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**[www.MnResponsibleRec.org](http://www.MnResponsibleRec.org)**

**MRR Mission**

To protect peace & quiet, fresh air, personal safety, healthy trails & waterways & environment from the unwanted effects of ATVs, snowmobiles & jets skis.

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## Reforming or abolishing public funding of motorized recreation

Minnesotans tax-payers pay \$15 million at the gas pump each year to fund an unrelenting barrage of expanding motorized recreation in Minnesota without safeguards or oversight to mitigate the unwanted effects of these machines.

MRR's *Citizen Audit* campaign holds motorized clubs and their local government sponsors accountable at the local level. All snowmobile and ATV clubs receive public fund through a local government fiscal agent. MRR's *Citizen Audit* campaign has three simple goals:

- Redirecting funds from expansion of motorized recreation to mitigation of unwanted impacts,
- Redirecting 20% of club funds to fiscal agents for oversight & accountability to achieve this goal,
- Abolishing public funding where reforms cannot be implemented.

Learn more at [www.MnResponsibleRec.org](http://www.MnResponsibleRec.org) or by contacting MRR Program Director, Caleb Wolden at 218-740-3175.

## Citizen-based Trail Rangers enforcement model to make ATV-free Duluth reality

Even the best laws are worthless without adequate enforcement. In 2004 MRR members and city councilors in Duluth passed an ordinance making all city land off-limits to ATVs, dirt-bike motorcycles and four-wheel drive trucks. While there has been a decrease in use, damage to Duluth's parks and trails continues.

To make Duluth's ATV-free dreams come true MRR is partnering with the City of Duluth Police Department and area groups to launch a citizen-based campaign to enforce the city's ordinance. *Citizen Trail Rangers* will be trained on how to positively identify illegal operators so that city police can follow up by issuing tickets.

To participate in this program or to develop the same in your community contact Caleb Wolden, MRR Program Director.



Recent truck damage near Amity Creek, Duluth

## MRR celebrates 10 years of protecting quiet places June 2, 2007 in Duluth with improved annual event

Enjoy a weekend of quiet paddling, hiking and bicycling at MRR's 10th Anniversary Celebration at Indian Point Campground in Duluth. The campground is on the St. Louis River, Munger Trail Bikeway and Western Waterfront Hiking Trail.

Members will enjoy a discount at nearby Munger Inn and free camping to early ticketholders!

Try out a canoe, kayak or other outdoor gear and buy it at our playful live auction!

Enjoy dinner and the music, storytelling, poetry and images of quiet places with local and regional artists.

Get tickets, schedule, list of auction items and more on MRR's website or by calling 218-740-3175. See you June 2, 2007!

## New MRR staff bring strong backgrounds and skills to boost MRR capacity, support local member efforts, and improve communications

To expand MRR's capacity to reform or abolish public funding of motorized recreation and to better support MRR member efforts MRR has hired two new staff.

New MRR Program Director, Caleb Wolden is a recent graduate of University of Minnesota-Duluth's Environmental Sciences program. Caleb was an outstanding Intern during Summer, 2006 developing MRR's *Citizen Audit* program which he is now implementing.

New MRR Volunteer Coordinator and Administrative Assistant, Margo Mischler-Philbin, has a strong background in these roles and brings mature and keen insight

to outreach, recruiting volunteers, editing and other essential tasks.

The addition of these two new MRR staff will allow Executive Director, Jeff Brown to focus on developing MRR capacity, communications and relationships with the *peace and quiet industry*.

Read the bios of Caleb and Margo on MRR's website - [www.MnResponsibleRec.org](http://www.MnResponsibleRec.org) by clicking on *About Us/MRR Staff*.

Contact MRR staff by phone at 218-740-3175. Call on MRR Program Director Caleb Wolden for assistance auditing local snowmobile and ATV clubs and their local

government sponsors, to remove an unwanted snowmobile route from your property or for help in quieting a local lake. Caleb is in the Duluth MRR Office five days/week. E-mail Caleb at [Caleb@MnResponsibleRec.org](mailto:Caleb@MnResponsibleRec.org).

Call on MRR Volunteer Coordinator and Administrative Assistant, Margo Mischler-Philbin to get involved with any MRR program, our June 2, 2007 event or with questions regarding your membership. Margo is in the office on Fridays. E-mail her at [Margo@MnResponsibleRec.org](mailto:Margo@MnResponsibleRec.org).

Call on Executive Director, Jeff Brown regarding MRR communications, Board of Directors and fundraising. E-mail him at [Jeff@MnResponsibleRec.org](mailto:Jeff@MnResponsibleRec.org).

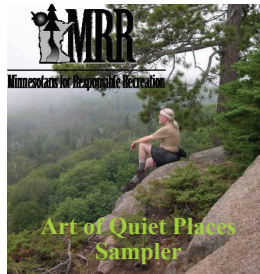
## New MRR video, *A Celebration of Quiet Places*, *Art of Quiet Places* DVD, annual event, website and art gallery communicate what we value

Despite rain in our office, an unanticipated move to a new and better space, and a host of technical challenges MRR has completed an ensemble of new communications designed to better communicate what we value and elevate social awareness of the importance of quiet places.

MRR's new uplifting video features people of all ages paddling, snow-

shoeing, skiing, hiking, backpacking, birdwatching and camping to the music of Sara Thomsen, Kathy McTavish and Paul Cofell.

MRR's *Art of Quiet Places Sampler* includes the video and 40 additional selections of painting, photography, music and poetry.



MRR members receive the DVD when you renew your annual membership.

MRR's new *Art of Quiet Places Gallery* in our Duluth office provides a work space for volunteers and educational displays for the public.

Find everything at [www.MnResponsibleRec.org](http://www.MnResponsibleRec.org)!

## Thank you MRR members! Six ways to support MRR!

MRR succeeds because of the financial support of members.

Thank you to all whose generous gifts in 2006 allowed us to launch MRR's campaign to reform or abolish public funding of motorized recreation and to increase our capacity toward accomplishing this daunting task.

### Six Ways to Support MRR!

- Renew your membership!
- Volunteer your talents!
- Give a gift of peace and quiet this holiday season with a gift membership and *Art of Quiet Places* DVD or buy a painting or photograph at MRR's *Art of Quiet Places Gallery*. Click and join at MRR's website or call MRR.

- Got stock?! Call MRR's helpful broker, Bob Barto at UBS Financial Services, 218-727-8281
- Share this newsletter & MRR's good news with a friend!

Leave a legacy of quiet places with a tax-deductible contribution to MRR.

Expect peace and quiet...