

Prospectors Loop Trail System Phase 2 (Connect Four) – Record of Decision

Attachment A – Public comments table

Comment ID	Commenter Name	Comment Topics	Comment summary
1a	Laura Dreon	non-substantive	support for the proposed project
2a	Steven Moe	non-substantive	support for the proposed project
3a	Tom King	non-substantive	commenter expressed opposition to the proposed project
3b	Tom King	wildlife	commenter expressed general concern for wildlife
4a	Lori Cocking	wildlife	commenter expressed general concern for natural areas and wildlife
4b	Lori Cocking	purpose and need	commenter asks what the purpose of the project is
4c	Lori Cocking	DNR as proposer	commenter seemed to suggest that the DNR is the proposer
5a	David Andrews Jr.	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
6a	Lois Anderson	non-substantive	commenter asked that more hiking trails be created
6b	Lois Anderson	safety	commenter states that when ATVs are on a trail, it is dangerous to hike
7a	Bob and Julie Rocheleau	noise	commenter asked that noise be considered and expressed general concern over disruption of peace and quiet and appreciation of nature
7b	Bob and Julie Rocheleau	wildlife	commenter expressed general concern for wildlife
8a	Jake Stanley	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
9a	Craig Bakken	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
10a	John Olson	Balsam Lane	commenter stated that identifying Balsam Lane as "existing route open to ATV use" is not accurate; Balsam Lane is an easement, and maintained privately
10b	John Olson	Balsam Lane	commenter stated that the EAW information for route category 1 is not accurate and that Balsam lane is in poor condition and would need physical work.
10c	John Olson	noise	commenter states that for Balsam Lane the trail segment would not be distant from private residences; Balsam lane has 11 properties with homes ranging from 150 - 300 feet away
10d	John Olson	safety	commenter expresses concern for the safety of traffic on Balsam Lane
10e	John Olson	alternatives	commenter suggested two Alternatives to using Balsam Lane
11a	Jim Etzel	climate change	commenter expresses concern for climate change
12a	Bud Van Deusen	non-substantive	commenter is opposed to the project going through Eagles Nest Township and would like to see the temporary Trail 4 removed
12b	Bud Van Deusen	Trail 4 - Phased actions	commenter stated that the current temporary Trail 4 is causing disruption to landowners in Eagles Nest Township
13a	Paul and Diane Myers	safety	commenter expressed concern over Balsam Lane being a part of the Bear Run route due to the narrowness of the road
13b	Paul and Diane Myers	noise	commenter expressed general concern for noise from ATVS and disruption of peacefulness of the area

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13c	Paul and Diane Myers	non-substantive	commenter expressed opposition to the proposed project
14a	Gerald Bergin	non-substantive	commenter expressed opposition to the proposed project
14b	Gerald Bergin	noise	commenter expressed general concern for noise
14c	Gerald Bergin	litter	commenter expressed general concern for litter
14d	Gerald Bergin	dust	commenter expressed general concern for dust
14e	Gerald Bergin	erosion	commenter expressed general concern for erosion
14f	Gerald Bergin	safety	commenter expressed concern for safety
14g	Gerald Bergin	DNR as proposer	commenter seemed to suggest that the DNR is the proposer
15a	Frablatnik	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
16a	Steve Voiles and Polly Carlson-Voiles	non-substantive	commenter is opposed to the proposed project and ATV trail expansion and states that quiet areas need to be protected.
	Steve Voiles and Polly Carlson-Voiles	non-substantive	commenter expresses concern for wildlife
17a	Denise Balbach	non-substantive	commenter stated the location of the trail on a logging road near Ely would have least impact on residents of Eagles Nest Township
17b	Denise Balbach	wildlife	commenter asks how the proposed project will impact moose, wolves and bears?
17c	Denise Balbach	noise	commenter expressed concern for noise and would like more local say from citizens and local communities on where trails are located
17d	Denise Balbach	rules and regulations	commenter asks who writes the rules and regulations for trails and who enforces them; commenter also states that there is a shortage of DNR conservation officers
17e	Denise Balbach	funding	commenter asked who pays for the trails
17f	Denise Balbach	non-substantive	commenter expressed opposition to the proposed project
18a	67 Polaris	non-substantive	commenter expressed opposition to the proposed project
18b	67 Polaris	safety	commenter expressed concerns for safety of ATVs on roads
18c	67 Polaris	funding	commenter asked why tax money should be spent on a specific group
18d	67 Polaris	enforcement	commenter mentioned increased law enforcement needs
19a	Jeff Eibler	maintenance	commenter stated generally that ATVs cause wear and tear on trails and that some trails cannot handle high use without regular maintenance
19b	Jeff Eibler	multi use	commenter expressed concern for shared uses on ATV roads and trails, specifically the 451A road
19c	Jeff Eibler	wetlands	commenter discussed potential for wetlands along 451A that has wetlands that could be impacted by ATVs and suggests bridging this section could minimize impacts, particularly near Twin lake

