



Date: August 15, 2023

To: Parties on the EQB EAW Distribution List and Other Interested Parties

From: Becky Horton, Project Manager, Environmental Policy and Review Unit

RE: Prospectors Loop Trail System Phase 2 Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as the Responsible Governmental Unit for environmental review of the Prospectors Loop Trail System Phase 2 (Connect Four) Project located in St. Louis County, Minnesota, has issued a Record of Decision (ROD) regarding the Need for an Environmental Impact Statement for the project. The project's Environmental Assessment Worksheet was published in the Environmental Quality Board *Monitor* on April 4, 2023 (Vol. 47; No. 14).

Attached to this email is the ROD. It will also be available online at the [DNR webpage for the project](#).

The DNR has concluded that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required because the project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects. The justification for this determination is contained in the Record of Decision. The Record of Decision also contains the Department's responses to all substantive written comments received on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet during the 30-day public review and comment period.

Issuing this ROD concludes the state environmental review process for this project according to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board rules, Minnesota Rules, part 4410.1000 to 4410.1700. This project can proceed to permitting and approvals.

For additional information or copies of the ROD, please contact Becky Horton at becky.horton@state.mn.us.