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**Meinholz, Susan**

*Committee record*

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2009 2:00 PM  
**To:** 'CJWindyHill@aol.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Non-Motorized Trail Bills

Thank you for contacting Senator Holperin. Would you please reply with your postal mailing address?

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**From:** CJWindyHill@aol.com [mailto:CJWindyHill@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2009 12:35 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Non-Motorized Trail Bills

Dear Senator Holperin,

I understand there are two bills pending that concern non-motorized trail funding and development in Wisconsin. I am an avid equestrian trail user as is my husband and most of my friends. We ride mostly on the trails in the Northern and Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest. We are very aware of how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful trail system in this state. I just want you and your committee to be aware that I am just one of the many horse riders in Wisconsin who enjoys and values the trails immensely.

Sincerely,

Carol Jensen

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**Meinholz, Susan**

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**From:** Teri Power [tpower@amerytel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 3:05 PM  
**To:** Sen. Sullivan; Sen. Hansen; Sen. Holperin; Sen. Kedzie; Sen. Leibham; Sen. Leibham;  
Sen. Grothman; Sen. Plale; Sen. Sullivan  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] Ice age trail  
**Importance:** Low

Hello,

I live in Polk county and am asking you to support funding for the ice age trail. This is such a unique feature

**Senate Bill 264** expands violation enforcement of trespass by operators of snowmobiles, ATVs and other off-road vehicles.

**Senate Bill 265 creates a new \$10 million funding source (or 1% of state motor fuel taxes) for maintenance of non-motorized trails.** This is not a new tax. It is funding that is currently allocated to the DOT.

**Senate Bill 266** creates a Non-motorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council to administer the funding.

Thank you for supporting these Bills...

Teri Power

**Meinholz, Susan**

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**From:** Marie-Anne Westigard [marieannewestigard@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 3:11 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 264, 265 and 266

I write to let you know of my interest and support of bills 264, 265 and 266, coming before committee tomorrow am.(Thurs.)

I support the moving forward of these because they address an unbalanced situation. They move forward and shift a little more toward the environmentally sustainable living our society must adopt if we and the environment we are dependent upon are to avoid extinction.

It is time to stop the limited vision that says we are to have it all, here and now.

respectfully; Marie-Anne Westigard,  
Luck, Polk Co. Wisconsin

**Meinholz, Susan** .

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**From:** Erickson [summit5@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 3:14 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** In Support of Senate Bill 265

Dear Senator Holperin,

I am a volunteer trail builder and maintainer for the Ice Age National and State Scenic Trail. Passage of Senate Bill 265 could be a tremendous help for those of us who are trying to create a trail of state and national significance that would (a) boost local economies, (b) enhance Wisconsin as a tourist destination, (c) protect Wisconsin's glacial heritage and (d) provide a venue for practicing healthy life styles.

Last Saturday, our local chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance sponsored the 8th Annual Woolly Mammoth Classic: *Hulda Hilfiker Memorial Run/Walk in Brill*, Wisconsin. The event is held on the Tuscobia Segment of the Ice Age Trail. Youth and elderly from Minnesota and throughout Wisconsin participated in four events including the Wisconsin State Nordic Walking Championship. The event dramatically demonstrates the plight of volunteers attempting to maintain a non-motorized state trail in Wisconsin.

Our local chapter has paid for resurfacing about one-mile of the Tuscobia State Trail out of a club treasury created from a small portion of membership dues and contributions of members and local businesses. Our group mows about nine miles of State trail where the volunteer generally pays for gas. For the Woolly Mammoth, we sought to groom the trail to a standard beyond the capabilities of our equipment. We arranged for a local snowmobile to mow the trail and will make a contribution of about \$150 for their greatly appreciated help. I rode in the cab of the big air-conditioned Case tractor as the trail was mowed. The operator told me that the mowing attachment alone cost 24k. He also said that they were initially denied being caretaker for a portion of the snowmobile system because they only had one unit whereas another club had two units. He also indicated that his club now has two units.

