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Subject: FW: MDHA Resolution re: ATVs
Attachments: MDHA ATV Resolution (passed 9.19.15).pdf

Members:

The attached document is for your information.

Regards,

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Subject: MDHA Resolution re: ATVs

Good afternoon -

In my previous correspondence of September 10, 2015, I referenced the MDHA Executive Committee's recommendation regarding the passage of a resolution pertaining the management of ATV use on any lands acquired with Outdoor Heritage Funds. On Saturday, September 19, the full MDHA Executive Board unanimously passed the resolution that had been recommended by the Executive Committee. I have attached a copy of the resolution and ask that you distribute it as appropriate. Thank you.

Regards,

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MINNESOTA DEER HUNTERS ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION re:
ATV USE ON LANDS ACQUIRED WITH OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association (MDHA) has applied for Outdoor Heritage Funds to acquire lands in Wadena, Cass and Hubbard Counties to protect and restore threatened forest habitat; and

WHEREAS, the goal of MDHA in fulfilling its habitat mission is to protect and restore habitat lands through its Jack Pine Forest/Crow Wing River Watershed Habitat Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, any acquired Project lands will be open for the public to access; and

WHEREAS, to achieve its habitat goals, MDHA must and will manage the public's use of Project lands in a responsible manner that protects habitat and furthers the objectives of the Outdoor Heritage Fund;

WHEREAS, Cass and Hubbard Counties adhere to the highest standards of forest management that incorporates responsible pedestrian and vehicular route placement and maintenance;

NOW THEREFORE, MDHA resolves as follows with respect to Project lands acquired and owned by MDHA with appropriations from the Outdoor Heritage Fund:

- 1. MDHA shall inventory and map all existing pedestrian and vehicular routes on Project lands. MDHA will not expand recreational routes beyond the existing inventory, unless they are created for non-motorized recreational purposes.**
- 2. In managing recreational use on project lands, MDHA will communicate and coordinate with adjoining state and county land managers. Further, MDHA will utilize best management practices and follow the Minnesota Forest Resources Council's Forest Management Guidelines for Forest Recreation Management.**
- 3. With respect to ATV use on Project lands, MDHA will not permit use beyond that which would be permitted by:**
 - a. The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Minn. Rules 6100.1950, on state forest lands adjacent to the MDHA lands; or**
 - b. The County, pursuant to its ordinances and forest management plan, on County managed forest lands adjacent to the MDHA lands in that County.**

ATV use will not compromise the ecological integrity of forest habitat protected with Outdoor Heritage Funds.

4. MDHA may close either pedestrian or vehicular routes temporarily or permanently for forest management purposes or to create areas for non-motorized recreation.

5. MDHA will incorporate pedestrian and vehicular route management and monitoring into its forest management plans. Route management will be amended as appropriate to ensure healthy forest habitat.

Approved/Rejected:

unanimously

By the MDHA Executive Board on September 19, 2015


Mark Strege, Secretary