November 23, 2006
Senator Roger Breske, Chairman
Special Committee State Trails Policy

Dear Senator Breske,

We the undersigned are requesting your committee's assistance in bringing about legislative change in restrictions imposed by the DNR that forbid horseback riding on state DNR property. Open riding is allowed on National Forest Land and we would encourage our legislations to make it possible for the DNR to open more existing state owned and managed land to open riding as in the National Forest.

As rural property owners we find that much of the state owned land is closed for our recreational pursuits. We would like to be able to access these properties which are sometimes as close as across a fence line from our property for horseback riding. Living in rural Wisconsin we recognize the value of preserving natural green space both for our grandchildren and future generations as well as environmental reasons. Recreational horseback riding is a recreational activity that fits in well with our love of the land. We ask the help of the State Trails Policy Committee in finding ways to allow more access to these lands for recreational riding particularly in northern Wisconsin.

Sincerely:

Name **Mailing Address**