



IRON RANGE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREA VIRGINIA ADDITION –SITE DESIGN (DRAFT)

Statutory Boundary = 2,760

<u>Design Category</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
ATV / OHM	1,041 acres
ORV (e.g., trucks, jeeps)	738 acres
Multi-Use Scramble Area	314 acres
Sight Buffer	Variable
Sound Buffer	6 acres
Gravel Mining Activity (thru 2012)	160 acres
Private Property	90 acres
TOTAL	2,349 Acres*

Site Design Questions – 2009

- **Site Use?** (Approx. 24% of the site is unusable. Is this workable, acceptable?)
- **Land-use Allocation?** (Is use equitably distributed among ATV / OHM / ORV visitors?)
- **Sight / Sound Buffers?** (Together, these will restrict use of less than 5% of the area.)
- **Parking / Staging / Gate Access?** (No gate planned at Virginia – entrance at Gilbert)
- **Special Event Areas** (No added Special Event Facilities are planned for the Virginia Site.)
- **Surface Water & Wetlands** (Water crossings and riparian area set-backs will restrict vehicle use and development of about 400 acres or about 20% of the usable public land area at the Virginia Site)
- **Special Considerations?** (e.g., Custodial use of 150 ac MPCA parcel. No Landfill Road crossing or N-S trail connection west of the Landfill are planned. Mesabi Trail crossing is planned.)
- **Unrelated OHV Projects** (e.g., Neither the proposed East Range Trail Connection, nor the pending Mesabi Mountain ORV Trail Project are directly linked to completion of this project.)

* The discrepancy between the statutory acreage and the Design Total is primarily attributable to surface water area (i.e., lakes, rivers & streams), and from associated riparian area activity setbacks.