available or not used during the 2003-2008 process will be implemented:
- Hunter/walking trails designated;
 - Areas where the hunting and trapping exceptions do not apply;
 - New trails designated to provide improved state forest access and trail connections.

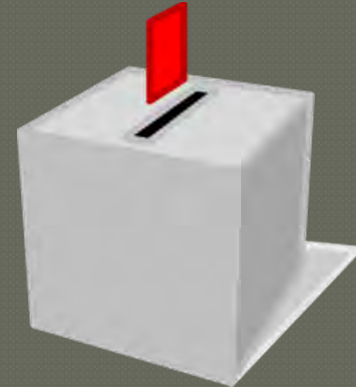
Project Time Line



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