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19d	Jeff Eibler	trail closures	commenter asks if the trail would be closed in the winter and asks if the trail will be gated to prevent winter use from snowmobiles
19e	Jeff Eibler	hunting	commenter asks how road hunting by ATV operators will be addressed
20a	Dan Wilm	invasive species	commenter states that ATVs spread invasive species and that the EAW does not address this topic
20b	Dan Wilm	construction	commenter states that filter fabric and granular fill to a depth of 12 inches is not enough to prevent impacts and require maintenance
20c	Dan Wilm	surface waters	commenter states that the proposed project will cross the headwaters of the Rainy River watershed and asks what is being done to address this highly sensitive area
20d	Dan Wilm	erosion	commenter states that the trail crosses highly erodible soils and asks what will be done to address this
20e	Dan Wilm	non-substantive	commenter expresses opposition to the proposed project
21a	Ken and Sandi Irish	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
22a	Ann and Warren Johnson	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
22b	Ann and Warren Johnson	out of scope	commenter would like to see more timber management to handle dying trees
23a	Lance Robertson	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
24a	Tony Lema	safety	commenter expressed concern to safety on Balsam Lane due to narrowness of this road
25a	William Stocker	purpose and need	commenter states that the EAW does not properly discuss need of the proposed project
25b	William Stocker	multi use	commenter states that the EAW does not discuss impacts to users of the Mesabi Bike Trail or the Bird lake ski trail
25c	William Stocker	social impacts	commenter states that social impacts are not adequately addressed; commenter also generally mentions noise, fumes and traffic
25d	William Stocker	cumulative potential effects	commenter states CPE should be addressed on landscape basis
25e	William Stocker	non-substantive	commenter states that the EAW lacks substance and quality
25f	William Stocker	Eagles Nest Township resolution	commenter shares the Eagles Nest Township resolution opposing ATV corridor
25g	William Stocker	non-substantive	commenter states that the maps are low quality and hard to use
25h	William Stocker	land use	commenter asks if there was coordination with the Forest Service
26a	Shon Thompson	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
27a	Kip Borbiconi	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project

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28a	Louis Clark	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
29a	Tim Sink	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
30a	Mandy and Wyatt Flack	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
31a	Todd Peyton	non-substantive	commenter is opposed to the use of Balsam Lane as part of the proposed project
31b	Todd Peyton	Balsam Lane	commenter states that Balsam Lane is a private road that is maintained by the landowners and is concerned for increased maintenance requirements that would come from ATV use
31c	Todd Peyton	non-substantive	commenter states that the noise and dust would disturb time at their cabin
31d	Todd Peyton	safety	commenter states that the road is narrow and there is not enough room for vehicles and ATVs
31e	Todd Peyton	alternatives	commenter proposes that a .25 mile buffer from all structures should be utilized
31f	Todd Peyton	alternatives	commenter suggests alternatives to using Balsam Lane
32a	Dean Rosier	non-substantive	commenter states that it's better to allow the trails for ATVs and snowmobiles, and keep them restricted to these trails, rather than the method users are currently using
33a	Mark Harff	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
34a	Ashley Stephens	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
35a	Lawrence Folstad	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
36a	Sam Worlie	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
37a	Nancy Salminen	purpose and need	commenter states that the EAW does not properly discuss need of the proposed project
37b	Nancy Salminen	multi use	commenter states that the EAW does not discuss impacts to users of the Mesabi Bike Trail, the Bird Lake ski trail or the Howard Wagoner ski trails
37c	Nancy Salminen	maintenance	commenter states that the EAW should address effects the trail systems will have on forest logging roads
37d	Nancy Salminen	invasive species	states that spotted knapweed is present on a Prospector trail east of Babbitt, trail 6
37e	Nancy Salminen	social impacts	commenter states that social impacts are not adequately addressed; commenter also generally mentions noise, fumes and traffic
37f	Nancy Salminen	Eagles Nest Township resolution	commenter states that there is a signed resolution against ATV corridor in Eagles nest
37g	Nancy Salminen	cumulative potential effects	commenter states that the cumulative potential effects should be addressed on a landscape basis

