



Minnesotans for Responsible Recreation

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Dear Minnesotan,

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Release of Minnesotans for Responsible Recreation's landmark report, *Minnesota Gas Tax Diversions to Motorized Recreation: 1961 – 2009*, in conjunction with distribution of the ad to the right and a gubernatorial candidate survey, launches MRR's public education campaign to end gas tax diversions to motorized recreation.

Gas Tax Facts Every Minnesotan Should Know

- **\$18.5 million** in gas tax revenue is annually diverted from Minnesota's ailing roads & bridges to motorized recreation.
- **\$350 million** has already been diverted, **\$150 million** since 2000.
- Another **\$200 million** will be diverted to motorized recreation in the next decade despite unfunded highway safety priorities and a predicted decline in our state's roads and bridges.

Minnesota's Roads, Quiet Places and Environment At Risk

Our parks, forests, streams and backyards cannot sustain a continued annual \$18.5 million expansion of motorized recreation and will suffer irreparably unless Minnesotans intervene to end gas tax diversions.

4 Things You Can Do to End Gas Tax Funding of Motorized Recreation

1. Distribute copies of this letter and MRR's report widely to others.
2. Contact gubernatorial candidates and your legislators and tell them to "Put the gas tax back!". See MRR surveys online.
3. Write a letter to the editor in your local paper.
4. Make a contribution today to MRR to run MRR's ad in your local paper and others to educate Minnesotans statewide.

View MRR's report and references and MRR's ad, see what gubernatorial candidates have to say, find talking points and make a contribution at www.MnResponsibleRec.org to end gas tax funding of motorized recreation.

MRR is a 501 (c)3 and your contribution is tax deductible.

Expect Safe Roads and Bridges and a Healthy Environment,

Jeff Brown
Executive Director

Minnesota's roads are in crisis!

Road miles in poor condition will triple in ten years.

Traveler safety and road and bridge preservation priorities will go unfunded.

What few Minnesotans realize:

\$18.5 million in gas tax revenue is annually diverted from Minnesota's roads and bridges to motorized recreation.

Minnesota taxpayers have already pumped \$350 million into motorized recreation, \$150 million in the past nine years.

Though a decade of decline in Minnesota's roads and bridges is predicted, Minnesota's legislature will divert another \$200 million to motorized recreation unless Minnesotans intervene.

Protect Minnesota's roads & bridges!

Tell legislators & gubernatorial candidates:

Put Minnesota's Gas Tax Back!

Back into our roads & bridges where it belongs!

End Gas Tax Diversions to Motorized Recreation

See what legislators, Speaker Margaret Kelliher and other Minnesota gubernatorial candidates have to say at:

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