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President's View

Trails, Trails and more Trails....question is when we get our trails who will help with keeping them signed, safe and maintained? The Club has committed to developing, constructing and maintaining the Melrude (a/k/a Arrowhead) Trail. This is where YOU come in. Can you help? Will you help? I can only hope that some will get on board and lend a hand to insure trails for future generations to use.

Seems now a days people are just too busy when it comes to lending a helping hand and they don't realize that somebody has to step up and pitch in before it's too late. Please considering taking the time to help the Club. I always love to hear people say "Why should I join a club? There are no places to ride!" It reminds me of somebody going to a nice place to eat and order then walk out on the tab. We need your help and you can start by coming to a Club meeting and get involved with making decisions so people will have a safe area to ride in the future. We are close to having 100 members in the Arrowhead ATV Club and, asking around, that's a lot. Many clubs have about 30-40 with about 10% helping and it sure would be nice to see a few more faces at Club events and meetings.

With the State shut down it put a damper on many safety training classes and also Trail Ambassador rides. Kim and I are about half done with our commitment with the State hitting the trails. We have been rained out on some days but have enjoyed the Soo Line North and South starting off in Moose Lake. I really enjoy riding our machines and handing out maps and just talking with people we meet on the trails. I'm glad that I can promote our Club and I know that many of our members enjoy the newsletters and information we send out. Our club is all about having fun and

providing safe areas for people to enjoy. Come and join us, you might like it!

The raffle tickets for the fall convention this year has changed, and we can't call it the 50/50 anymore. The Club will have to sell them and then send all the money to ATVAM where if the Club is a 501c tax status, which we are, we will get a check issued back for half of what we sell. I requested 100 tickets and should have them soon so if you're interested they are \$2.00 each just let me know if you want to buy a book of 10 or more! This money is used to educate our Youth when it comes to safe, responsible riding. Please help fight for our right to ride because it's very important.

The Fat Trax club is going to ride the Melrude Trail on Aug 20th. Go to the section "*Upcoming Rides*" and get more information if you'd like to join us.

I'm looking forward to the Worlds Longest ATV Parade to be June 23, 2012. It will be in Silver Bay again and I hope the Arrowhead members can make the line up. For more information check it out on the web at www.atvparade.org

Special thanks to all dues paying members, without them we would have a hard time keeping this Club going. Special thanks to those that show up at the highway pick-ups and other Club events. Also, our Club sponsors are very important to us and all I ask is that you patronize them and let them know we appreciate their support.

**Happy trails to you and yours and
please ride responsible.**

Mike Levig
President Arrowhead ATV Club
Region 2 Director ATVAM



DNR seeks comments on Chatfield ATV Trail expansion proposal

(Released July 29, 2011)

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites public review and comment on a proposal to authorize Grant-in-Aid trail funding for an expansion of the existing Chatfield All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Recreational Trail in Fillmore and Olmsted counties in southeastern Minnesota.

The current Chatfield ATV Grant-in-Aid trail, which opened in 2007, is 16 miles long and is open year-round except for firearms deer season and the spring thaw (March – April 30). The proposed expansion would add slightly more than three and one-half additional miles, including approximately two miles of new trail.

The city of Chatfield would be the trail sponsor, with trail monitoring and maintenance performed by the local trails organization, Chatfield Trails Inc. The trail will be routed primarily through private land on an existing private trail. A short segment will run on a Chatfield Township road. Bringing an existing private trail into the Grant-in-Aid system will provide funding for sustainable management of the trail while providing new public recreational opportunities. The trail will be open to Class I and Class II ATVs, subject to city review and approval. The trail will be closed as conditions warrant for safety considerations or to prevent erosion or damage to the trail.

Copies of the proposal and accompanying project map are available for review at www.mndnr.gov/input.

Requests for printed copies of the proposal, or written comments on the proposal, should be directed to Craig Blommer, DNR Parks and Trails area supervisor, 2300 Silver Creek Road NE, Rochester, MN 55906, 507-206-2845. Comments also may be sent by email to craig.blommer@state.mn.us, or by fax to 507-285-7144. The deadline for comments is 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 29.

[Don't Forget Your Emergency Kit on Your Next ATV Adventure](#)

June 16th, 2011

One of the many perks of riding an ATV is the ability to explore previously uncharted terrain. As avid ATV enthusiasts will tell you, these types of adventures can last days out into the wilderness on camping or fishing expeditions; with only you, a few friends and some supplies.

