MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

September 9, 2020
9:00 a.m.
Jury Assembly Room
Marinette County Courthouse

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisors Roger Allen, Karl Jaeger, Al Mans, Al Sauld, Bill Stankevich and Shirley Kaufman by phone

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator John Lefebvre, Corporation Counsel Gale Mattison, Forestry Administrator Pete Villas, Highway Commissioner Eric Burmeister, Assistant Facilities & Parks Director Beverly Ruether, John Guarisco, Sheriff Jerry Sauve, Facilities & Parks Administrative Specialist Kellie Hartman, Development/Tourism Director Jennifer Short, Development/ Tourism Program Assistant Autumn Rockhill, Facilities & Parks Program Assistant Allyson Bickel, Bay Cities Radio and Eagle Herald

1. Call to Order

Chair Mans called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Agenda

Motion (Stankevich/Sauld) to approve agenda. Motion carried. No negative votes.

3. Minutes

Motion (Sauld/Allen) to approve minutes of August 5, 2020. Motion carried. No negative votes.

4. Public Comment – None

5. Correspondence - None

6. Reports of outside agencies and others

- 586 hours of 2,916 support hours - 20%
- Department of Natural Resource Wildlife Technician worked with the county foresters to improve Grouse habitat on Aspen clear cut.

- Assisted with site prep work on hardwood regeneration in the Town of Silvercliff and Town of Beecher

7. Reports of Forestry activities – information only

- Forestry's Monthly Revenue Report – Exhibit A
- Forestry project update
  - Road work – brushing, grading and culvert replacement
  - Hauled material to Goodman Park to improve drainage by the lodge
  - Future project – Forestry dozer operator - create walking path down hillside at Veteran's Memorial Park from parking lot to river.

8. Fall timber sale date

Motion (Sauld/Stankevich) to approve Timber Sale bids due Tuesday, October 27, 2020 by 4:00 p.m., bid opening on Wednesday, October 28 at 9:00 a.m., and award of sales during the Infrastructure Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried. No negative votes.

9. Timber Sale Extension Requests

Motion (Stankevich/Allen) to discuss renewing extension requests for Timber Sales expiring in 2020. Motion carried. No negative votes.

Motion (Allen/Stankevich) to approve extension requests for contracts 3818, 3834, 3845, 3846, 3848, 3855, 3880, 3881, 3892, 3911, 3914, 3930, 3932, 3936, 3938, 3946, 3947, 3948, 3949, 3951, 3953, 3957, 3959, 3964, 3965, 3967, 3969, 3970, and 3971 for 1-year with no stumpage or performance bond increases and not to extend contracts 3706, 3754, 3826, 3839, 3852, 3854, 3861, 3872, 3797, and 3805. Motion carried. No negative votes.

10. 2019 Annual Report of Forestry Activities – discussion only Exhibit B

11. Reports of Facilities and Parks

- Park's Monthly Revenue Report – Exhibit C
- Parks project update
  - Long Slide Falls – Highway and Parks' crews improved/widen fall's trail down hillside to future viewing platform
  - Future project Veteran's Memorial Park – Forestry crew to create walking path from parking lot down hillside to future viewing platform
  - Four Foot Falls – Forestry crew enlarged parking area. Parks crew laid boardwalk trail over swamp area leading to falls
  - Forestry crew hauled material to repair drainage near lodge
  - Future project – add pull through campsites at Menominee River Park
  - Future project – replace park signs to show camping symbol
  - October 2 – 4, 2020 Twin Bridge Halloween weekend

    - Parks Instagram – 133 followers
    - Parks Face Book Page – 447 likes
- Facilities project update
    - Resource Center
        - 2nd floor drywall complete
        - Painting 2nd floor complete
        - Roof work complete
        - Glass walls for green roof delivered
        - Office furniture ordered/delivered
    - Data Center – partial personnel moved
    - Planned power outage September 4, 2020 – transformers switched over
    - COVID-19 Courtroom – transforming County Board Room into Courtroom – completion date of September 13, 2020
- Town of Dunbar Campground update
    - County Administrator John Lefebvre attended Town of Dunbar Board Meeting, September 8, 2020
    - Town to review zoning ordinance to verify campground complies with zoning – possible rezoning required
    - Dunbar Sportsman Club – change boundry of lease – move 3 shooting stations
    - Campground to be reservations only – close campground during Sportsman Club 3 major shooting events

12. Request to Terminate Niagara Senior Citizens LTD Lease

Motion (Sauld/Allen) to approve the request from Niagara Senior Citizens LTD to terminate their lease effective May 31st, 2021 and the request to assist with utilities and water/sewer/garbage expenses upon depletion of the Niagara Senior Citizens LTD funds. Motion carried. No negative votes. Kaufman – abstained Exhibit D

13. Titletown Jeepers OHV Trail Town of Goodman

Motion (Sauld/Stankevich) to discuss survey results received concerning the proposed OHV Trail off Shrine Road in the Town of Goodman and review/approve draft agreement for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the OHV Trail with Titletown Jeepers. Motion carried. No negative votes. Exhibit E