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38h	Carol Booth, Friends of Lake Vermillion Trail	Lake Vermillion Trail	commenter submitted information regarding the Lake Vermillion Trail
39a	Jeff Mogush	funding	commenter asks if project requirements should be fulfilled before a funding decision is made
39b	Jeff Mogush	communications	commenter suggests that the DNR contact all landowners effected by the Connect 4 project directly
39c	Jeff Mogush	non-substantive	commenter states that more ATV trails are not needed
39d	Jeff Mogush	noise	commenter finds the EAW statement that says quality of life from intermittent noise is not anticipated offensive; commenter states that noise is subjective and some people who live on a quiet road may think of ATV noise as obnoxious
40a	David W Johnson	non-substantive	commenter expressed support for the proposed project
41a	Robert Morse	safety	commenter expressed safety concern with allowing ATVs on hiking trails
42a	Kyle Skar	non-substantive	commenter is opposed to the proposed project
42b	Kyle Skar	Balsam Lane	commenter states that the route would travel through the northwest corner of his property and notes that the parcel lists his parcel as "existing route, open to ATV use" which is incorrect. The commenter has not, and will not will not give permission for ATV use on his property.
42c	Kyle Skar	noise	commenter does not want to hear noise of ATV's
42d	Kyle Skar	non-substantive	commenter states that ATV trails cause noise complaints, reckless driving, safety issues, wildlife poaching, etc. property damage, burglaries, etc.
42e	Kyle Skar	Balsam lane	commenter states that they and others grant easement to maintain the road, and do not want extra maintenance work that would be required with ATV use
42f	Kyle Skar	safety	commenter states that the road is narrow and there is not enough room for ATVs and vehicles; commenter also expresses safety concerns for kids and others using the road with ATVs with ATVs on the road as well
43a	Clint Metz	noise	commenter expresses concern for the noise caused by ATVs
43b	Clint Metz	dust	commenter expressed concern for the dust that ATVs create
43c	Clint Metz	safety	commenter states that its unsafe to walk or ride bikes on roads by his house that utilize ATVs
43d	Clint Metz	wildlife	commenter states that an ATV trail would require clearing forest near his future home and cause fragmentation and disrupt wildlife

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43e	Clint Metz	Balsam Lane	commenter is concerned for safety of residents due to the current width of the road; commenter also states that Balsam Lane is privately maintained; commenter also states that Balsam Lane runs through private property and easements are required.
44a	Mary Jo Deters	non-substantive	commenter is opposed to the proposed project in Eagles Nest Township
44b	Mary Jo Deters	non-substantive	commenter stated that ATV riders make up a fraction of outdoor users within the state of Minnesota
44c	Mary Jo Deters	non-substantive	commenter is opposed to increased ATV sales
44d	Mary Jo Deters	safety	commenter states that ATV riding is dangerous
44e	Mary Jo Deters	non-substantive	commenter is opposed to the expansion of ATV trails
45a	Tod Cracas	non-substantive	commenter opposes the proposed project
46a	Steven Lotz	safety/surface waters	commenter states that while the Flaim Road may be open to ATV traffic, it is narrow with elevation changes and limited visibility and cannot handle ATV traffic safely and physical improvements are likely needed; commenter also states that if improvements occur, this could result in wetland impacts.
46b	Steven Lotz	highway ROW/private property	EAW page 15, 2nd paragraph: commenter states that there are several private parcels in Township 61, Range 16, Section 21 that are adjacent to the highway ROW and that the powerline runs through both ROW and private property. Commenter expresses concern for safety with an ATV trail running adjacent to a busy highway.
46c	Steven Lotz	safety	commenter states that taking credit for trails providing "opportunity for improved firefighting equipment access and firebreaks" without further examination of increased fire risk is lacking completeness.
46d	Steven Lotz	cover types	commenter states that to state that forest cover type will not change because of canopy unchanged is not accurate
46e	Steven Lotz	land use	commenter states that there is no mention of residents in sections 20,21,28, 29 of township 61, range 16 with many structures 100 - 250 feet from project, their presence should not be ignored.
46f	Steven Lotz	highway ROW/private property	commenter again mentions the highway ROW and landowners in the area
46g	Steven Lotz	land use	commenter states that residential areas should be discussed.

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46h	Steven Lotz	table 12. 2	commenter notes that table 12.2 lists the Pike River as an existing crossing and asks if traffic will be routed onto Highway 169 to cross the bridge or if anew crossing adjacent to the bridge is planned.
46i	Steven Lotz	erosion/dust	commenter states that ATVs will create erosion and runoff within wetlands. Commenter also mentions that dust and dust control materials such as chloride will end up in wetlands.
46j	Steven Lotz	dust	commenter states that that dust and dust control materials such as chloride will end up in wetlands. Commenter also notes ATVs along Highway 169 could cause dust onto and across the highway.
46k	Steven Lotz	noise	commenter mentions residents along Highway 169 that could be impacted by noise; commenter also notes that there are many residences within a few hundred feet of the trail
46l	Steven Lotz	out of scope	commenter states that enforcement is not discussed
46m	Steven Lotz	out of scope	commenter states that the human impact is poorly represented
47a	Madisen Johnson	non-substantive	commenter is opposed to the proposed project and thinks the project is not in line with local covenance, with regards to noise and quiet activities
48a	Greg and Jackie Junek	communications	commenter expresses concern for how trails are being planned and how opinions of local residents are ignored
48b	Greg and Jackie Junek	Eagles Nest Township resolution	commenter provides information on the Eagles Nest Township resolution against ATV corridor
49a	Mark Johnson	Eagles Nest Township resolution	commenter provides information on the Eagles Nest Township resolution against ATV corridor
49b	Mark Johnson	non-substantive	commenter provides background information on past trail planning processes
49c	Mark Johnson	non-substantive	commenter states that the community of Eagles Nest Township does not want more trails
49d	Mark Johnson	non-substantive	commenter states that property value will be negatively impacted by trail expansion
49e	Mark Johnson	funding	commenter is opposed to using taxpayer dollars and public lands to support ATV trails
49f	Mark Johnson	non-substantive	commenter is surprised that ATV expansion is proposed in an area close to the BWCA that emphasizes quiet sports
49g	Mark Johnson	non-substantive	commenter is opposed to the proposed Bear Run trail expansion or any trails near Eagles Nest Township