These types of trips are why we ride ATVs in the first place, but at the risk of sounding like an over-concerned parent – it is always important to plan ahead.

Of course there are the basics like plenty of water, fuel, sunscreen and other typical camping supplies. But it is also smart to be prepared in case your ATV has breaks down, or worst-case scenario, you have an accident or get lost. After all, you'll be traversing pretty rough terrain and bad things can happen.

Such necessities include a compass, lighter, AM/FM radio station, flash light, flares, basic utility tools, and a repair kit for your ATV tires.



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UPCOMING CLUB RIDES!

August 20, 2011 in Melrude
with the



1683 Sage Lane
Shakopee, MN 55379

Meet at the SuperAmerica in Cotton at 9:30 a.m. Mike will be making famous porketta

sandwiches  to serve. All you would need to bring is a beverage . Camping space is still available on a first come/first served basis. If you are interested in joining us please e-mail Chris Rokke or myself to RSVP. I have opened up my cabin to members who would like to ride.

For more Ride Information Contact:

Chris Rokke at: 218-591-2602 or cjrokke@gmail.com

FALL HIGHWAY PICK-UP

Sunday, September 25, 2011

1:00 p.m.



Please come and help. **The more the easier!**



Meeting at the MN Power dam parking lot right by Island Lake Inn on Hwy 4.

Arrowhead Trail Update

By Mike Levig
President AATV, Region 2 Director

August 10, 2011.

I took Sam Johnson, the Acquisition and Development Specialist for the DNR, Foresters Dave Skurla and Mark Kailanen of the Land Dept for St Louis County, for a ride showing the proposed Club trail. Jason Meyer and Andy Holack were also on the ride and they will help us by being a sponsor for the Club for a Grant-in Aid Trail System. I have met with the Ellsburg Township VIP's and attend their monthly meetings, which are the last Tuesday of August informing and keeping them up-to date regarding our proposed trail. It has been decided to start with a smaller version of the initial proposal and concentrate on that limited area before we expand further and incorporate other trail systems. I believe it is very important that the Club keep the people of the Township current with any changes. One way is to send them copies of our newsletter which will keep them in the loop on our progress. This trail is in their backyards and it is very important that we have their support and help with the proposal. The Club strives to retain good relationships with the people who live near the trails and also listen to them with any changes that need to be done in order to get this trail on the ground. It's a lot of hard work trail planning and we want to make sure we do things right.

The group went on a ride earlier in the year and viewed the areas that would serve as a trail system. We have areas that are sensitive and wet lands that we want to respect. I emphasized that the Club wants to be good stewards of the forests. This trail will provide areas for people to ride their machines and promote safe responsible riding.

Support AATV!

Purchase a Bumper Sticker For Only \$2.00!



Purchase a Raffle Ticket!!

50 percent of the proceeds come back to the Club to educate our Youth!

Contact Mike Levig: 724-0544

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

4275 Haines Road
Lodge Meeting Room

Where:	When
Gander Mtn	9/8/11 @ 7:00 p.m.
Gander Mtn	10/13/11 @ 7:00 p.m.
Gander Mtn	11/10/11 @ 7:00 p.m.
Gander Mtn	12/8/11 @ 7:00 p.m.

ELLSBERG TOWN MEETING (Last Tuesday of Every Month)

Where	When
Melrude, MN	9/27/11 @ 7:00 p.m.
Melrude, MN	10/25/11 @ 7:00 p.m.
Melrude, MN	11/29/11 @ 7:00 p.m.

REGION 2 MEETING

(4th Thursday of Every Month)

Where	When
Mtn. Iron	8/25/11 @ 7:00 p.m.
Mtn. Iron	9/22/11 @ 7:00 p.m.
Mtn. Iron	10/27/11 @ 7:00 p.m.
Mtn. Iron	11/24/11 @ 7:00 p.m.

2011 ATV Fall Conference

Hosted by: *McQuoid's Inn*

September 17-19, 2011

1325 Hwy North 47
Isle, MN 56342

****YOUTH SAFETY and INFORMATION****

*A place to find important and fun information
regarding ATVing for Children*

REMAINING YOUTH SAFETY TRAINING FOR 2011

<u>Where:</u>	<u>When:</u>
Pine Valley Sk Armory Rd, Cloquet MN	9/24/11 @9:00 a.m.
Proctor Community Center 100 Pionk Drive, Proctor, MN	10/29/11 @ 9:00 a.m.

