



# Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Task Force Application

## Purpose of the task force

The Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Task Force will bring together a diverse set of outdoor recreation stakeholders and interests in Minnesota. Together, members of the task force will consider how to bring measured growth, increased and equitable access, and a higher quality of outdoor recreation opportunities to Minnesotans and visitors.

## Structure

The Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Task Force will consist of 20 members selected by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Explore Minnesota. Members of the task force will represent a broad and inclusive group of interests related to the outdoor recreation sector in Minnesota.

## Responsibilities

The Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Task Force will develop a set of recommendations for the DNR and Explore Minnesota, which will also be shared with the Governor's office, regarding how to more effectively coordinate and advance outdoor recreation work statewide. Recommendations will be based on task force discussions and broader public engagement.

## Eligibility

The task force is not a citizen advisory committee, but a group of leaders representing a diversity of interests in outdoor recreation. We are looking for applicants that meet the following characteristics:

- Leader of or actively engaged in a private, public (non-state government), tribal, or non-profit organization that is related to outdoor recreation in Minnesota. This could be a direct relationship, such as an industry or user group, or an indirect relationship, such as a healthcare organization.
- Commitment to engage with other members of their organization on task force duties.
- Willing to consider multiple values and interests in pursuit of the task force purpose, rather than advocating for one's own interest or organization in isolation.
- Ability to attend approximately monthly task force meetings for a 10-month period starting in February 2020 (through October or November). In some cases, remote participation options may be available. In

the case of absence, an alternate is permitted. Most meetings will be in the Twin Cities or Central Minnesota.

## Timeline

The application period runs Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019 through Friday, Jan. 10, 2020. Selected applicants will be notified in mid to late January, and the task force is expected to be announced publicly soon thereafter.

## Questions?

For questions about the application process or task force in general, please contact Gratia Joice, DNR Principal Planner, at 651-259-5328 or [gratia.joice@state.mn.us](mailto:gratia.joice@state.mn.us).

## Data Privacy

Personal information submitted will be kept confidential, per the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (Minn. Stat. § 13).

### **Q1. Please tell us some background information about yourself.**

First name:

Last name:

Title:

Organizational affiliation:

Phone number:

E-mail address:

Physical address:

**Q2. Please select your top five interests related to outdoor recreation in Minnesota.**

- Biking
- Boating
- Camping
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Economic development
- Equestrian
- Government policies or funding
- Health benefits of nature/public health
- Hunting/angling
- K-12 education
- Nature-based tourism
- OHV/snowmobile
- Outdoor education
- Outfitting/resort/hospitality
- Outdoor retail
- Paddle sports
- Public lands
- Silent sports (XC skiing, hiking, etc.)
- Tribal rights
- Other

If "other," please specify.

**Q3. Please describe your experience in the outdoor recreation sector. (250 words or less)**

**Q4. Why are you interested in serving on the Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Task Force?  
(250 words or less)**

**Q5. Please describe how you envision advancing quality of life in Minnesota through outdoor recreation. (250 words or less)**

**Q6. Please describe how you envision advancing equitable access and environmental stewardship in Minnesota through outdoor recreation. (250 words or less)**

**Q7. Please describe how you envision advancing economic development for outdoor recreation in Minnesota. (250 words or less)**

**Q8. What other skills, ideas, or expertise do you have that you think should be considered as part of this application process? (250 words or less)**



**Q9. Please attach a short letter of reference that includes the following contents.**

- Statement describing why you are a good liaison for your organization.
- Description of your skills or expertise that make you a good fit for the task force.

**Please include a hard copy of the reference letter with your application.**

**Q10. If selected for the task force, do you agree to participate with an open mind and work across interests to accomplish shared goals for outdoor recreation?**

- Yes
- No

## **Voluntary Demographic Questions**

**Q11. How old are you?**

- 18 to 29
- 30 to 44
- 45 to 64
- 65 and older

**Q12. Which of the following best describes your race and ethnicity? Check all that apply.**

- African
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latinx
- Native, First Nations, or Alaska Native
- Pacific Islander
- White or Non-Hispanic/Latinx
- Prefer not to answer
- Other

You may specify additional information about “other” in the space below, if you choose.

**Q13. Do you consider yourself to be:**

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary, transgender, or none of the above
- Prefer not to answer

Thank you for submitting your application! We will be in touch with you by February 2020, or when decisions on applications are made. **We must receive your application materials by January 11, 2020 to be considered.**

**Mail completed application to:**

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Parks & Trails Division  
Attn: Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Task Force  
500 Lafayette Rd N  
St. Paul, MN 55155