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50a	Frank Zobitz, Vermillion Lake Township	safety	commenter expresses concern for safety of shared used with ATVs on Flaim Rod due to the road being narrow with hills
51a	Stephen Casey	non-substantive	commenter opposes the proposed project and potential impacts to Eagles Nest Township
51b	Stephen Casey	non-substantive	commenter would ATV trail expansion to be a transparent manner and include local residents
51c	Stephen Casey	non-substantive	commenter asks how all the ATV trails will be connected
52	Dan Pietrick	GHG	commenter suggests that GHG from the proposed project and the Prospectors trail in its entirety as well as motorized recreation resulting from this project should be analyzed
53a	Lori J McIntyre	noise	Commenter states the EAW did not address property owners rights to quietude
53b	Lori J McIntyre	land use	commenter states that the EAW inadequately addresses proximity to residences
53c	Lori J McIntyre	alternatives	commenter states that the EAW inadequately addresses alternative routes
53d	Lori J McIntyre	Trail 4 - Phased actions	commenter states that trails were developed since the 2016 EAW that have not undergone environmental review
53e	Lori J McIntyre	purpose and need	commenter asks the purpose of the Clouet line
53f	Lori J McIntyre	alternatives	commenter asks why the Taconite/David Dill snowmobile trail from Tower to Pfeiffer Lake is not used, instead of new routing
53g	Lori J McIntyre	alternatives	EAW states, "short stretches of alternative routes are considered in this review." Commenter asks for details on these alternatives.
53h	Lori J McIntyre	construction	commenter asks for details on trail construction
53i	Lori J McIntyre	traffic	commenter asks how much more traffic is expected on each route and where
53j	Lori J McIntyre	land use	commenter asks what the USFS decision is on use of the bird lake ski trail;
53k	Lori J McIntyre	purpose and need	commenter asks the purpose of each trail segment
53l	Lori J McIntyre	purpose and need	commenter asks the purpose of the "greater connections" when existing connections exist
53m	Lori J McIntyre	purpose and need	commenter asks the purpose of the Bear Run segment
53n	Lori J McIntyre	Trail 4 - Phased actions	commenter states that trails were developed since the 2016 EAW that have not undergone environmental review
53o	Lori J McIntyre	land use	commenter states that residential areas should be identified as land use
53p	Lori J McIntyre	land use	commenter states that can't say if compatible with the USFS management plan if review is not complete
53q	Lori J McIntyre	surface waters	commenter asks for details on wetland impacts

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53r	Lori J McIntyre	dust	commenter This section does not address dust resulting from ATV traffic and impact in residential areas on county and other gravel roads and planned mitigation measures. Will the ATV club coordinate with the county to provide dust abatement?
53s	Lori J McIntyre	noise	commenter states that noise will be greater than stated in the EAW
53t	Lori J McIntyre	noise	commenter states that the trails will be routed in high density residential areas and property owners quality of life will be negatively impacted by noise
53u	Lori J McIntyre	noise	commenter states that noise impacts are underestimated and more consideration is needed
53v	Lori J McIntyre	traffic	commenter thinks that the traffic impacts are underestimated
53w	Lori J McIntyre	Trail 4 - Phased actions	commenter states the cumulative effects for the phased trials should be discussed
53x	Lori J McIntyre	noise	commenter states that noise impacts are not realistic and that noise from ATVS is not intermittent and sporadic
53y	Lori J McIntyre	non-substantive	commenter states that including township, range, section in the attachment would have been helpful for cross checking
54a	Mike Dreawves	non-substantive	commenter is opposed to any trail development along Mud Creek Road
54b	Mike Dreawves	purpose and need	commenter states there is no purpose to have a trail on Mud Creek Road, when it dead ends at a resort with limited parking; commenter states the beneficiaries will not be non-residents
54c	Mike Dreawves	traffic	commenter states that the 2016 traffic study is inadequate
54d	Mike Dreawves	maintenance	commenter states that increased road maintenance will be required due to ATV traffic
54e	Mike Dreawves	noise	commenter states that ATVs are loud and that a noise study should be conducted; commenter also states that property owners have a right to a peaceful enjoyment
54f	Mike Dreawves	out of scope	commenter states a club member heading the project has re-routed the trail away from their property and their family members property seasonal leased property. If the trail has no impact shouldn't it go through seasonal and leased property rather than disturbing full time residents?
54g	Mike Dreawves	Gold Mine Road easement	commenter expresses concern for how the project will impact his neighbor's easement
54h	Mike Dreawves	safety	commenter states that Gold Mine Road has a blind corner and would be dangerous to combine ATVs and vehicle traffic

