



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-40__

October 23, 2006

Mr. Bob Krepps, Land Commissioner
Saint Louis County
320 West 2nd Street, Room 607
Duluth, MN 55802-1495

Dear Mr. Krepps:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is again considering your May 20, 2005, submittal of a 70-mile all-terrain vehicle (ATV)/off-highway motorcycle (OHM) trail. A proposal from Becker County was initially selected in June 2005. Recently, Becker County withdrew their proposal. The DNR is now again considering the four remaining proposals.

The process for review and selection of a final proposal will be as follows:

Each applicant will be invited to present their concept plan to a DNR panel consisting of a Regional Director, the Acting Assistant Commissioner, and myself. In addition to the information already provided in the concept plans, we are asking for a description of the process your county will use to involve the public in the trail design. All proposals will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Evaluation of the concept proposal against the trail design requirements established by the legislature.
- Description of the county land base and ability to provide for the 70-mile trail.
- Process for public involvement.
- Level of readiness.
- Timetable for entering into an agreement.
- Timetable for design including trail alignment, environmental review, permitting, and construction of the trail.

We hope to make a final selection by early December.

Please contact me at (651) 259-5615 if you wish to schedule a presentation.

Sincerely,

Forrest Boc, Acting Director
Trails and Waterways Division

c: Craig Engwall, Regional Director, Grand Rapids
Mike Carroll, Regional Director, Bemidji
Laurie Martinson, Acting Assistant Commissioner

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