



**Timber Riders ATV Club
Grant in Aid All-terrain Vehicle
Project Summary**

Sponsor: Beltrami County

Proposer: Timber Riders ATV Club

Project Name: Timber Trail

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

Trail Administration: DNR Area 1A Supervisor in Bemidji

Partners: Timber Riders ATV Club, Beltrami County, Birch Township, Chippewa National Forest, City of Blackduck, Hines Township, MNDOT, MNDNR, Moose Lake Township, Port Hope Township, Sugar Bush Township, Summit Township, Taylor Township, Turtle Lake Township

Trail Location:

Beltrami County, Chippewa National Forest, Cities of Blackduck, Hines and Tenstrike

Township	Range	Sections
147 N	30 W	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36
147 N	31 W	1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11
147 N	32 W	5, 7, 8, 18
148 N	30 W	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
148 N	31 W	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36
148 N	32 W	1, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 27, 28, 32, 33

Township	Range	Sections
149 N	30 W	3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 18, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36
149 N	31 W	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
150 N	30 W	24, 25, 26, 34, 35

Miles of trail by type:

Total mileage of the proposed ATV GIA trail is approximately 128.48 miles, including:

Road/Trail Authority	Approx. Miles	Description
Township	61.1	Birch, Hines, Moose Lake, Sugar Bush, Summit, Taylor Townships
County	40.5	Beltrami County
DNR Area Unit Trail	21.9	Blue Ox Trail
MNDOT	3.1	US 71
City of Tenstrike	1.2	City of Tenstrike
City of Blackduck	0.5	City of Blackduck
New OHV Trail	0.2	Private land near Hines, MN along old section road
Total Miles	128.5	

Project Description:

Beltrami County encourages user groups through their Recreational Trails Plan to develop comprehensive all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails and routes. The Timber Riders ATV Club seeks to add a 128.4 mile trail system within eastern Beltrami County to help facilitate the County's desires. This new trail system will provide a connection between two existing GIA ATV trail systems, the Alvwood/Squaw Lake (ASL) Trail to the east in Itasca County and the Northome Ridge Runners Blue Ox Trail to the northeast starting at Funkley and going into Koochiching County. This new trail would also connect the Communities of Blackduck, Funkley, Hines, Tenstrike and Turtle River. Benefits of this connection would include improved access between existing trails, redirecting some ATV traffic to the DNR Unit Trails on the Blue Ox currently used to traverse between the communities, and resource coordination with the snowmobile GIA program as much of the proposed route is already used for that purpose in the winter.

The trail will include approximately 0.2 miles of newly-constructed trail open to Class 1 and Class 2 ATVs. This trail will be built utilizing guidance found in DNR's *Trail Planning, Design, and Development Guidelines*. This trail will also include 3.1 miles of highway (US 71) ditch. Through statute (84.928), Class 1 ATVs may operate in the outside ditch of a trunk highway, however Class 2 ATVs are not unless the ditch is part of a Grant in Aid trail. Because this ditch is not currently part of a Grant in Aid trail, Class 2 ATV use will be a new use within the ditch.

Timber Riders ATV Club proposes to sign and maintain this trail for use by Class 1 and Class 2 ATVs from May 1 - November 1 of each year, unless otherwise authorized or prohibited by the DNR, Beltrami County, or other public land manager.

The proposed ATV GIA route will bring ATV riders into areas for service such as food, lodging and fuel, while also providing a needed connection between two other managed ATV riding GIA trail systems.

Administration of the trail will follow: guidelines provided in the State of Minnesota GIA OHV Program Manual; requirements of the trail sponsor, Beltrami County, and requirements of the cities and townships through which it travels.

The trail will be sponsored and managed by Beltrami County with assistance, support and maintenance provided by the Timber Riders ATV 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 1A located in Bemidji, supplemented by the DNR's Trail Ambassador program. The Timber Riders ATV Club currently has seven Volunteer Trail Ambassadors promoting safe, environmentally responsible operation of OHV's through informational and educational contacts and on-trail monitoring.

Trail Route Description:

The Timber Riders Trail System has five trail sections connecting businesses and other trail systems while providing access to scenery and beauty of Northern Minnesota. 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.

