

Gnesen has recently unanimously passed a resolution in favor of the Limited Designation, it has not yet been received.

The **Alden** Town Board has unanimously passed the following resolution in favor of a Limited OHV use classification for the Cloquet Valley State Forest.

To preserve the tranquility and the environment of the Alden Township area, a large portion of which is within the Cloquet Valley State Forest, the Alden Township Board states that it is against any new ATV trails or the expansion of any ATV trails in the Alden Township area and urges the St. Louis County Commissioners and the Department of Natural Resources to adopt a Limited OHV use classification status for the Cloquet Valley State Forest.

Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Alden respectfully requests the MDNR and its commissioner and the St. Louis county Board of Commissioners to exercise their authority and classify all State land within Alden Township, including county managed tax forfeited lands, as "LIMITED" with regard to OHV use.

Pequaywan Township Resolutions

Resolution 0701

Whereas, on April 10, 2007, the North Shore ATV Club presented a proposed GrantinAid

(GIA) trail to the Town of Pequaywan for input, and

Whereas, the proposed GIA trail presented was substantially the same as an earlier

proposed trail, submitted as part of a proposed 70mile destination trail, which was not

acceptable to a majority of the property owners and residents of the Town of Pequaywan,

and,

Whereas, some individuals and groups have expressed a vision for Pequaywan Township

and the Cloquet Valley State Forest as a destination for ATV/OHV tourism for the Midwest, and,

Whereas, the vision of these individuals and groups is not shared by a majority of the

property owners and residents of the Town of Pequaywan and is being advocated in

complete disregard of the concerns of the majority of residents and property owners in

the area,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Pequaywan Board of Supervisors, backed by a

majority of its residents and property owners, do not approve of the current proposed GIA trail or the plans for the Cloquet Valley State Forest to become or be promoted as an ATV/OHV tourist destination within the Town of Pequaywan.

Adopted May 8, 2007

Resolution 0702

Whereas, the Town of Pequaywan is located wholly within the Cloquet Valley State Forest, and,

Whereas, many of the current trails are within close proximity to residential areas, and,

Whereas, no environmental study has been done to support the "managed" trail system within the Cloquet Valley State Forest, and

Whereas, the managed trail system is basically a nonmanageable system allowing the (ATV) riders to traverse almost any area without regards to environmental damage or the rules for riding, and

Whereas, interpretation and enforcement of the laws in managed riding areas are extremely difficult, and,

Whereas, the limited trail system, signs and maps of specific trails, for ATV/OHV use, makes enforcement effective and rules governing ATV/OHV use easier to interpret, and,

Whereas, the DNR agrees that it is important to achieve managed use on managed trails and that this is accomplished within limited forests, and

Whereas, many of the current ATV trails were originally walking trails used for hunting, hiking and the general appreciation of the forest, and

Whereas, the majority of walking trails have been already taken over and sometimes destroyed by the ATV riding public, and

Whereas, the local government, in this instance the Town of Pequaywan, should have been included early in the process so local input and concerns could be addressed, and,

Whereas, the majority of the land owners and residents within the Town of Pequaywan support a limited forest classification,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Pequaywan have determined that the majority of the residents and property owners of the Town of

Pequaywan feel a limited trail system in the Cloquet Valley State Forest best serves all parties in the area. Therefore the Town of Pequaywan and its supervisors request the Department of Natural Resources and the St. Louis County Board to classify the Cloquet Valley State Forest as a "limited" trail system.

