

On Track

A bimonthly update on forest road and trail designation in Minnesota state forests

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Planning Progress

Cloquet Valley (St. Louis)

- Awaiting final approval

East Central

- Public meetings scheduled for
Sept. 23 – Aitkin
Sept. 24 – Mora
Sept. 25 – Pine River
- Comment period ends Oct. 3

Koochiching/Itasca

- Draft plan released for public review Aug. 25
- Public meetings scheduled for
Oct. 28 – Grand Rapids
Oct. 29 – International Falls
Oct. 30 – Bigfork
- Comment period ends Nov. 7

Northern Border

- Draft plan released for public review on Aug. 4
- Public meetings scheduled for
Oct. 6 – Kelliher
Oct. 8 – Warroad
Oct. 9 – Baudette
- Comment period ends Oct. 17

Southern Minnesota Unit

- Public meetings set for
Sept. 10 – Elk River
Sept. 11 – Rochester
- Comment period ends Sept. 12
- Commissioner review of plan set for Oct. 24, 2008.

Sturgeon River (St. Louis County)

- Awaiting final approval

Superior Group (North St. Louis County)

- Comment period closed
- Final plan expected November 2008

West Central Group

- Comment period closed
- Final plan expected October 2008

Forest planning public comment meetings set for several state forest classification plans

September

- 10 Elk River (Southern Minnesota) 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Sherburne County Gov't Center, Maple Room. 13880 Highway 10
Comments by Sept. 12
- 11 Rochester (Southern Minnesota) 6 - 8:30 p.m.
People's Coop, Community Room, 3935 Highway 14 East
Comments by Sept. 12
- 23 Aitkin (East Central) 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Aitkin High School, 306 Second St. N.W.
Comments by Oct. 3
- 24 Mora (East Central) 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Mora High School, 400 E. Maple Ave.
Comments by Oct. 3
- 25 Pine River (East Central) 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Pine River/Backus High School, 801 First St. N., Pine River
Comments by Oct. 3

October

- 6 Kelliher (Northern Border) 4 - 8 p.m.
North Beltrami Community Center, County Rd. 36 and Could Ave.
(Main St.)
Comments by Oct. 17
- 8 Warroad (Northern Border) 3-7 p.m.
Warroad Public Service Building, 804 Cherne Dr. NW
Comments by Oct. 17
- 9 Baudette (Northern Border) 4 - 8 p.m.
Lake of the Woods County Courthouse, 206 SE 8th Ave.
Comments by Oct. 17
- 28 Grand Rapids (Koochiching/Itasca) 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Itasca Community College Theater, 1851 East Highway 169
Comments by Nov. 7
- 29 International Falls (Koochiching/Itasca) 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Rainy River Community College Auditorium, 1501 Highway 71
Comments by Nov. 7
- 30 Bigfork (Koochiching/Itasca) 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Bigfork City Hall, 200 Main Avenue (Corner of Main Avenue and Ash Street)
Comments by Nov. 7

Brochure gives hunters, trappers information about ATV use

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has a new brochure that discusses changes that will affect the use of vehicles (ranging from highway-licensed cars and trucks to all-terrain vehicles or ATVs) for hunting on public lands across the state.

About 130,000 people will receive the brochure by mail – those who have a registered ATV in the state and also purchased a big game hunting license last year. Brochures will also be

available at the DNR headquarters in St. Paul

Using ATVs while hunting big game is a privilege, and the responsibility belongs to each hunter to protect that privilege, said Forrest Boe, DNR Trails and Waterways director. Many big game hunters who use ATVs do not consider themselves to be ATV riders; however, they are. This brochure will make the hunting public more aware of the changing rules regarding ATV use on public lands.

Every year hunters, trappers and anglers need to review the new synopsis to see what has changed. Likewise, those who use ATVs for hunting need to consider changes as well, and make sure they are familiar with the current laws.

The DNR strives to provide a range of hunting opportunities,” added Dennis Simon, DNR Wildlife Section chief. “Some of those may involve the use of ATVs, which certainly can assist big game hunters and help disperse the use. We ask that hunters to be sensitive to others and familiarize themselves with current laws that apply to that hunting activity.

Minnesota's hunting and trapping regulations as well as Off-Highway Vehicle regulations are available at the DNR Web site and at licensing centers. For complete regulations, consult the state statutes and rules.

Hunting and trapping regulations information is available at www.mndnr.gov/regulations/hunting/index.html.

Off-Highway Vehicle regulations are available at www.mndnr.gov/regulations/ohv/index.html

Go to www.mndnr.gov/ohv/hunting.html for details regarding use of ATVs while hunting.

This information is available in an alternative format upon request. Contact the DNR information Center by e-mail at info@mndnr.gov or by calling (651) 296-6157 or 1-888-MINNDNR (646-6367.)



For more information, visit the DNR OHV riding web page at www.mndnr.gov click on outdoor activities, then OHV riding or www.findthetrails.com



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