Section One is the Blue Ox Trail which starts on the northern end of the Blue Ox Trail at Funkley and follows the railroad bed south to the City of Hines. Riders will enter the road ditch on the east side of Highway 71 and continue until they reach Tenstrike (since the Blue Ox Trail is closed in an area between Hines and Tenstrike riders must use the highway right of way). Because Class 2 ATV riders may not use the highway ditch unless part of a Grant in Aid trail, Class 2 ATV use will be a new use for this 3.1-mile stretch. There they will reconnect on the Blue Ox Trail and continue on to Hwy 20 North of Bemidji at this point the trail ends. While on the Blue Ox Trail between Funkley and Hines is the town of Blackduck. Because the bridge was damaged by fire several years ago, riders must use city streets to reconnect to the Blue Ox Trail. This section of the Blue Ox Trail is currently managed by the Parks and Trails Division of the Minnesota DNR for ATV Class 1 and Class 2 use. Parks and Trails will continue to monitor the trail to ensure maintenance is to DNR standards.

Section Two is the Blackduck Lake Loop which follows County Road 30 to the west which will continue to Blackduck Lake where riders will travel around the entirety of the lake. County Road 30 turns into County Road 31 on the Northwest corner of the lake. Traveling south on County Road 31 will take riders back to the Blue Ox Trail at Hines or take Buckhorne Road NE at the south