

**NORTHERN REGIONAL TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(NoRTAC)
MEETING AGENDA**

Friday, October 7, 2011

Trego Town Hall
W5690 Trego River St
Trego, WI 54888

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

1. Approve Agenda
2. Committee Introductions and Recognition of Guests
3. Accept April 28, 2011 meeting summary
4. NoRTAC overview and conversation with Wisconsin Assembly and Senate representatives
5. Update on Bayfield County abandoned rail right-of-way
6. Mobility Assistance/Access to Trails
7. Recent or proposed changes to state law/codes affecting recreational trails
8. Funding needs for trail cleanup resulting from July 1 storm
9. Uniform Trail Closing & Opening Dates
10. County updates to trail development and maintenance applications and other projects of interest
11. Other trail coordination efforts for discussion purposes only
12. Next Meeting
13. Adjourn
14. Travel to Minong Trails Club Clubhouse, Minong WI

Questions may be directed to Sheldon Johnson, NWRPC at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com

Northern Regional Trail Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary of October 7, 2011 (Draft)

Trego, WI

Members Present

Jim Nemec, Bayfield County; Susan Ingalls, Burnett County; Donald Chell, Burnett County; Dan Thole, Barron County; David Moin, Barron County Alternate; William Stoll, Chippewa County; Larry Jepsen, Polk County; Bob Blaszkowski, Ashland County; Dan Hubin, Washburn County; John Robinson, Douglas County; Keith Hardie, Barron County; Greg Peterson, Sawyer County; Jess Miller, Barron County; and Randy Tatur, Rusk County.

Others Present

Jeremy Koslowski, Polk County Forester; Terry Jordan, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; Mike Peterson, Washburn County; and Sheldon Johnson, NWRPC; Doug Johnson, Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs; Don Mrotek, Sawyer County Snowmobile & ATV Alliance; John Gozdziński, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; Assembly Representative Roger Rivard; Assembly Representative Tom Larson; Cameron Bump, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Nemec to approve agenda, seconded by Ingalls. Approved

Committee Introductions & Recognition of Guests

Members and Guests were introduced.

Accept April 28, 2011 meeting summary

Minutes to be acted upon at next meeting.

NoRTAC Overview and Conversation with Wisconsin Assembly and Senate Representatives

Chairman Thole welcomed and introduced State Assembly Representative Roger Rivard and State Assembly Representative Thomas Larson. Chairman Thole provided an overview of the NoRTAC with input from Committee members. Representatives Larson and Rivard thanked the NoRTAC for the invitation to attend the meeting and Representative Rivard informed the committee of legislation he has proposed that will allow youth's to ride ATVs.

Update on Bayfield County Abandoned Rail Right-of-Way

Jim Nemec spoke to the issue and identified that the county had been recently informed that the court ruled against the county being able to take ownership of the right-of-way. Nemec reported it is unlikely the county will proceed with further court action to gain ownership of the right-of-way.

Mobility Assistance/Access to Trails

Action by the U.S. Department of Justice to enable individuals with disabilities to use an expanded list of motorized vehicle types upon recreational trails is likely to be coming on area trails. It was recommended this item be placed on future agendas as more information becomes available.

Recent or Proposed Changes to State Law/Codes affecting Recreational Trails

A number of proposed changes to statute were reviewed including NR64 and the potential passage of permanent language for use of UTV's on trails.

Funding Needs for Trail Cleanup Resulting from the July 1 Storm

Susie Ingalls reported significant damage occurred in a large area of Burnett County. County staff and local ATV/Snowmobile Clubs worked cooperatively to clear trails. John Richards reported that some damage was reported and the Douglas County Forestry Department worked with locals to clear debris. Mike Peterson noted the Minong Trails Club had spent significant hours and dollars to clear area trails.

Uniform Trail Closing & Opening Dates

This item will be deferred to future meeting agendas.

County Updates

Members provided brief updates.

Other Trail Coordination Efforts

No items of discussion.

Next Meeting Date

The next NoRTAC meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2012 at 10:00am in Hayward at a location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned 11:17am.