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55a	Andrew Luthens	non-substantive	commenter is opposed to any trail development along Mud Creek Road and sees no purpose in this section of the proposed project
56a	Sierra Club of the North	non-substantive	commenter states that the proposal for the proposed project should be denied and that Minnesota does not need more ATV trails
56b	Sierra Club of the North	MBS sites	commenter expresses concerns for potentially affecting sites of high biodiversity significance
56c	Sierra Club of the North	non-substantive	commenter expresses concerns of environmental effects that ATV use and trail development could cause
56d	Sierra Club of the North	invasive species	commenter states that ATV use can spread invasive species; commenter later asks if wash stations will be added and who will monitor invasive species?
56e	Sierra Club of the North	out of scope	commenter expresses concern about ATV use within public lands and inclusion of an acceptable use in forest planning documents
56f	Sierra Club of the North	GHG	commenter states that more GHG analysis is needed
56g	Sierra Club of the North	wildlife	commenter states that the EAW does not mention avoidance information for the state-listed species mentioned in the EAW and specifically mentions lynx, northern long-eared bat, wood turtle, and wolf and moose.
56h	Sierra Club of the North	erosion	commenter expresses concern that erosion could harm wetlands and sensitive habitats, like trout streams
56i	Sierra Club of the North	noise	commenter states that noise disturbance to wildlife must be considered
56j	Sierra Club of the North	surface waters	commenter is concerned about how the proposed project could affect rivers within the project area
56k	Sierra Club of the North	impaired waters	commenter provides information regarding impaired waters within the area and provides and expresses concern that the proposed project could cause additional impairments
56l	Sierra Club of the North	surface waters	commenter expresses concern for impacts to wild rice lakes
56m	Sierra Club of the North	monitoring	commenter asks who will monitor traffic, resource impacts, and rules?
56n	Sierra Club of the North	funding	commenter wonders where long term funding for maintenance will come from
56o	Sierra Club of the North	rules and regulations	commenter states that there is no agency oversight for construction of the project or ongoing use
56p	Sierra Club of the North	monitoring	commenter suggests that DNR staff should monitor and assess for impacts
56q	Sierra Club of the North	trail closures	commenter states there should be plans for trail closures due to weather or other events
56r	Sierra Club of the North	multi use	commenter states that multiple use trails don't work

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56s	Sierra Club of the North	out of scope	commenter states that an EIS is needed to assess impacts to sensitive ecological systems on public lands
57a	Brady Luthens	out of scope	commenter is concerned over potential vandalism to camps along the Bear Run spur
57b	Brady Luthens	funding	commenter does not believe the economic impacts to the community will surpass the taxpayer costs of construction
57c	Brady Luthens	surface waters	commenter states that impacts to stormwater runoff should be considered
57d	Brady Luthens	wildlife	commenter states that animal migration should be considered
57e	Brady Luthens	non-substantive	commenter is opposed to the Bear Run spur
58a	Mary Rund	rules and regulations	commenter is concerned with the ATV club self regulating things like safety
58b	Mary Rund	erosion	commenter states that erosion and runoff from the trails are not worth the impacts
58c	Mary Rund	rules and regulations	commenter is concerned with lack of regulatory oversight
59a	Willis Mattison	cumulative potential effects	commenter states that the EAW should be expanded to discuss cumulative effects from the motorized recreation sector in general
59b	Willis Mattison	EAW information	commenter states that environmental setting for the proposed project is not sufficiently described
59c	Willis Mattison	non-substantive	commenter states that citations should be used in the EAW
59d	Willis Mattison	non-substantive	commenter generally discusses worldwide species population declines and states that declines could be occurring within the project area as well
59e	Willis Mattison	cumulative potential effects	commenter states that cumulative impacts of the statewide off-road system should be addressed
59f	Willis Mattison	EAW information	commenter states that the EAW should be revised to cite EAW requirements and collaboration with other agencies
59g	Willis Mattison	construction	commenter states that the use of the words "sustainable" and "non-erosive" are misleading terms to use when describing trail development and says more information should be provided in the EAW
59h	Willis Mattison	wetlands	commenter states that the EAW should be more specific in stating what exact impacts will be avoided instead of using general language
59i	Willis Mattison	construction	commenter asks for more information on potential corridor clearing with use of a crane
59j	Willis Mattison	alternatives	commenter asks for more information related to alternatives mentioned on page 5