end of the lake. Riders will connect to County Road 35 (Passroad NE) having the option of going to the right which will take them back to the Blue Ox Trail or turning. This will take riders back to County Road 30 which leads them back to Blackduck Lake to the west or back to the town of Blackduck and the Blue Ox Trail to the east.

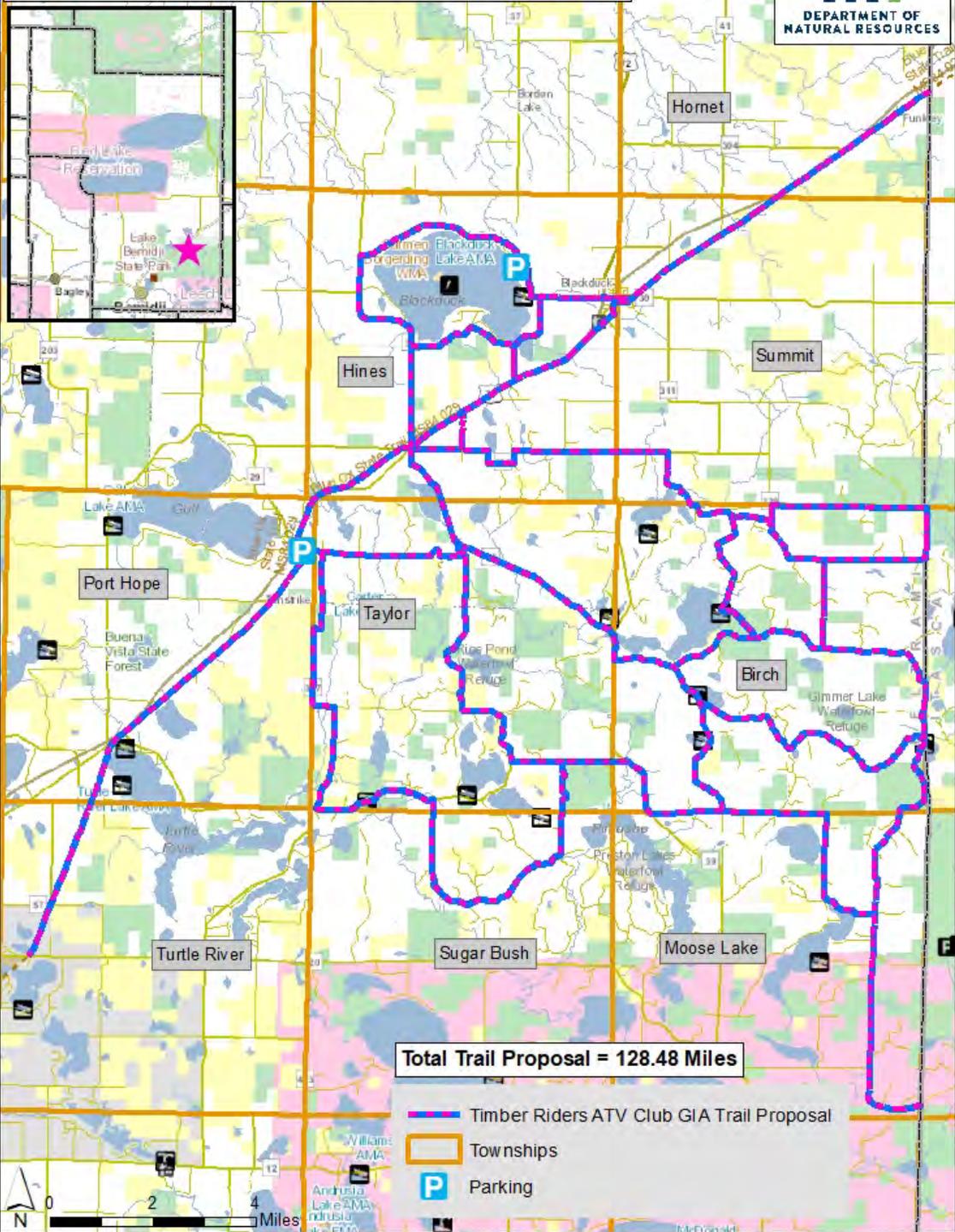
Section Three is called the Skimmerhorne Loop and is located south of Blackduck on the Blue Ox Trail. Users will turn to the east on Sprucewood Lane NE and this road will connect to Lookout Tower Road NE. Riders will travel either back to the west to Hines which is on the Blue Ox Trail or to the east which travels to Jackpine Cutoff Road NE which travels southeast coming to an area where you may choose to either make a left or a right. A 0.2 mile new trail will be constructed in Hines to connect riders to the Blue Ox Trail. Riders making a left will continue a short traveling distance to an intersection where turning left on Klug Road NE will take them to Skimmer Horne Road NE. The trail continues east leading to the county line and to ASL Trail System or turning right (south) at this point (at the county line) on the Skimmer Horne Road travels to Coleman Lake Road NE. Riders turning left will again reconnect them with the ASL Trail System. Riders can also choose to head back to Jackpine Cutoff Road NE or turn south on Harvey Road NE which connects them to Rabideau Lake Road NE.

