



Minnesotans for Responsible Recreation

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Dear Minnesotan,

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Minnesotans for Responsible Recreation has been protecting quiet places and Minnesota's trails and waterways from the unwanted effects of ATVs, snowmobiles and jet skis since 1996. We've protected the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, Superior Hiking Trail, Mesabi Bikeway, Duluth's Lakewalk, state parks, state forests and backyards far and wide. We have important news, seek your financial support for our continued efforts and offer an opportunity for your gift to be tripled.

Most Minnesotans don't realize that every time one pumps gasoline into one's vehicle, approximately 3% of the gas tax paid is diverted to the Minnesota DNR to promote motorized recreation. \$188 million in gas tax revenue was diverted to promote motorized recreation since 1994. Recent increases in the state's gas tax increased diversions to motorized recreation to approximately \$42 million per biennium.



Millions in gas tax revenue are annually disbursed through local governments in Minnesota to motorized clubs with little oversight or accountability. Damage to forests, streams and wetlands, increased green house gases, noise and trespass, conflicts of interest and misuse of funds are common unwanted effects of gas tax funding of motorized recreation. Gas tax funded ATV routes are being developed in state forests right now without environmental review, adequate enforcement or funds to repair damaged areas.

Help MRR protect Minnesota's quiet places, trails and waterways. Support our work to end gas tax diversions to motorized recreation. Make a contribution dated no later than December 31 and your tax deductible gift will be tripled by the David Winton Bell Foundation.

Learn more about MRR, gas tax funding of motorized recreation and make a tax-deductible contribution at www.MnResponsibleRec.org.



Michelle Wegler

Expect peace and quiet,

Jeff Brown
Executive Director

Protecting peace and quiet and healthy trails and waterways since 1996. MRR is a 501(c)3 organization.

