

Len Hardy Memorial ATV Trail, Itasca County

Project Summary

Proposer: Range Riders ATV

Sponsor: Itasca County

Project Location: Itasca County

Township	Range	Section(s)
56N	22W	4, 9, 10, 15, 21, 22, 28
57N	22W	32, 33

Route type	Approx. Miles	Current or proposed use
City Road	3.0	Currently city road/snowmobile trail.
Snowmobile trail	4.75	Currently natural surface snowmobile trail.
New trail	1.25	Currently access routes, mine overburden and natural surface.
TOTAL MILES	9	

Project Description

The Range Riders ATV Club and Itasca County propose an approximate 9-mile ATV Trail connecting the existing Alborn-Pengilly ATV Trail to the City of Nashwauk. The trail will follow existing roads and a hardened snowmobile trail (former logging access route) for approximately 7.75 miles. The southern 1.25 miles will consist of new trail. The new trail will cross mine overburden and recently harvested areas. Construction includes approximately 260' of boardwalk to cross an alder/black ash wetland, spot hardening along the existing access route and replacement of a 36" culvert crossing a nonpublic water drainage ditch.

Trail Maintenance/Construction

Prior to the trail opening, the club will be responsible to construct the 1.25 miles of new trail. The trail will be constructed with machinery to a width of approximately 20-feet to accommodate snowmobiles, which will utilize the trail in the winter. The club will also construct the boardwalk and culvert replacement prior to the trail opening. The Conservation Crew of Minnesota and Iowa (CCMI) may assist with boardwalk construction.

The trail will be routinely monitored prior to and during the riding season. Monitoring will identify maintenance needs before they become a major issue. Trail brushing will occur prior to the trail season

and as needed during the season. Ruts and treadway issues will be identified and fixed prior to the beginning of the snowmobile season.

Project Need and Beneficiaries

This project will provide a valuable connection between the City of Nashwauk and the Alborn-Pengilly Trail. From the Alborn-Pengilly Trail, riders can make connections to the Goodland Trail and the Cities of Pengilly, Goodland, Elmer, Meadowlands and Alborn.

Public Review

The DNR invites written public comment on the proposal from June 4, 2020 to July 6, 2020.

Written comments on the proposal may be e-mailed to kacie.stanek@state.mn.us, faxed to 218-999-7915, or mailed to Kacie Stanek, Assistant Area Supervisor, 1201 East Highway 2, Grand Rapids, MN 55744.

For more information, or to request a printed copy of the proposal, please call Kacie Stanek at 218-328-8983, or the DNR Information Center at 1-888-MINNDNR (toll free).