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59k	Willis Mattison	construction	commenter states that trail development guidelines are to minimize impacts but do not prevent impacts and notes that projects may have required or recommended BMPs
59l	Willis Mattison	multi use	commenter asks how trail use will be managed when there is snow early in the season and snowmobiles could be out; commenter states that the EAW should analyze impacts of sings to prevent conflicts
59m	Willis Mattison	maintenance	commenter states that the EAW should discuss future maintenance in more detail
59o	Willis Mattison	GHG	commenter states that the ATV club should make an effort to minimize emissions
59p	Willis Mattison	GHG	commenter states that the lifetime GHG emissions was not calculated
60a	Tom Salzer and Jenny	non-substantive	commenter expresses general concern for dust and noise
60b	Tom Salzer and Jenny Bourbonais	safety	commenter expresses concern for safety of shared use with ATVs on Flaim Rod due to the road being narrow with hills
60c	Tom Salzer and Jenny	out of scope	commenter asks who pays for a motor vehicle / ATV collision
60d	Tom Salzer and Jenny	traffic	commenter states that traffic studies should be conducted
60e	Tom Salzer and Jenny Bourbonais	alternatives	commenter suggests using an existing snowmobile route as an alternative to designating Flaim Road as an official ATV trail
60f	Tom Salzer and Jenny Bourbonais	non-substantive	commenter states that the Flaim Road, Flaim Woods Road with associated lease/easement, and logging roads are incompatible uses between ATVs and logging trucks
60g	Tom Salzer and Jenny Bourbonais	wildlife	commenter states that impacts to northern long eared bat roost trees needs to be addressed
60h	Tom Salzer and Jenny Bourbonais	water quality	commenter states that collaboration with the One Watershed One Plan efforts should be considered
61a	Patrick and Katie Mickle	non-substantive	commenter is a member of the Prospector club, but has concerns in regards to Flaim Road
61b	Patrick and Katie Mickle	traffic	commenter expresses concern for increased traffic
61c	Patrick and Katie Mickle	maintenance	commenter expresses concern for increased road maintenance
61d	Patrick and Katie Mickle	safety	commenter expresses concern for safety of neighborhood residents walking or biking on roads
61e	Patrick and Katie Mickle	alternatives	commenter suggests using an existing snowmobile route as an alternative to designating Flaim Road as an official ATV trail; commenter also suggests going from Tower to Peyla Road

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62a	Matthew Konz	non-substantive	commenter thinks expanding in some areas is great, but has concerns in regards to Flaim Road
62b	Matthew Konz	safety	commenter expresses concern for safety of shared use with ATVs on Flaim Rod due to the road being narrow with hills
62c	Matthew Konz	water quality	commenter expresses concern for water quality impacts
62d	Matthew Konz	non-substantive	commenter is against the proposed project as it relates to Flaim Road
63a	Jamie Fulton	non-substantive	commenter expresses opposition to the proposed project/Trail 4
63b	Jamie Fulton	traffic	commenter does not want to experience increased traffic
63c	Jamie Fulton	noise	commenter expresses concern for noise
63d	Jamie Fulton	litter	commenter expresses concern for litter
63e	Jamie Fulton	social impacts	commenter states the intrinsic value of property is compromised by trail 4
64a	Cheryl Olson	non-substantive	commenter expresses opposition to the Bear Run section down Balsam Lane
64b	Cheryl Olson	safety	commenter states that Balsam Lane is narrow and impossible for one vehicle to pass another and expresses concern for safety with vehicles and ATVs
64c	Cheryl Olson	safety	commenter states that Balsam Lane is only 12 feet wide, while the EAW mentions 20 to 26 foot widths for shared segments. Commenter asks if the County or the Club is planning on bringing the road up to miniumun standards for safe shared use. Commenter also asks if the County would maintain it.
64d	Cheryl Olson	out of scope	commenter says the Statewide Strategic Plan for ATVs has a key theme that states "identify area with established user base that may experience negative impacts due to conflict and displacement of other user groups due to motorized use" and that the private properties that adjoin Balsam Lane definitely identify as this type of area.
64e	Cheryl Olson	noise	commenter states that the Strategic Plan discusses community impact. The properties served by Balsam Lane have a quiet and peaceful character; cabins/homes on forest roads must be considered. Quietude is a legal right in Minnesota. Allowing Balsam Lane to become a spur for the Prospectors Loop trail would trample all over that right, rather than respecting it.
65a	David Aldrich	non-substantive	commenter expresses opposition to the trail and sees no reason to have a trail on mud creeek that leads to nowhere
65b	David Aldrich	litter	commenter expresses concern for litter
65c	David Aldrich	enforcement	commenter expresses concern for tresspassing and theft
66a	Doug and Anne Breneke	wildlife and plants	commenter expresses concern for impacts to wildlife and threatened plants

