

**SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000
PUBLIC LAW 106-393
TITLE II PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM
USDA FOREST SERVICE**

Name of Resource Advisory Committee:
Project Number (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):
Funding Fiscal Year(s):

2. Project Name: Bigfork – Balsam Connection ATV/OHM Trail	3a. State: MN 3b. County(s): Itasca
4. Project Submitted By: Itasca County Land Department Sara Thompson – Forest Recreation Specialist	5. Date: 8/24/2016
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8. Project Location:	
a. National Forest(s): Chippewa	b. Forest Service District: Deer River
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) City of Bigfork, Cameron Lake, Antler Lake, Nickel Lake, Long Lake, and Balsam Communities. T61N R26W, T60N R26W, T60N R25W, T59N R25W, T59N R24W, T59N R23W (Section Line), T58N R24W - T58N R23W (Section line)	

9. Project Goals and Objectives:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a safe, sustainable trail for users of all ages to experience. As a part of the Grant-in-Aid program all trails under this program follow specific guidelines when it comes to trail design and construction to ensure safety of its users and the protection of environmental sensitive areas. • To provide access, connectivity for motorized recreational users to local communities, businesses, and campgrounds in Northeastern Itasca County. It will allow access to many miles of forest routes that are open to ATV's, etc through the forest designation plan. • To protect environmental sensitive areas and wildlife by construction of boardwalks over wetlands or placement of culverts in low areas for wildlife passage i.e. frogs, turtles, salamanders, etc.

10. Project Description:
a. Brief: <i>(in one sentence)</i>
Developing a new 25+ mile long grant-in-aid (GIA) ATV/OHM lies within the George Washington State Forest and Chippewa National Forest in Itasca County.
b. Detailed:
The Wilderness Wheelers ATV Club is establishing a new 25+ mile long grant-in-aid (GIA)

ATV/OHM trail. The trailhead will be located in the City of Bigfork. The trail will be open to class 1 and class 2 ATVs and off highway motorcycles (OHMs) and would be located on State forest roads, State forest access routes, U.S. Forest Service roads/trails, County road shoulders and road right-of-ways, and County forest management roads. ATV use is currently allowed on state forest routes in the George Washington State Forest, which is classified as “managed” for motorized use. The USFS roads, numbered 2182 and 3979 are open to OHV use, as indicated on the Chippewa National Forest Motor Vehicle Use map (MVUM). Approximately 2 miles of new trail will be constructed on state forest lands. The trail will connect to the existing Balsam Trailblazers ATV Club’s Little Moose Trail to the southeast.

The majority of the trail will use existing roads and trails along county roads, some segments will be routed out of the right-of-way onto the road shoulder to avoid wet areas. To allow this, the club applied for a Corridor Access Trail Permit with Itasca County and went through the public hearing process. Much of the route will follow unmaintained forest management trails/roads which will need some work. The trail will be shaped and maintained to drain rainfall and storm water runoff. The club will install culverts, use rolling grades and broad-based dips, place gravel or crushed rock where needed and vegetate side drainage areas. Water bars and tread hardening will be used to limit erosion. Sediment traps and filter fabric fencing will be set up as needed during construction to comply with storm water requirements.

11. Types of Lands Involved?

State/Private/Other lands involved? Yes No

Land Status: Authorized permitted use

If Yes, specify: **State land, County land, and U.S. Forest Service Roads/Trails**

12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? (Check at least 1)

Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.

Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.

Restores and improves land health.

Restores water quality

13. Project Type

a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)

Road Maintenance

Trail Maintenance

Road Decommission/Obliteration

Trail Obliteration

Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify):

Soil Productivity Improvement

Forest Health Improvement

Watershed Restoration & Maintenance

Wildlife Habitat Restoration

Fish Habitat Restoration

Control of Noxious Weeds

Reestablish Native Species

Fuels Management/Fire Prevention

Implement CWPP Project

Other Project Type (specify): Wetland Protection by utilizing boardwalks.