Section Four is the Webster Lake Loop and it continues from the previous section on Jackpine Cutoff Road NE. Midway on the road to the right is Boat Landing Road NE traveling south to Rabideau Lake Road NE which turns in to two other loop options in the trail system. Riders traveling east will take them

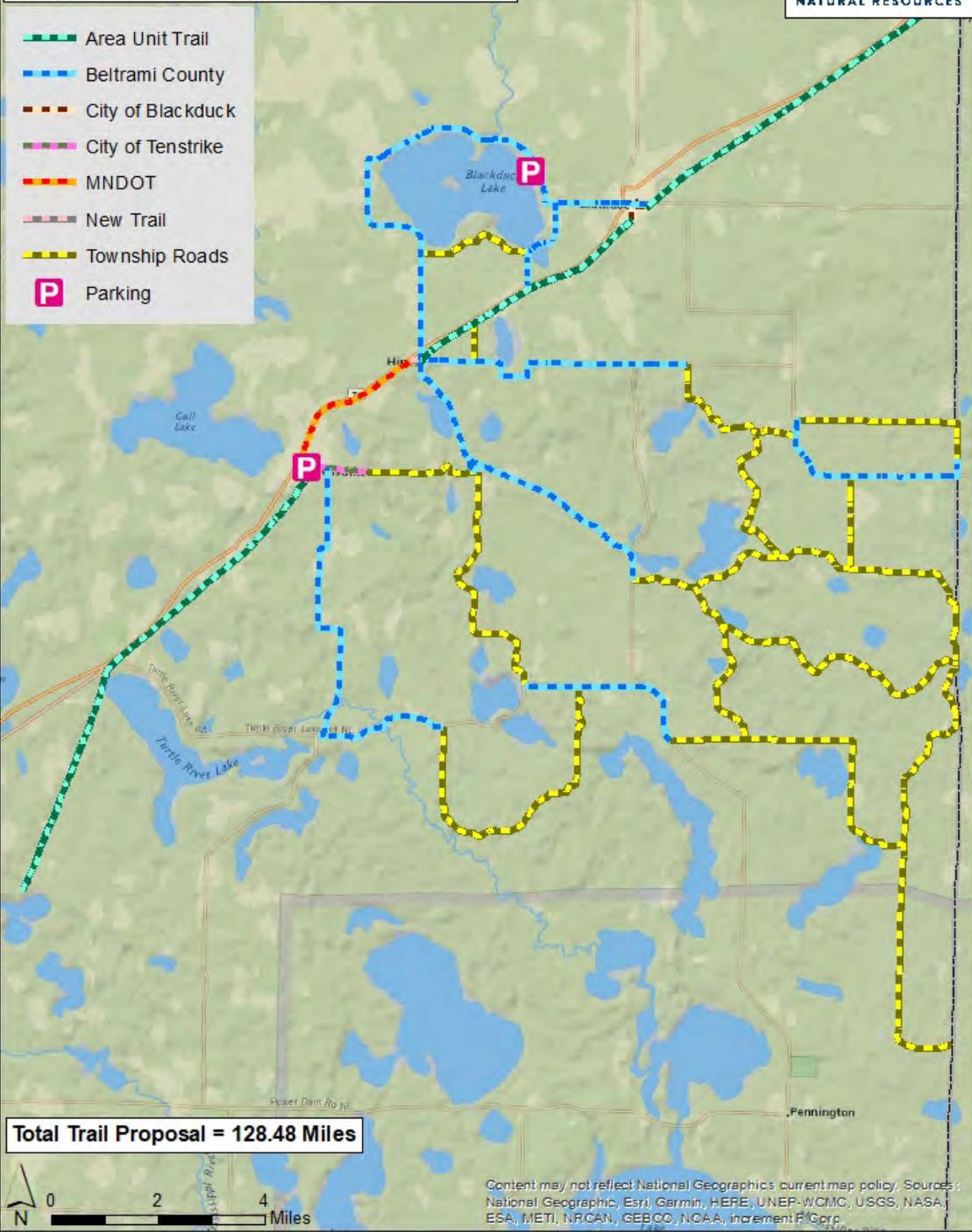
to Damon Lake Road NE which travels south. Riders here have the option of continuing south to the county line or have two other options as on Damon Lake Road NE. The first option is to turn west on Anderson Lake Road which leads riders to Webster Lake Road NE. Turning right leads riders back to Rabideau Lake Road NE. Riders can use the Scenic Highway to the left traveling north which leads them to Hines Rd NE and the Blue Ox Trail. Then riders can turn left on Webster Lake Road NE which takes them south to Birch Bark Road NE. The second option is to continue on Damon Lake Road NE and then turn west. This follows the Moose Lake Road NE which will curve to the north and turns into Birch Bark Rd NE. Riders then turn into Webster Lake Rd NE which leads them back to a set of loops along Rabideau Lake Rd NE and Anderson Lake Rd. Riders can leave this section by going west and traveling back to the Scenic Highway and Hines Rd NE returning to the Blue Ox Trail.

Section Five is called the Twin Lake Loop. Off the Blue Ox Trail at Tenstrike Riders will take Nelson Lake Road NE to the east to Rice Pond Lake Road NE. Riders can turn north which takes them back to Hines Rd NE and the Blue Ox Trail or back into the Northern Loop Systems. Riders can also travel south on Rice Pond Road NE which leads to Turtle River Lake Rd NE. Users will be heading east where they can either continue on this road to the east which connects them to the loops or travel south on Big Dip Rd NE to Hales Road NE. By turning to the west, users will keep traveling onto County Rd 22 to Three Culverts Rd NE and then north back to Tenstrike and the Blue Ox Trail.