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66b	Doug and Anne Breneke	noise	commenter expresses concern for noise and impacts to residents rights to a quiet neighborhood; commenter also expresses concern for impacts to wildlife from noise
66c	Doug and Anne Breneke	invasive species	commenter expresses concern for spread of invasive species to pristine areas, and questions the effectiveness of monitoring
66d	Doug and Anne Breneke	out of scope	commenter asks what other trails are planned for the area
67a	Paul Herring	alternatives	commenter suggests that the Tower to Pfeiffer segment should be removed from the proposed routes, and replaced with a route on forested land, with interesting scenery and wildlife, far from homes and roads. Commenter recommends a route that "continues west on the Taconite Trail from Peyla Road west to Koski rapids bridge on Pike River then south, crossing Lehtinen Creek (perhaps culverts), continuing south and west, rejoining that Tower-Pfeifer Lake trail at the west bound Flaim woods road." The commenter states this alternative route would use existing snowmobile trail and forest management roads. Images of the proposed alternatives were provided.
67b	Paul Herring	rules and regulations	commenter provides information on what they believe is allowed by St. Louis County ordinance number 64.
67c	Paul Herring	non-substantive	commenter states that the Pike River bridge would need to be substantial to accommodate high water levels and the money could go further if used for Taconite trail upgrades and culverts at Lehtinen Creek.
67d	Paul Herring	noise	commenter expresses concern for noise to areas residents and worries there could be noise for all four seasons, due to ATVs and snowmobiles
67e	Paul Herring	emissions	commenter expresses concern for pollution
67f	Paul Herring	dust	commenter expresses concern for dust drifting into adjacent homes
67g	Paul Herring	safety	commenter expresses concern for safety on Flaim road to pedestrians, pets, and vehicle traffic
67h	Paul Herring	mis-labeled figure	commenter notes that Figure 4 mislabeled the Pike River as the Vermillion River
68a	Lawrence and Lisa Krause	non-substantive	commenter is opposed to trails in Eagles Nest Township
68b	Lawrence and Lisa Krause	Eagles Nest Township resolution	commenter asks that the Eagles Nest Township resolution be honored
68c	Lawrence and Lisa Krause	social impacts	commenter states that the proposed project would impact environmental integrity and preservation of Eagles Nest Township land
68d	Lawrence and Lisa Krause	water quality	commenter expresses concern for water quality impacts from runoff

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68e	Lawrence and Lisa Krause	compaction	commenter expresses concern for soil compaction
68f	Lawrence and Lisa Krause	wildlife	commenter expresses concern for wildlife, changing nesting, reproduction, and feeding and foraging habits
68g	Lawrence and Lisa Krause	dust	commenter expresses concern for dust
68h	Lawrence and Lisa Krause	erosion	commenter expresses concern for erosion from impacting vegetation, forest floor litter, and disrupting root networks
68i	Lawrence and Lisa Krause	noise	commenter expresses concern for noise impacting residents peace; commenter states that noise travels up to or more than 1/2 mile
68j	Lawrence and Lisa Krause	traffic	commenter expresses concern for increased traffic
68k	Lawrence and Lisa Krause	safety	commenter expresses concern for safety
68l	Lawrence and Lisa Krause	non-substantive	commenter expresses opposition to trails in Eagles Nest Township and dicusses issues that has arisen within the community as a result of Trail 4; issues pertain to noise, saftey, riders before 5:00 am and after 8:00 pm
68j	Lawrence and Lisa Krause	non-substantive	commenter is opposed to the proposed route north and east of highway 169 due to property they own that is in the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act and efforts made to make the land a place for wildlife to utilize.
68k	Lawrence and Lisa Krause	social impacts	commenter states that the trails come at a cost to the local citizens who are invested in the community.
69a	Dennis Altobell	social impacts	commenter states that the rights of private propoerty owners has not been fully considered in the planning process; tourists needs seem to get predecence over people who own land and pay taxes.
69b	Dennis Altobell	alternatives	commenter states more thought into alternatives should be used in order to achieve trail goals but that would be acceptable to all parties. Commenter asks if an ATV trail paralle to the bicycle trail could be considered. Commenter also asks if other county or state land is available to consider other alternatives. Commenter states the new routes put a burden on taxpayers and the environment.
69c	Dennis Altobell	purpose and need	commenter asks if its necessary to create a trail that comes out on a busy, windy, county road that is a dead end to a resort
69d	Dennis Altobell	safety	commenter states that the Bear Run route will create safety issues
69e	Dennis Altobell	enforcement	commenter is concerend that users on this route will explore every trail and road and trespass
69f	Dennis Altobell	litter	commenter is concerend for litter

