

**Hubbard County – Round River Drive
ATV Grant-in-Aid Trail (5.36 Mile Addition)
Proposal Summary**



Sponsor: City of Akeley

Proposer: Akeley Paul Bunyan ATV Trail Riders

Project Location: On Hubbard County Land Adjoining the Paul Bunyan State Forest
T141N, R32W, Sections 17, 20 (1 Mile Northwest Of Akeley, MN)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION					Forty Code	Land Admin	Acq/Trust/TaxFor
TWP	Range	Section	County	Forty			
141	32	17	Hubbard	23	SWNW	Hubbard	Tax Forfeit
141	32	17	Hubbard	24	SENW	Hubbard	Tax Forfeit
141	32	17	Hubbard	31	NESW	Hubbard	Tax Forfeit
141	32	17	Hubbard	32	NWSW	Hubbard	Tax Forfeit
141	32	17	Hubbard	33	SWSW	Hubbard	Tax Forfeit
141	32	17	Hubbard	34	SESW	Hubbard	Tax Forfeit
141	32	17	Hubbard	41	NESE	Hubbard	Tax Forfeit
141	32	17	Hubbard	42	NWSE	Hubbard	Tax Forfeit
141	32	17	Hubbard	43	SWSE	Hubbard	Tax Forfeit
141	32	17	Hubbard	44	SESE	Hubbard	Tax Forfeit
141	32	20	Hubbard	22	NWNW	Hubbard	Tax Forfeit

Project Dimensions: Total length = 5.36 proposed miles on existing county forest trails, currently open to ATV travel May through October.

Surface Type	Approx. Miles	Current or Proposed Use
County Forest Route	5.36	Class 1 and 2 ATV use allowed on existing routes in county forest classified “Limited”.
Total Miles	5.36	

Project Description: This proposal would establish a 5.36 mile long grant-in-aid (GIA) Class I & II ATV trail on Hubbard County forestry land, adjacent to Paul Bunyan State. The entire 5.36 mile trail is currently open to ATV use.

The City of Akeley, is the sponsor for the proposed trail addition, and has agreed that the trail will be open to both Class I & II ATV’S. This section of trail is also available for horses, mountain bikes, hiking, hunting, skiing, snowmobiling, and dog-sledding.

The Hubbard County Land Department is open to allowing these existing ATV trails to be added to the Round River Drive Trail GIA system sponsored by the City of Akeley.

This proposed 5.36 mile looped system has been open to ATV use for many years, and has been maintained outside the GIA system by volunteers from several ATV clubs in the area.

No new construction will be required as part of this trail addition. Currently ATV clubs are performing trail maintenance improvements such as brushing and signing with permission of the Hubbard County Land Department.

Specific site-level design, construction, and maintenance will be in accordance with the principles outlined in the DNR publication “*Trail Planning, Design, and Development Guidelines*”, including best management practices for trail construction. No permits for water crossings, wetlands, or road right-of-way use will be needed. The wetlands along this system have been avoided.

Operations, maintenance, and monitoring:

The system will be operated, maintained, and managed by the City of Akeley, with assistance and support provided by the Akeley Paul Bunyan ATV Trail Riders Club. Members of this club will accomplish the ongoing trail maintenance. Up to 90% of the maintenance costs will be eligible for reimbursement through the Minnesota Trail Assistance (Grant-In-Aid) program. The sponsor, the club, and the DNR will share monitoring responsibilities.

Project Need and Beneficiaries:

Extending grant-in-aid status to this route will provide the Akeley Paul Bunyan ATV Trail Riders club with funding to improve and maintain the existing trail. Funding will also be used for route signing and printing trail maps.

Beneficiaries of this proposal include Hubbard County residents and visitors, ATV riders, hunters and others who are currently using the trail.

Public Review: The DNR invites public comment on the proposal from April 3, 2017 to May 3, 2017. Copies of the proposal, including a map, are available on the DNR website, (<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/mgmtplans/ohv/plans/index.html>), and at the DNR Parks and Trails office in Bemidji, MN.

Written comments on the proposal may be e-mailed to david.schotzko@state.mn.us David Schotzko, or mailed to DNR Parks and Trails, 3296 State Park Road NE, Bemidji, MN 56601. For more information, or to request a printed copy of the proposal, please call 218-308-2367 or the DNR Information Center at 1-888-MINNDNR (toll free).

Comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on May 3, 2017.