

FireFrost Recreation Trail – Norman County/Polk County

Project Summary

Proposer: FireFrost ATV Club

Sponsor: Norman County

Project Location: Norman and Polk Counties, from Perley, MN to Nielsville, MN.

Township	Range	Section(s)
147	48	19, 30, 31
146	48	6, 7, 18, 19, 30, 31
145	48	6, 7, 18, 19, 30, 31
144	49	1
144	48	6, 7, 18, 19, 30, 31
143	48	6, 7, 18, 19, 30

Route type	Approx. Miles	Current or proposed use
Railroad Grade	24.9 Miles	Proposed all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trail
TOTAL MILES	24.9 Miles	

Project Description

The entire project is the development of a 24.9 mile trail from Perley, MN to Nielsville, MN on the former Minnesota Northern railroad corridor adjacent to US Hwy. 75 in Norman and Polk Counties. The project will be completed in phases. ATV will be the primary use of the trail, but it will also be open to hiking, biking, horseback riding, off-highway motorcycles (OHM) and snowmobiles. The first phase is a 3.6 mile trail from the City Park/Trailhead in Halstad, MN south to Rask Park in Hendrum Township. Rask Park is owned by the City of Hendrum.

Trail Maintenance/Construction

The Phase 1 project will be completed by Norman County, hired contractors, and volunteers. The Norman County engineer will seek bids for bridge work with approval of grant funds. Trail construction includes removal of railroad ties and ballast and bridge rehabilitation. Bridge rehabilitation will include new decking, railings and approaches. Most work will be completed by hired contractors will complete the work to

specifications, but Norman County and volunteers will assist with labor for development. Construction costs include new timber stringers, decking and railing for all of the existing former railroad bridges that are to remain in place. The rails and ties have been removed. It also includes bridge approaches for one bridge, where approaches are missing. It includes signs for road crossings, etc. The entire 24.9-mile corridor consists of 27 total existing bridges.

Project Need and Beneficiaries

This trail is to provide access between multiple cities in NW Minnesota. This will benefit the public by adding more trail miles and connections between cities.

Public Review

Explain public review process including who to address comments to and info where the public can find info.

Comments will be accepted until 4:30 PM on insert comment deadline date.