I thanked the tractor operator for mowing the trail just before the fourth of July. He told me it was another club that had mowed and also used a brusher for saplings that were encroaching on the corridor. He told me that they had submitted a bill for \$5000 to the DNR but were denied because the Ice Age Trail Alliance is responsible for maintaining the nine-mile segment of the 74-mile Tuscobia State Trail

I certainly do not begrudge the fact that maintenance of motorized trails is so strongly funded. However I would hope that some small consideration can be given to helping non-motorized trails. Our small band of volunteers are trying to maintain almost forty miles of the Ice Age Trail with money out of their pockets and what they can beg from the local community. Help from the Legislature will be greatly appreciated and of great benefit to the public.

Thank you for reading and considering.

Don Erickson  
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**Meinholz, Susan**

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**From:** Prichard.Mike@dorsey.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 3:38 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Pending Legislation

As an avid supporter of outdoor recreation, and especially silent sports, I urge your approval of Senate Bills 264, 265 and 266. They will be well received.

Michael Prichard  
715-483-9949

**Meinholz, Susan**

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**From:** Dean Dversdall [edgelong@lakeland.ws]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 3:44 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Bills 264, 265,266

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**From:** Dean Dversdall [mailto:edgelong@lakeland.ws]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 3:28 PM  
**To:** Sen. Holperin (Sen.Holperin@legis.wisconsin.gov)  
**Subject:** Senate Bills 264, 265,266

It is important to the tourism industry of Wisconsin to support these bills as they all pertain to safe utilization of our Silent sport trails here in our state. I urge you to vote in support of these bills. Dean Dversdall, Chapter Chair, IATA.

**Meinholz, Susan**

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**From:** Mike Wollmer [mikewollmer@iceagetrail.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 4:03 PM  
**To:** Sen. Holperin  
**Subject:** Ice Age Trail Alliance support for SB264, 265, 266

Dear Senator Holperin,

The Ice Age Trail is one of only eleven National Scenic Trails and Wisconsin's only State Scenic Trail. It stretches more than a thousand miles across the state, highlighting our world-renowned Ice Age heritage and natural resources.

The Ice Age Trail Alliance, Inc. is a nonprofit member- and volunteer based organization that creates, supports, promotes and protects the Ice Age Trail. Our organization has more than 3,000 members and hundreds of volunteers who last year dedicated more than 42,000 hours of their time to the Ice Age Trail.

**The Ice Age Trail Alliance fully supports Senate Bills 264, 265 and 266.**

We support Senate Bill 264 because it would allow more consistent monitoring of motorized use violations on the Ice Age Trail. Motorized use on the Ice Age Trail causes damage to the Trail's tread that must be repaired by our volunteers and may result in the closure of Trail segments, which forces hikers to walk on potentially unsafe roads. Because this bill would allow more consistent monitoring of motorized use violations on Trail segments crossing both private and public land, it will help keep off-road Ice Age Trail hiking experiences open to the public.

We support Senate Bill 265 because it would create a much-needed funding source for maintaining Wisconsin's non-motorized trails in general, and the Ice Age Trail specifically. In terms of building citizen support for the Ice Age Trail and making sure it has the reputation as an accessible, enjoyable-to-use public recreation resource, our organization's top priority is to make sure that every mile of the Trail is well-maintained. Nothing hurts our cause more than users having a poor experience while hiking the Ice Age Trail. Though volunteers working through Ice Age Trail Alliance-organized activities contributed tens of thousands of hours of their time to maintaining the Trail last year, various parts of the Trail are still found by Trail users to be in need of maintenance. Adding the backing of a fund for non-motorized trail maintenance would leverage our own financial and volunteer resources, greatly increasing our ability to meet the goal of a uniformly well-maintained Ice Age Trail.

We support Senate Bill 266 because it would create a council representing the interests of non-motorized trail users that would provide recommendations on matters related to such trails at the highest levels of Wisconsin government. The fact that DNR and DOT would need to consult with the council regarding non-motorized trail planning, acquisition, development, maintenance and management is viewed by our organization as a critical means for voicing our members' and volunteers' concerns on issues affecting their enjoyment of Wisconsin's non-motorized recreational resources, such as the Ice Age Trail.

The Ice Age Trail Alliance supports Senate Bills 264, 265 and 266 and urges the Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry and Natural Resources to recommend passage by the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

9/17/2009

Mike Wollmer  
Executive Director



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