Heaven Can Wait, Drive Responsibly.

To register or help with classes please contact Wayne Laasko at
218-624-6069 or 218-391-4972 (Cell)

"In years past we have had as many as 200 students in a single year go through this program. This year looks like about 100. Last year we hit a milestone with over **1000 students** since the start of the program. I still enjoy working with the kids and when they smile after the class it is worth the time and expense that we occur. Looking forward to Cloquet on Sept 24 and Proctor Oct 29."

By Wayne Laasko

AUGUST DEADLINES TO APPLY FOR THIS FALL'S YOUTH HUNTS FAST APPROACHING

(Released August 4, 2011)

Youth and their parents need to act quickly to participate in numerous opportunities this fall to venture out in field, forest and wetland on hunts specially designed to spark kids' interest and involvement in the outdoors. "We're on a very short timeline for people to get registered for this fall's youth hunts," said Mike Kurre, mentoring program coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "But these are opportunities youth and their parents won't want to miss."

Lottery applications for this fall's special youth deer hunts, many of them at state parks, are due Friday, Aug. 19. Applications for the mentored youth waterfowl hunt are due Monday, Aug. 22. The deadline to apply for the mentored upland bird hunt is Wednesday, Sept. 7. Information about each of the hunts and participation guidelines are [online](#).

DNR has authorized 12 special youth deer hunts throughout Minnesota. These hunts allow an adult to accompany a youth and assist with planning, scouting and hunting. Adults are not allowed to hunt, or to possess a firearm or bow in the field. "These hunts, as well as the separate special youth deer season in October, allow adults to focus their attention, knowledge and skills on the youth hunter," Kurre said. "The best way is to learn by doing, and that's exactly the opportunity these special youth hunts provide."

Youth ages 12-15 who want to connect to waterfowl hunting can apply to be one of up to 60 participants in this year's mentored youth waterfowl hunt on Saturday, Sept. 10. DNR teamed up with Ducks Unlimited, the National Wildlife Refuge System, and the Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club to provide participants with hands-on education and outdoors experience. Hunts will be conducted at Hamden Slough near Detroit Lakes, Morris Wildlife Production Area near Morris, Sherburne Refuge near St. Cloud, and several locations surrounding the Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club in Prior Lake.

Participants are selected in a lottery. Selected youth and their guardians work with an experienced waterfowl hunter, who does much more than take a youth and a guardian into the field on Youth Waterfowl Day. Before the adventure, mentors take time to discuss the importance and necessity of habitat, as well as explain and demonstrate waterfowl hunting safety, ethics, techniques and skills. Much like the waterfowl hunt, the mentored upland bird hunt on Saturday, Oct. 22, at locations across Minnesota gives inexperienced youth and women an unparalleled opportunity for hands-on learning about pheasant and grouse habitat, behavior and hunting. DNR partners with Pheasants Forever, Woodcock

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Minnesota and the Ruffed Grouse Society to provide experienced mentors for participating youth and their guardians. To participate, youth must be ages 12-17 and possess a valid firearms safety certificate and purchase valid game licenses. Like the mentored waterfowl hunt, a parent or guardian must accompany the youth at all times, and participate in all hunt meetings and activities. Women 18 and older may participate without a guardian provided they have a valid firearms safety certificate or apprentice hunter validation and all appropriate game licenses.

"Each of these opportunities does much more than provide an opportunity to hunt," Kurre said. "Techniques, skills, safety, ethics, wildlife habitat and animal behavior receive just as much focus, so youth participants and their mentors gain a better understanding and appreciation of the outdoors."

****** News ********Local Communities Should Decide Land Use****American Motorcyclist Association**

Thursday, July 28, 2011

Supporters of **H.R. 1581** -- the Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011 -- told U.S. lawmakers on July 26 that the bill would allow local communities to decide the proper uses of 43 million acres of protected public land, which could include off-highway riding, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) reports.

But critics opposed releasing the protected land all at once. Instead, they want Congress to release the land on a piecemeal basis.

The statements were made during a U.S. House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands hearing on H.R. 1581, the Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011. The measure would remove the stringent use restrictions on almost 6.7 million acres managed by the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and on 36.1 million acres of U.S. Forest Service (USFS) land that was evaluated for strict congressional Wilderness land-use designations.

