**OUR VISION IS TO CREATE**

UNFORGETTABLE

park, trail, and water recreation experiences that inspire people to pass along the love for the outdoors to current and future generations.

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### WHAT’S NEW—HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2013-14

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<th><strong>900 ACRES/YEAR</strong></th>
<th><strong>VISITOR CENTER</strong></th>
<th><strong>BROWN’S CREEK STATE TRAIL</strong></th>
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<td>of native plant communities managed and restored</td>
<td>and MnDOT highway safety rest area at Tettegouche State Park</td>
<td>adding 6 paved miles to the state total</td>
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<th><strong>7 YURTS</strong></th>
<th><strong>STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD RENTALS</strong></th>
<th><strong>MORE THAN 285,000</strong></th>
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<td>at 11 state parks</td>
<td>people each year take part in interpretive programs, including the Legacy-funded “I Can Camp!” program</td>
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<td>of new off-highway vehicle trails since FY12</td>
<td>reconstructed at Jay Cooke State Park</td>
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The Parks and Trails Draft System Plan identifies 10-year investment priorities as "destination," "core" and "rustic" state parks and trails. The System Plan is posted at www.mndnr.gov.
### The Parks and Trails Division Operates and Maintains:

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<th>Type of Recreation Area</th>
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<td>75</td>
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<td>Camping and Lodging Units</td>
<td>4,792</td>
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<td>Hiking Trail Miles</td>
<td>1,136</td>
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<td><strong>State Forest Recreation Areas</strong></td>
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<td>State Forest Campgrounds</td>
<td>49</td>
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<td>State Forest Day-Use Areas</td>
<td>19</td>
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<td>OHV Trail Miles</td>
<td>1102</td>
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<td><strong>State and Grant-in-Aid Trails</strong></td>
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<td>Miles of Grant-in-Aid Snowmobile Trails</td>
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<td>Paved State Trail Miles</td>
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<td>Total State Trail Miles Authorized</td>
<td>2,898</td>
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<td><strong>Water Recreation</strong></td>
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<td>State Water Trails</td>
<td>33</td>
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<td>Public Water Access Sites</td>
<td>1,502</td>
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<td>Fishing Piers with Partners</td>
<td>368</td>
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**Plus:**
- 1,009 miles of horse trails
- 1,400 miles of ski trails
- 942 miles of snowmobile trails

**We Also Fund:**
- 712 miles of grant-in-aid ski trails
- 1,698 miles of grant-in-aid off-highway vehicle trails

**Our Customers Include:**
- 8.7 million state park visitors
- The owners of 809,138 registered watercraft
- The owners of 217,938 registered snowmobiles
- Some of Minnesota’s 1.2 million licensed anglers

**And Many Others!**
### TRENDS

#### TRENDING UP: SIZE AND USE OF THE SYSTEM

- **State parks and recreation areas:**
  - 2008: 72
  - 2014: 75

- **Paved state trail miles:**
  - 2008: 475
  - 2014: 593

- **One-day park permits sold:**
  - 2008: 210,821
  - 2014: 261,546

- **Year-round park permits sold:**
  - 2008: 112,263
  - 2014: 139,360

- **Grant-in-aid OHV trail miles funded:**
  - 2008: 1,000
  - 2014: 1,698

#### TRENDING DOWN: FUNDING AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

- **State trail funding/mile:**
  - 2008: $2,246
  - 2014: $1,770

- **State parks with year-round camping:**
  - 2008: 66 (92%)
  - 2014: 32 (43%)

- **State parks with an on-site park manager:**
  - 2008: 55 (76%)
  - 2014: 41 (55%)

### OPERATIONS FUNDING FLAT

#### STATE PARKS OPERATIONS FUNDING NEED

- **Dollars in Millions**
  - FY11: $41
  - FY12: $39
  - FY13: $37
  - FY14: $35
  - FY15: $33
  - FY16: $31
  - FY17: $29

- **Key Points:**
  - Operations and maintenance need
  - Governor’s recommended base narrows the gap
  - State parks appropriation
  - Appropriation plus one-time funding

#### FY14-15 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES BY FUND

- **$236.7 MILLION**
  - Natural Resources 42%
  - Parks and Trails Legacy 25%
  - Environment and Natural Resources Trust 1%
  - Special Revenue 7%
  - Federal 5%
  - Other 1%
  - General 18%
  - Game and Fish 2%

### WHY PARKS AND TRAILS MATTER:

#### QUALITY OF LIFE

The mental and physical health benefits of spending time outdoors are well documented.

#### TOURISM

- 56% of Minnesotans who visit Minnesota state parks travel more than 50 miles from home.
- 42% of Minnesotans who visit Minnesota state parks are from the Twin Cities metro area.
- 18% of Minnesota state park visitors are from outside Minnesota.

#### RETURN TO THE ECONOMY

Spending by park and trail visitors on gas, food and lodging helps local economies.

### $231 MILLION

Annual trip-related spending for state park visitors

### $425 MILLION

Annual trip-related spending for bicyclists who use state and regional trails

### $13 BILLION

Minnesotan tourism industry