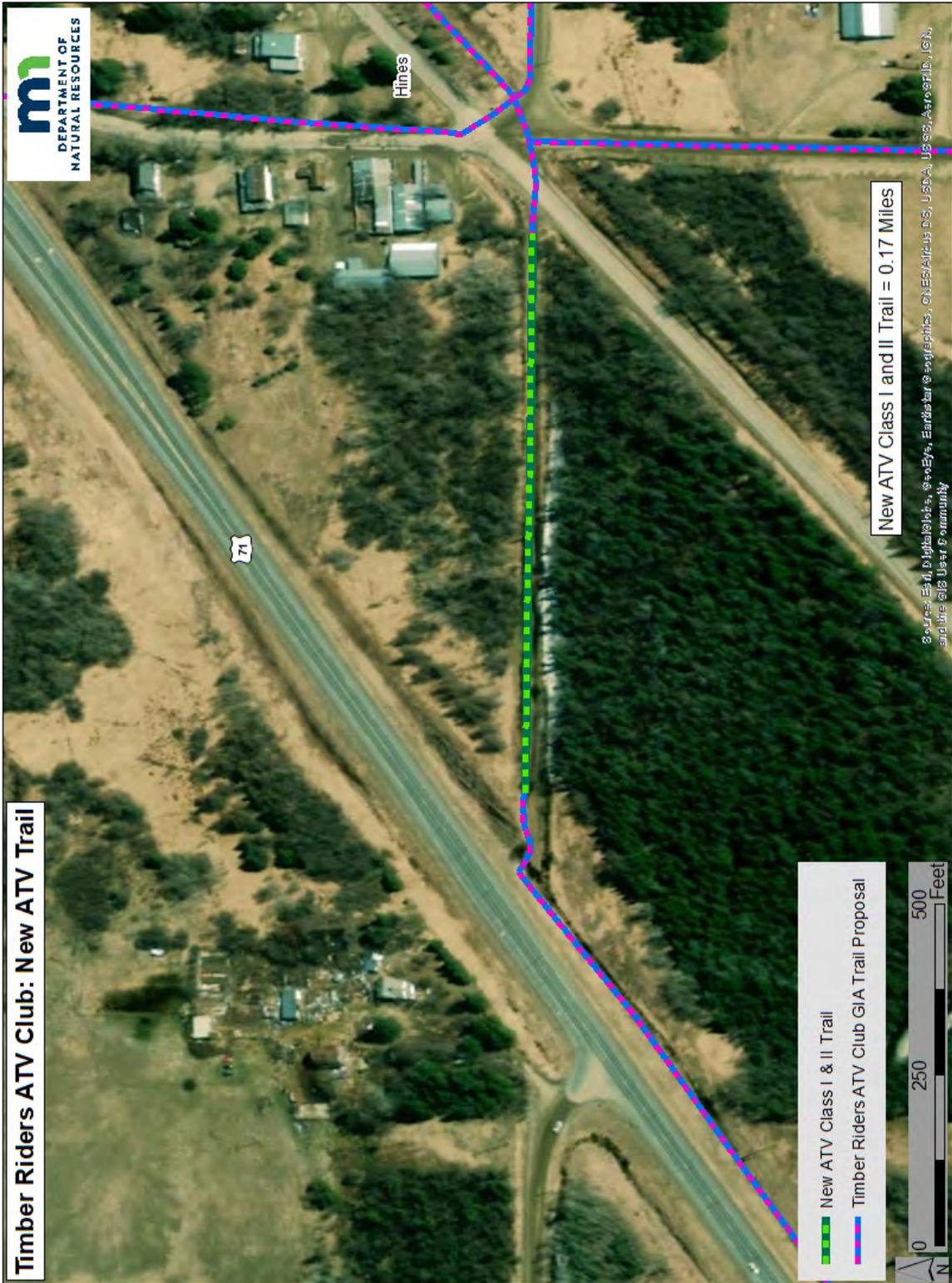
Timber Riders ATV Club: Grant in Aid Proposal



Timber Riders ATV Club: Grant in Aid Proposal Road Authority Review



Timber Riders ATV Club: New ATV Trail



- New ATV Class I & II Trail
- Timber Riders ATV Club G/A Trail Proposal

New ATV Class I and II Trail = 0.17 Miles

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar (Imagery), CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community