

**Recreational Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 4th, 2012**

Committee Members Present: , Karen Mulari (C), Hank Ludtke (VC), Del Bergseth, Katherine Warren, Larry Knutson, Dennis Hopman, Steve Lindow, Gerry Schram, Lonnie Neuner

Staff Present: Martin Wiley, Guy Fischer

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda:

1. Chair Welcome/Introductions:

- October Meeting Minutes Review/Approval (Ludtke motion; Hopman 2nd; motion passed)
- December Agenda: Mulari motion; 2nd Lindow; motion passed)

Open Forum: No Speakers

2. Survey Review: Did the survey exercise change any perceptions? Discussion about motorized recreation and priority. Snowmobiles vs. ATV (43% vs. 44%) pretty close. Who are the ATV's? Folks from out of the County didn't fill out the survey (Mulari). More focus on walking, hiking. Where are they walking – don't see a lot of walkers on trails (Lindow). Need to develop amenities to get them out there like Mt. View and Dunton Locks (Warren).

3. Trails Report/Criteria Discussion: A County map was provided that depicted Access Routes, System Roads and Minimum maintenance Roads within yellow/tax forfeited areas. Discussion ensued on posting, designation and signage of trails. Where state lands are involved can they be opened? (Lindow) All state trails are designated (Knutson). How does DNR sign? (Mulari) Lots of trails undesignated per WE input (Warren). Idea is to look at access routes – comes down to what is available for ATV's to use – criteria provides flags to determine whether access should be provided. System roads are minimum maintenance roads are drivable (Wiley). Some discussion of the various map colors/designations for

- Minimum maintenance Roads (green): No reason to inventory, some soft spots, sustainable, look for maintenance priority relative to winter snowmobile roads.
- System Roads (purple): require 1-2 gradings a year
- Access Routes (blue)

Good starting point – we should move forward (Ludtke); Ludtke motions to refer to trails (in Draft Criteria document) as Access Routes (no action taken). More ATV discussion/comment: ID routes that ATV's can use (Sockeye Trail given as an example of a road that you can now ride an ATV on), put on map. (Wiley) ID routes that are rideable and will attract users, damage to trails for the most part is trucks. (unk) But we can limit trucks use pretty easy – right? (Bergseth) Like idea of access routes. (Knutson) Access route is any route that's not one of the forest system roads or minimum maintenance roads. (Wiley) Not an advocate of one user group over another. (Wiley) Again Hank suggests to change the title of the current "Trail Closure Criteria" to "Access Route Closure Consideration Criteria" Motion made by Mulari; 2nd by Hopman. Followed by a motion (Bergseth) to move "Access Route Closure Consideration Criteria" forward [NRM/County Board] (2nd by Hopman).

4. RAC meeting was adjourned.