Adopted May 8, 2007

Ault Resolution

WHEREAS, The Northshore ATV Club has proposed a GrantinAid (GIA), All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) trail which would be built in a portion of Ault Township: and WHEREAS, The Ault Township Board passed on December 6, 2006, a resolution in opposition to a DNR proposed conceptual 70 mile AllTerrain/ Vehicle/Off Highway Motorcycle (ATV/OHM) route which traveled through a portion of Ault Township. WHEREAS, The current proposed GrantinAid (GIA) all Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Trail's route is very similar to the DNR proposal which was opposed by the Ault Town Board. WHEREAS, Ault Township is located within the Cloquet Valley State Forest which currently has numerous trails available for ATV/OHM use. Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Ault Township, due to negative impacts on environmental, economic, safety and quality of life issues oppose the proposed GrantinAid (GIA) All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) trail within Ault Township. Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ault Township Board opposes the proposed GrantinAid (GIA) All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Trail being located within Ault Township. Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to each of the St. Louis County Commissioners, The St. Louis County Land Commissioner, The Department of Natural Resources Commissioner and Brain McCann, Department of Natural Resources, Trail and Waterways Recreational Planner.

Fairbanks Resolution

Resolution in Favor of Designating All State Land within Fairbanks Township to be "Limited" in use with regard to OHV traffic: To preserve the tranquility and the environment of the Fairbanks Township area, which is located entirely within the Superior National

Forest, the Fairbanks Township Board states that it is against any new ATV trails or the expansion of any ATV trails in the Fairbanks Township area and urges the St. Louis County Commissioners and the Department of Natural Resources to adopt a Limited OHV use classification status for the Superior National Forest.

The Board of Supervisors of Fairbanks Township respectfully requests the MDNR and its Commissioner and the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners to exercise their authority and classify all State land within Fairbanks Township including county managed tax forfeited lands as limited with regard to OHV use.

Whereas the "Closed" classification is the most restrictive and means there shall be NO OHV use,

Whereas the "Managed" classification is the least restrictive and allows riding on all trails unless posted closed, (however, it is difficult to enforce and its continued use places the region at risk as a sustainable forest with many varied uses),

Whereas the "Limited" classification is a compromise between Closed and Managed and allows for opportunities for OHV Riding but restricts riding to trails designated as open and retains exceptions for hunting and trapping and requires the State to permit access trails to remote cabins and hunting shacks over State lands as needed, and

Whereas the Limited classification is less difficult to manage and enforce and requires that OHV trails be sustainable,

Whereas neither the DNR nor St. Louis County have developed a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan based on sound and unbiased environmental, economic and social evidence which balances conflicting needs of the Forest Industry, nonmotorized recreation, motorized

recreation and the needs of residents and property owners within St. Louis County,

Whereas the expense for maintenance and enforcement with regard to OHV use on all lands under DNR management, demonstrated by the DNR's current requests before the legislature which are substantial, and in the absence of an agreement to the contrary, St. Louis County may be responsible for these services, and the resulting cost may be born by the taxpayers of St. Louis County,

Whereas neither the DNR nor St. Louis County have provided any documentation or example of the successful use of a managed classification in a forest within the United States and all reviewed materials indicate that managed classification of forests result in trail proliferation and the degradation of the resource,

Whereas the economic contribution of the residents and seasonal residents, and outdoor education/and other businesses within Fairbanks Township are a substantial contribution to the area economy and to the state and local taxing authorities and will be adversely affected by the proliferation of OHV trails and increase of OHV riders in the area,

Whereas traditional uses of the Superior National Forest/Cloquet Valley State Forest regions have been hunting, hiking, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, berry picking and fishing with ATVs used primarily to access remote cabins and for tasks on private property,

Whereas ATV trail riding in the forest is relatively new, and while heavily promoted and touted as a potential tourist attraction by the OHV industry and some politicians, it is not something which the vast majority of residents of St. Louis County or Fairbanks Township wish to encourage or see developed as a destination for tourists, in particular in a national forest,

Whereas the most recent recreation survey prepared by St. Louis County in 2002, reflects an overwhelming majority of citizens of St. Louis County being of the opinion that there are enough or too many OHV trails,

Whereas the residents and property owners of Fairbanks Township wish to preserve the tranquility and natural beauty of the area and are of the view that this may be best accomplished with a Closed or Limited trail classification,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Fairbanks respectfully requests the MDNR and its Commissioner and the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners to exercise their authority and classify all State land within Fairbanks Township, including county managed tax forfeited lands, as "LIMITED" with regard to OHV use.