



**Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsman’s Club
Grant in Aid All-terrain Vehicle Trail Proposal
Project Summary**

Sponsor: Roseau County

Proposer: Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsman’s Club

Project Name: Roseau-Warroad Railbed

Project Users: All-terrain Vehicles (ATVs) Class 1 and Class 2

Trail Administration: DNR Area 1C Supervisor at Hayes Lake State Park

Partners: Roseau County, Enstrom Township, Lake Township, Spruce Township,
Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsman Club, MNDNR

Trail Location:

Roseau County

Township	Range	Sections
162 N	38 W	1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 18
162 N	39 W	13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21
163 N	36 W	30
163 N	37 W	25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34
163 N	38 W	36

Miles of trail by type:

Total mileage of the proposed ATV GIA trail is approximately 19.25 miles including:

Road/Trail Authority	Approx. Miles	Description
Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsman's Club	19.25	New ATV Trail will be added along the old Roseau to Warroad rail bed which is currently owned by the Roseau County Trailblazers. The proposed trail route is already being used as a grant in aid snowmobile trail in the winter months.

Project Description:

Roseau County encourages user groups to develop comprehensive all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails and routes. The Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsman Club seeks to add a new 19.25 mile trail along the rail bed connecting Roseau and Warroad to help facilitate the County's desires. The Roseau County Trailblazers Snowmobile Club purchased the rail bed upon its abandonment by the railroad. It was incorporated into the Snowmobile Grant in Aid system at that time. Eventually the club plans to connect the new trail to the existing ATV network in Beltrami Island State Forest, providing Roseau with direct access to those trails. As of this time, these plans are visionary with no immediate plans. Benefits of this connection would include improved access between existing trail sections, removing some ATV traffic from county roads, and resource coordination with the snowmobile GIA program since the route is already used for that purpose in the winter.

The Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsman Club proposes to sign and maintain this trail for use by Class 1 and 2 ATVs from May 1-November 1 of each year, unless otherwise authorized or prohibited by the DNR, Roseau County, or other public land manager.

Administration of the trail will follow: guidelines provided in the State of Minnesota GIA OHV Program Manual; requirements of the trail sponsor and Roseau County.

The trail will be operated, maintained, and managed by Roseau County with assistance and support provided by the Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsman Club. The cost of maintenance is eligible for up to 90% reimbursement through the GIA program. The sponsor and the DNR will share monitoring responsibilities. The trail will be monitored by the DNR Parks and Trails Area Office 1C located in Hayes Lake State Park, supplemented by the DNR's Trail Ambassador program. Volunteer Trail Ambassadors promote safe, environmentally responsible operation of OHVs through informational and educational contacts and on-trail monitoring.

Trail Route Description:

The proposed route follows the abandoned rail bed connecting the cities of Roseau and Warroad, providing a safe corridor for ATV traffic. The trail is located in an environmental transition area of Minnesota where the coniferous forest gives way to the prairies of the Red River Valley. As a result of this unique location, wildlife enthusiasts will appreciate Roseau's outdoor paradise and the sandy pine forests to the east. At any time, the trail user may observe wildlife such as bear, deer, wild turkey, grouse, fox, turtles, rabbits, ducks, geese, porcupine, wolves and many wild bird species.

The ATV route will traverse across the old Minnesota Northern Railroad line and throughout most of the journey the trail will mirror Minnesota Trunk Highway 11. The trail will start on the eastern end of the City of Roseau and end on the precipice of the City of Warroad.

Trail Construction

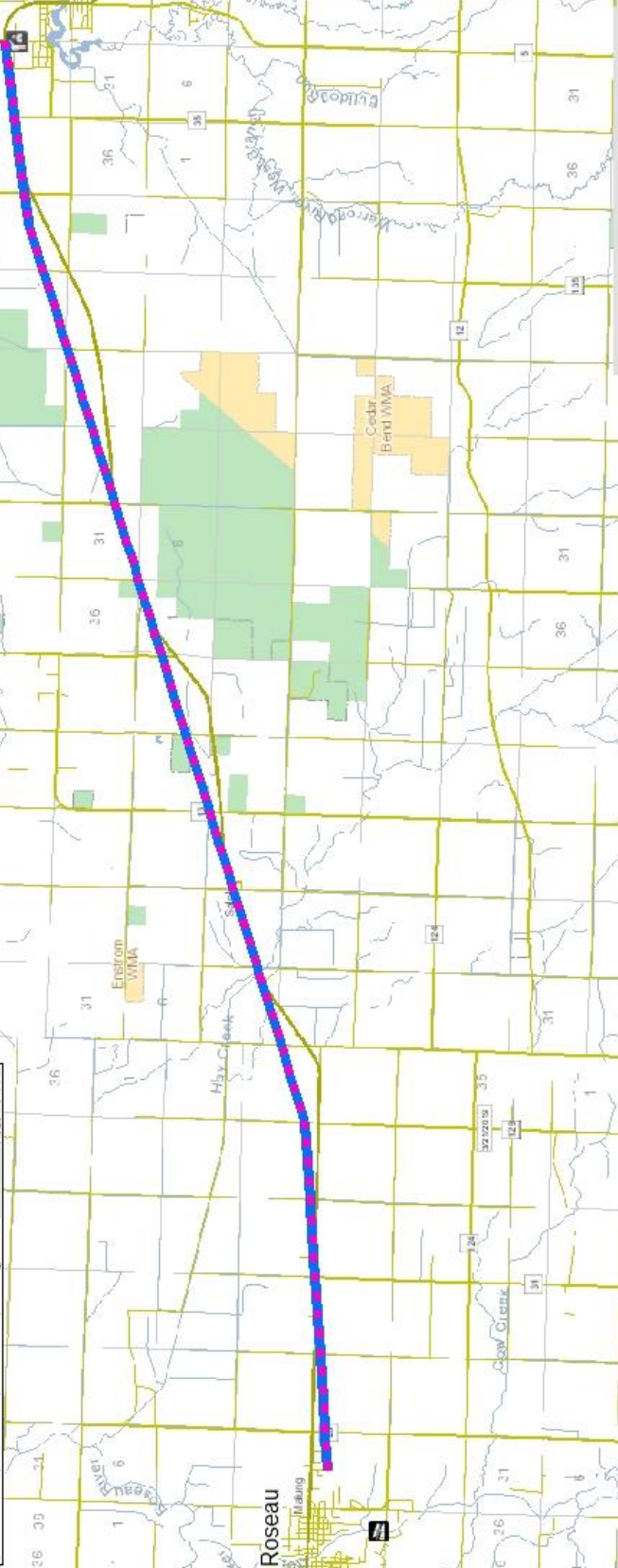
Trail construction will be minimal as it will follow an existing harden surface. The trail surface was harden by the previous owner for use as a railroad. Bridges where needed are currently in place and there are no plans to construct any new infrastructure. Regular maintenance such as grading will occur as needed.

Trail Vision Statement:


The Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsman's Club's vision is to connect the human spirit with nature by supporting sustainable ATV riding experiences and promoting responsible stewardship principles so that all can enjoy the outdoors in Northern Minnesota.

Roseau/LOW Sportsman's Club: Warroad to Roseau Grant in Aid ATV Trail Proposal

The Roseau County Trailblazers Inc would like to incorporate 19.25 miles of a new All-Terrain Vehicle trail into the Grant in Aid System. The Roseau County Trailblazers bought the old railroad line between Warroad to Roseau. Currently the railline is serving as a Snowmobile Grant in Aid trail.



Legend

 Roseau Railroad ATV Route

Roseau Railroad ATV Trail = 19.25 Miles

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