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70a	Charles Robert	non-substantive	commenter shared photos from construction of a project by the proposer over the Beaver River, completed in 2022. Photos show silt fence not installed correctly, and silt flowing in the river.
70b	Charles Robert	funding	commenter states that the EAW is missing information on long term funding for maintenance, project costs, and funding sources
70c	Charles Robert	maintenance	commenter states that a management plan describing maintenance should have been part of the EAW
70d	Charles Robert	alternatives	commenter suggests that to minimize impacts to sensitive areas the proposed routes should be shortened and focus on the segments that link connection to Phase 1 of the system
70e	Charles Robert	surface waters	commenter expresses concern for impacts to wetlands
70f	Charles Robert	construction	commenter suggests that DNR trail planning guidelines are not being followed
70g	Charles Robert	alternatives	commenter states that only segments required to serve as connections should be considered and that other segments that are spurs or not connections are not needed and thus impacts are not justified. Commenter also suggests shortening segments where possible to lessen impacts.
70h	Charles Robert	alternatives	commenter states that to avoid impacting sites of high biodiversity significance like the Allen Junction fen, these segments should not be included, unless they serve an express purpose of a necessary connection
70i	Charles Robert	maintenance/funding	commenter stated that the EAW is missing information on annual maintenance costs and long term maintenance funding plans; commenter also asks about maintenance planning by the proposer
70j	Charles Robert	rules and regulations	commenter suggests that one entity should be held accountable for trail maintenance
70k	Charles Robert	monitoring/enforcement	commenter states that the EAW lacks information on monitoring and enforcement
70l	Charles Robert	seasonal closures	commenter says planning should be in place for weather related and maintenance closures
70m	Charles Robert	safety	commenter says measures need to be in place to avoid accidents with hikers and ATVs
70n	Charles Robert	GHG	commenter disagrees that the project will not affect the states GHG reduction goals
71a	Julie and Doug Miedtke	non-substantive	commenter expresses opposition to the proposed project

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71b	Julie and Doug Miedtke	surface waters	commenter expresses concern that wetland areas will be permanently damaged
71c	Julie and Doug Miedtke	compaction	commenter states soils will be impacted, as trails become impervious surfaces
71d	Julie and Doug Miedtke	wildlife and plants	commenter states wildlife and their habitat will be negatively impacted commenter also states wildlife will be impacted by noise and fumes
71e	Julie and Doug Miedtke	cover types	commenter expresses concern for trees/forests due to root compaction and exposed trees to winds and snow. Forests are critical infrastructure during climate change and they need protection.
71f	Julie and Doug Miedtke	invasive species	commenter expresses concern for spread of invasive species and impacts to diversity and native species; commenter also states that managing invasive species is expensive
71g	Julie and Doug Miedtke	noise	commenter expresses concern for noise
72a	Eagles Nest Township Board Chariman, Richard Floyd	noise	commenter states that MN Statutues 116B, states that people are entitled to a right of quietude
72b	Eagles Nest Township Board Chariman, Richard Floyd	Noise	commenter says that residences further than .25 miles should have been considered "nearby." Commenter insists that sound testing be done.
72c	Eagles Nest Township Board Chariman, Richard Floyd	noise	commenter says that noise is not intermittent and sproradic
72d	Eagles Nest Township Board Chariman, Richard Floyd	purpose and need	commenter says that the EAW is missing information on purpose, need, and beneficiaries
72e	Eagles Nest Township Board Chariman, Richard Floyd	Trail 4 - Phased actions	commenter states that trails were developed since the 2017 EAW that have not undergone environmental review; commenter further states that the trail was not presented to the township for review and public scrutiny
72f	Eagles Nest Township Board Chariman, Richard Floyd	Eagles Nest Township resolution	commenter provided information on the Township resolution and says the Bear Run segment should be set aside so that the township and property owners can participate in discussions regarding that segment
72g	Eagles Nest Township Board Chariman, Richard Floyd	mis-labeled figure	commenter states that there is an error in the label on Figure 3-4, it is mislabeled as Breitung, but should be Eagles Nest Township.
72h	Eagles Nest Township Board Chariman, Richard Floyd	land use	commenter says that the Bear Run segment has not been officially presented to the Township Board and that it should be before the DNR makes a decsion on the EAW
72i	Eagles Nest Township Board Chariman, Richard Floyd	safety	commenter states that the Bear Run route could cause riders to get lost, trespass, or illegal travel down Highway 169

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72j	Eagles Nest Township Board Chariman, Richard Floyd	purpose and need	commenter speculates on if the Bear Run segment is proposed to honor the request of a deceased Board member and states this request is impossible to confirm