



Department of Natural Resources Fact Sheet



2008 CAPITAL BUDGET State Trail Rehabilitation Governor's Recommendation: \$3,000,000

It is needed because

State trails provide recreation opportunities throughout Minnesota, readily connecting Minnesotans to the outdoors. State trails are high-quality attractions, meeting year-round demands for outdoor activities, such as biking, walking, hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling. Rehabilitation of this system of state trails is important to providing safe, high-quality recreational experiences in the state, as well as maintaining existing investments and reducing future maintenance costs of the state trail system.

Major project elements

This funding will rehabilitate portions of five state trails and may also be used to address safety issues on other state trails. Specifically, this funding will provide for:

- ◆ Bridge rehabilitation or replacement,
- ◆ Trail resurfacing,
- ◆ Erosion control,
- ◆ Culvert replacement, and
- ◆ Grade stabilization.

Priority-setting

Priorities are based on:

- ◆ First, providing safe trails for the public, including structures, surfaces, and other elements;
- ◆ Second, rehabilitating existing surfaces or structures that are reaching the limit of design life, before becoming safety risks; and
- ◆ Third, acquisition and development of existing legislatively authorized trails.

Project locations

- ◆ Heartland Trail (Walker): Bridge rehabilitation or replacement. Three trestles on the Heartland Trail have been declared unsafe for vehicle traffic between Park Rapids and Cass Lake.

- ◆ North Shore and Pengilly/Alborn Trails: Bridge rehabilitation or replacement. Rehabilitate or replace inadequate and deteriorating bridges, five of which occur on the North Shore State Trail and two on the Pengilly/Alborn State Trail.
- ◆ Willard Munger Trail: Trestle rehabilitation or replacement. The Willow River bridge was recently closed due to safety concerns.
- ◆ Luce Line Trail (Watertown-Winstead): Trail resurfacing. The limestone surface of this segment is more than 20 years old and needs resurfacing.
- ◆ Rehabilitation at other trail bridges to address safety concerns as they arise.

Key measures and outcomes

Minnesota's state trail system provides high-quality recreational experiences and meets growing recreational demands. Trails are open to the public, not closed due to safety concern.

The quality of the state trail system is maintained by rehabilitating portions of five state trails:

- ◆ Rehabilitate or replace eleven bridges
- ◆ Resurface 13 miles of trail

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