A Wilderness designation is one of the strictest forms of public land management. Once Congress designates an area as Wilderness, nearly all forms of non-pedestrian recreation are illegal, including off-highway vehicle (OHV) and bicycle riding.

The AMA supports appropriate Wilderness designations that meet the criteria established by Congress in 1964, but anti-OHV forces have been abusing legislative and administrative processes in repeated attempts to ban responsible OHV recreation on public land.

The **BLM** and USFS have determined the 43 million acres covered by H.R. 1581 aren't suitable for Wilderness designation, but because of various laws and rules they must continue to strictly manage the land until Congress releases it for other possible uses.

The Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act would release the land, freeing up land managers to determine new uses, if any, such as allowing responsible OHV recreation where it currently isn't allowed.

U.S. Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), who was joined by other lawmakers in introducing the bill, said the measure "simply acts on recommendations made by the federal government and returns the management of tens of millions of acres of public land to local communities so that more Americans can have access to our public lands.

"These communities know best how to manage the lands, whether for increased recreation, preservation or development," he said.

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce (R-N.M.) echoed McCarthy's comments.

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"As chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus, I am proud to be an original co-sponsor of this important piece of legislation," Pearce said. "H.R. 1581 is good for the West and good for America. It will allow more Americans to enjoy our federal lands, and allow us to actually protect the habitats of wildlife through proper land management."

But BLM Director Robert Abbey, who opposed the bill, testified that even though the land didn't earn an endorsement for Wilderness designation before, it might now.

"These recommendations are now 20 years old, and the on-the-ground work associated with them is as much as 30 years old," Abbey said. "During that time in a number of places, resource conditions have changed, our understanding of mineral resources has changed, and public opinion has changed. "If these suitability recommendations were made today, many of them would undoubtedly be different," he said.

The 43 million acres have been locked up for years, if not decades, even though federal land managers have noted the land doesn't qualify for the very restrictive Wilderness designation. AMA Washington Representative Rick Podliska wondered how the land could qualify for Wilderness designation now when it was deemed unsuitable 20 or 30 years ago.

"For years, groups hoping to keep responsible off-highway riders off public land have been able to get areas earmarked for possible inclusion in the nation's Wilderness system, which immediately bars off-highway riding, bicycling and almost all other activities while the Wilderness study is under way," Podliska said.

"We commend Rep. Kevin McCarthy for introducing H.R. 1581, the Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act, and Chairman Rob Bishop for holding a hearing on this bill," he said. "The hearing illustrated why this bill is necessary and that all Americans should be able to enjoy our federal lands.

"The actions taken by the current Congress could have a profound impact on the ability of responsible off-highway riders to use public land," Podliska continued. "It's important that all responsible riders stay informed about Wilderness bills in Congress, and take action, when necessary, to help protect their right to ride."

2011 NOHVCC Conference to be Held in Minnesota

PRESS RELEASE: on February 25, 2011

Minnesota was recently named "Best Trails State" by American Trails. In just a few months, you'll have the chance to experience those trails, and everything else Minnesota has to offer, when NOHVCC holds its annual conference in the Twin Cities Metro Area.

The dates of the 2011 annual NOHVCC Conference are September 22-25, with riding, training and educational opportunities available in the days leading up to the conference. The conference itself will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel, located at 4460 West 78th Street Circle, Bloomington, Minnesota.

The NOHVCC Conference will again be held in conjunction with the OHV Program Managers Conference. Details for both are being planned now, and registration will be open in a few months.

In the meantime, mark your calendar for September 22-25 and start planning your trip to Minnesota, "The Land of 10,000 Lakes." There is plenty to do. Bloomington is also the home of Mall of America, an Ikea Store and a large water slide park. Take in a Minnesota Twins game at the new Target Field in downtown Minneapolis. Visit the Walker Art Center, enjoy a play at the Guthrie Theater or a fun day at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Or drive north for some of the best off-road riding, fishing, hunting and camping in the country. Visit Itasca State Park where you can wade across the headwaters of the Mississippi River, or head for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, Voyageurs National Park, the North Shore of Lake Superior, the Chippewa or Superior National Forests, or any of over 100 State Parks and State Forests.

Bring the family, attend the conference and have a great vacation. For more information and a free Minnesota Travel Guide, go to www.exploreminnesota.com.

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- Attend meetings with DNR and ATVAM

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