b. Primary Purpose (select only 1): Trail Maintenance

14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish
Miles of road maintained:
Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:
Number of structures maintained/improved:
Acres of soil productivity improved:
Miles of stream/river restored/improved:
Miles of fish habitat restored/improved:
Acres of native species reestablished:
Miles of trail maintained: (To Be Maintained, Improved) 4.053 miles of U.S. Forest Service roads 25+ miles of the full GIA trail system.
Miles of trial obliterated:
Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction):
Acres of rangeland improved:
Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved:
Acres of noxious weeds controlled:
Timber volume generated:
Jobs generated in full time equivalents (FTE) to nearest tenth. One FTE is 52 forty hour weeks:
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention): Emergency services access and mile maker placement, trail signs for directional and informational
Direct economic activity benefit: This trail will provide an increase in tourism development and economic growth for local businesses in City of Bigfork, Antler Lake, and Balsam Communities
Other: 8 Boardwalks already completed on the entire trail, 1 still needed to be constructed.

15. Estimated Project Start Date: June 2016	16. Estimated Project Completion Date: Winter 2016/2017
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17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.
Itasca County – Local Government Sponsor
MN DNR Parks and Trails office
U.S. Forest Service
City of Bigfork
Visit Grand Rapids
Wilderness Wheelers ATV Club
Itasca County Trails Taskforce
Local Businesses

18. Identify benefits to communities.

This project will benefit a number of businesses within the City of Bigfork i.e. gas and groceries, access to ATV/OHM parts, and services and restaurants. The availability for emergency services is accessible with the Bigfork Fire Department and the Bigfork Hospital. It would contribute an enormous boost in economic growth for Bigfork and the surrounding resorts and lodges. It will connect to the Little Moose ATV Trail and the Balsam trail within the Balsam Community that has a local fire department available for emergency services, to fuel and food. It will also provide a safe, sustainable trail where families can ride.

19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources?

Improvements will be completed to the existing U.S. Forest Service roads and trails that have been damaged overtime by OHV's, especially USFS trail 3979. The Cameron Lake Snowmobile trail falls on this trail. This trail has been impacted by over a long period of time by off highway vehicles. This new Designated Grant-in-Aid (GIA) trail will be able to contribute funding towards maintenance as well as signage and monitoring completed by the ATV Club. Boardwalks have been and will be constructed on this trail to lessen any wetland impacts. This project has gone through a Natural Heritage and Cultural Archaeological Review, and is under a MPCA Stormwater permit. Under the GIA program, trail designs and construction must meet the MN DNR Parks and Trails 2007 publication of Trail Planning, Development and Design Guidelines.

20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment? (check at least 1)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Americorps	<input type="checkbox"/> YCC/CCC Crews
<input type="checkbox"/> Job Corps	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchantable Timber Pilot	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? Yes No

22. Anticipated Project Costs \$120,000
a. Title II Funds Requested: \$15,000
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding:

Federal Recreational Trail Program (F RTP) grant: \$80,000
 Polaris Grant 10,000 (will be applying for another 10,000)
 Yamaha Grant: 10,000

24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment)

- a. Provide a plan that describes your process for tracking and explaining the effects of this project on your environmental and community goals outlined above.
- b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring:
- c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k):

25. Identify remedies for failure to comply with the terms of the agreement.

If project cannot be completed under the terms of this agreement:

Unused funds will be returned to the RAC account.

Other, please explain:

Project Recommended By:

/s/ (INSERT Signature)

Chairperson

Resource Advisory Committee

Project Approved By:

/s/ (INSERT Signature)

Forest Supervisor

National Forest

Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

Worksheet 1

Please submit this worksheet with your proposal

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	Column B Requested Title II Contribution	Column C Other Contributions	Column D Total Available Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys				
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation				
g. Contract/Grant Administration				
h. Contract/Grant Cost	\$80,000 (F RTP)	\$15,000	20,000	\$115,000
i. Salaries				
j. Materials & Supplies				
k. Monitoring				
l. Other				
1.				
2, Partner Indirect Cost				
m. Project Sub-Total				
n. FS Indirect Costs (5% overhead)				
Total Cost Estimate	\$80,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$115,000

NOTES:

- a. Pre-NEPA Costs
- g. Includes Contracting/Grant Officer Representative (COR) costs. Excludes Contracting/Grant Officer costs.
- i. Cost of implementing project
- l. Examples include overhead charges from other partners, vehicles, equipment rentals, travel, etc.
- n. Forest Service indirect costs, including contracting/grant officer costs if needed.