Motion (Sauld/Stankevich) to deny the request to enter into an agreement with Titletown Jeepers for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the Goodman OHV Trail. Motion carried. No negative votes. Exhibit F

14. Reports of Highway activities – information only

- Flooded CTH V in Amberg – Highway pumped water 24/7 since June. Dry as of last week
- Chipseal projects complete – CTH O & CTH OO, Town of Grover, Town of Peshtigo and City of Peshtigo

- CTH O – striping complete – temporary weight limits on until CTH N is open
- Developed 3 year shouldering plan – started in Pembine – CTHs O, N, L, U, H, D & K will be done this year – next year in Crivitz
- Developed 3 year striping plan – every three years all county roads will be painted
- State work
  - USH 141 replace concrete highway panels,
  - Rubber crack filling on STH 180 and USH 141
- Oconto County Land Conservation – replaced culvert CTH BB
- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant – sent flood mitigation information to all municipalities – 75/25 cost share
- New (2) Tri-Axles to be delivered end of September

15. Invoices

Committee reviewed Schedule of Paid Invoices in the amount of $932,501.76.

16. Future agenda items - none

17. Adjournment

Motion (Stankevich/Sauld) to adjourn 10:35 a.m. Motion carried. No negative votes.

Kellie Hartman
Administrative Specialist

Date approved/corrected:

Next meeting – Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Exhibit A

MARINETTE COUNTY FORESTRY

Timber Contract Revenue

Year 2019

Month	Revenue	Year-to-Date
January	$ 277,631.66	$ 277,631.66
February	$ 201,209.98	$ 478,841.64
March	$ 289,029.67	$ 767,871.31
April	$ 168,305.06	$ 936,176.37
May	$ 196,865.37	$ 1,133,041.74
June	$ 322,333.84	$ 1,455,375.58
July	$ 604,640.48	$ 2,060,016.06
August	$ 484,684.12	$ 2,544,700.18
September	$ 243,885.14	$ 2,788,585.32
October	$ 247,869.09	$ 3,036,454.41
November	$ 172,652.74	$ 3,209,107.15
December	$ 228,807.25	$ 3,437,914.40

Year 2020

Month	Revenue	Year-to-Date
January	$ 345,267.41	$ 345,267.41
February	$ 216,997.42	$ 562,264.83
March	$ 228,722.52	$ 790,987.35
April	$ 62,865.99	$ 853,853.34
May	$ 183,088.75	$ 1,036,942.09
June	$ 245,109.20	$ 1,282,051.29
July	$ 462,131.27	$ 1,744,182.56
August	$ 239,328.42	$ 1,983,510.98
September		$ 1,983,510.98
October		$ 1,983,510.98
November		$ 1,983,510.98
December		$ 1,983,510.98

Current Status: $ (561,189.20)
less than last year

Exhibit B

MARINETTE COUNTY FORESTRY
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - 2019

TIMBER HARVEST ***REVENUE:*** ***3,381,134***

	Cords	Board Feet
Aspen	22,834	
Pine	12,026	
Mixed Hardwood	26,561	
Swamp Conifer	6,325	
Total Scale - Cords of Pulpwood	**67,746**	
Hardwoods	2,408	1,094,487
Softwoods	52	21,650
Total Cord Equivalent & Board Feet	**70,206**	**1,116,137**

ROADS ***REVENUE:*** ***82,134***

The Forestry Equipment Operators maintained approximately 235 miles of County Forest Roads located throughout the County Forest. This included grading, brushing, fixing blowouts, building up road beds in the exceptionally wet spring and summer, installing a new bridge, replacing cluverts and regraveling roads. The source material to accomplish these tasks was taken from varioius gravel pits located throughout the County Forest.

PLANTING AND SITE PREPARATION

Approximately 213,000 trees were planted on 231 acres in 2019. Of the trees planted, 89,000 were jack pine seedlings and 124,000 were red pine seedlings. All of the acres planted were new plantings.

MARINETTE COUNTY FORESTRY
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - 2019

WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT ***REVENUE:*** ***10,770***

A total of 590 work hours were spent by state employees in 2018 on wildlife related projects on county forest lands. Marinette county employees also spent considerable time on wildlife projects, however their time is not accounted for in this summary. A breakdown, of state funded time and projects is listed below.

Administration 60 hours
Athelstane Barrens 90 hours
Grouse & Woodcock Habitat Management 100 hours
Forest Openings 100 hours
Shrine Road 150 hours
Stick Nests 30 hours
Timber Sales 60 hours

TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT (TSI)

There was an herbicide application made on a total of 91 acres in 2019 to prepare for planting in 2020. Due to the size and location of these sites, the herbicide spraying was accomplished in house by using a boomless sprayer mounted on the back of the Forestry Loader.

GRAVEL HAULED / SCREENED

The Amberg crew hauled approximately 4,600 yards of gravel from pits found throughout county forest land. This equals approximately 420 loads that were hauled off of county forest land in 2019.

