

## DUSTY TRAIL FINDERS ATV CLUB INC

I'm Denny Landro, President of the Dusty Trail Finders ATV Club (100+ members)

As a new Club, in the last 4 ½ years, we have obtained 4 Grants from the GOVERNOR'S ATV COUNCIL

We have received almost \$ 400,000 to ADD TRAILS to our previous system of 7 miles of R/R R.O.W and two (2) miles of trail.

---Some of this money has already spent for the following:

Built a 30 acre INTENSIVE USE AREA with jumps, bumps, trails and a TOT LOT for 90CC >. Also restrooms, picnic tables and a 4 table shelter.

Improved 2 ½ miles of trail to a sustainable level

Rebuilt a 120 foot bridge, in the Town of Almena, leading to the CATTAIL TRAIL (pictures attached)

Cut 2 ½ miles of new wooded trail, including a bridge across the Vermillion River

Cleared another ½ mile of trail, giving us a total of 5 ½ miles of beautiful trail , that we now share with the local snomobilers. They no longer cut across fields, but follow the fence lines and trails that we have developed

From our fund raisers, raffles, silent auctions, we have donated money to the Sheriff's Dept for ATV law enforcement.

Since the State has set the legal decibel limit, we are looking to equip local police with decibel equip to monitor ATV riders.

Considering funds to the FIRST RESPONDERS

Members are trained to conduct ATV SAFETY CLASSES 100+ children trained  
Members are also trained as TRAIL AMBASSADORS, TO MONITOR trail activity

EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNOR'S ATV COUNCIL STRESSES THE NEED TO GET MORE TRAILS. We agree with that and truly believe that -----

TRAILS ARE A RESOURCE ---- If we Build them , they will come!!!!!!!!!!!!

The latest figures indicate that over \$300 MILLION are spent by out of State ATVers.

OUR CURRENT PROJECTS ARE:

3 ½ miles of trail to Barron, on private land ( 11 land owner agreements)  
The City of Barron will re-open the North Side of town to ATVs –so  
This is a Community Project- they helped re-zone one property to allow  
For a Bridge.

3 ½ miles of trail on to 120 acres of county land , including a bridge.

TIMELINE:

WE WRITE A GRANT REQUEST AND SUBMIT BY 4-1 , each year.

THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL MEET IN MID-JULY TO AWARD THE GRANTS

WITH OUR GRANTS APPROVED, BRIDGE PERMITS APPROVED BY THE DNR AT SUBMISSION, AND WITH RE-ZONING COMPLETED,

WE PROBABLY WON'T SEE THE MONEY UNTIL SPRING OF 2007.

-----CAN'T THAT TIME FRAME BE SHORTENED???????

When to Clubs organize and do the work, we get a lot more "BANG FOR THE BUCK" than any other method and we get volunteer help.

As I mentioned early, the Governor's Council wants more trails, so there will be less riding on the roads. The CLUBS want more trails too.

QUESTION ???? WHERE CAN WE BUILD THESE NEW TRAILS ????

The STATE and/or DNR are the largest single owner of land in Wisconsin and there are only about 6 miles of trail on State Land (other than railroad grades)

As an example of how this has affected our CLUB, we have been trying to obtain permission to get a trail from Highway 63 to the Polk County Line.

The only east-west road is 19 ½-20 Avenue and it is too heavily traveled to try to use as a ROUTE

Because of this impasse, I have been trying to get permission to cross 1200 acres of STATE / DNR LAND at LOON LAKE (map attached)

I have had positive dialog Dan Schullo in Rhinelander who referred me to --- Paul Koolker in Grantsburg and Kevin Morgan, Forest Manager for the LOON LAKE WILDLIFE AREA.

Our request is to follow the outside edge of the 1200 acres and clear a trail that does not travel through the center of the property.

Paul , Kevin and I did ride through a portion of the 1200 acres, however we did follow all existing fire and logging lanes, so we didn't stay to the out side. I can tell you that it is a beautiful area, similar to the 166 miles of trail in CLARK COUNTY. The Forest Manager doesn't seem to think that we should pursue this at all.

It seems that the U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE helped purchase some of this land years ago ( before ATVs ) and haven't been willing to allow multiple use of the land.

It has been mentioned that if we upset the U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPT, they aren't going to support any future land acquisitions.

Paul Koolker and Dan Schullo have suggest that we continue to follow up on our request, they cannot make a decision at their level, however , something might be possible through MADISON.

The LOON LAKE parcel is the only one in Barron County that would help our trail system and I would like to know how to proceed ????

Maybe this isn't the right parcel to deal with, but this situation exists throughtout the STATE and we are NOT the only CLUB in the STATE that could use the help of the STATE and DNR to expand our trails

We have ridden in Minnesota at the GILBERT INTENSIVE USE AREA, and also on the NORTH SHORE at Silver Bay and in both cases, we were on STATE Land. The motels were full of ATVers and so were the restaurants.

TRAILS ARE A RESOURCE AND WE WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP.

Thank you for your time .

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