DISEASE, INSECT AND ANIMAL CONTROL

This includes beaver control where flooding of County Forest Roads occurs. Includes chemical costs for prevention of Annosum Root Rot in conifers and 100 foot buffer spray of county lands adjacement to any private spray areas.

MARINETTE COUNTY FORESTRY
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - 2019

FORESTRY BUILDING
Costs include all utilities, maintenance, and repairs to the buildings
at the Amberg complex.

FIRE PROTECTION ***REVENUE:*** ***2,879***
Primarily involves discing 75 miles of firebreaks around
plantations to reduce fire hazard.

SALVAGE
Blown down and damaged trees, as well as trees removed for road construction, are
salvaged and processed into lumber for use by the Parks and Forestry Departments.

PARKS / HIGHWAY
Where possible Forestry crews and equipment are utilized on Parks and
Highway projects and winter road maintenance to save outlay costs.

ADMINISTRATION ***REVENUE:*** ***54,468***
Costs include administrative and secretarial salaries and fringes, office supplies
data processing, telephone, postage, printing, advertising, copying costs, furniture, etc.
Revenue is derived from a state grant for the forest administrator salary.

MARINETTE COUNTY FORESTRY
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - 2019

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

The Forestry Department had two LTE Forest Patrol Officer positions. These officers worked primarily on weekends and holidays and enforced the Marinette County Parks and Forestry Codes.

TOWN'S SHARE OF TIMBER REVENUES

Ten percent (10%) of timber sales revenues are distributed to the Towns containing county forest lands based on their acreage.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES ***123,765***

Heavy equipment purchases for 2019 included a Cat Tractor and a Miller Equipment Trailer.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Costs include administrative and secretarial salaries and fringes, and any other expenditures related to tax deed properties.

MARINETTE COUNTY FORESTRY
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - 2019

OTHER REVENUE	***REVENUE:***
State Aid in Lieu of Taxes	**52,751**
Other Grant Awards - (Arbor Day Foundation & US Fish & Wildlife Service)	**-**
WCFA Grant	**-**
Sustainable Forestry Grant	**-**
Kirtland Warbler Grant	**-**
Timber Sales Other County Land	**-**
Penalty Payments (Interest)	**-**
Other Misc. Revenue	**72,919**
State - Other (hauling nursery stock, Conservation Aids)	**-**
Departmental Charges	**20,150**
Rent/Lease of Land	**13,500**
Intergov't Charge - Projects	**124,763**
Departmental Charges - In-Rem Property charges	**38,061**
Miscellaneous Revenue	**147**
Equipment Lease Revenue	**21,257**
Sale of County Property	**-**
Sale of Non-Metallic Mine Materials	**2,484**
Insurance Recoveries	**1,821**
Land Acquisition	**-**
Firewood Permits	**9,550**
County Forest Camping Permits	**2,379**
Timber Sales	**3,381,134**
Timber Sales Special Use Lands	**-**
Other County Forest Revenue	**4,065**
(Includes permits and scrap metal)	

TOTAL REVENUE: 4,018,998

MARINETTE COUNTY FORESTRY
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - 2019

EXPENDITURES	
Property Management	38,208
County Forest	1,697,655
County Forest Land Acquisition	82,556
Heavy Equipment Purchases	122,793
Wildlife Habitat Management	2,905
Hazardous Mitigation Grant	6,074
Kirtland Warbler Grant	-
Forest Roads	158,639
NMM Reclamation Fund	-

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: 2,108,831

Exhibit C

MARINETTE COUNTY PARKS

Camping Fees, Day Use, & Violation Revenue

Year 2020

Month	46720 Camping Fees	46722 Day Use	45110 Violations	Total Revenue	Year-to-Date
January	$ 64,876.81	$ 218.02	$ 10.00	$ 65,104.83	$ 65,104.83
February	$ 15,061.65	$ 293.86		$ 15,355.51	$ 80,460.34
March	$ 12,033.18	$ 587.72		$ 12,620.90	$ 93,081.24
April	$ 1,341.23	$ 2,355.49	$ 160.00	$ 3,856.72	$ 96,937.96
May	$ 14,551.40	$ 16,407.86	$ 691.00	$ 31,650.26	$ 128,588.22
June	$ 56,127.83	$ 40,186.20	$ 720.00	$ 97,034.03	$ 225,622.25
July	$ 52,781.21	$ 44,384.87	$ 1,377.00	$ 98,543.08	$ 324,165.33
August				$ -	$ 324,165.33
September				$ -	$ 324,165.33
October				$ -	$ 324,165.33
November				$ -	$ 324,165.33
December				$ -	$ 324,165.33
	$ 216,773.31	$ 104,434.02	$ 2,958.00	$ 324,165.33	$ 2,634,786.82

Year 2019

Month	46720 Camping Fees	46722 Day Use	45110 Violations	Total Revenue	Year-to-Date
January	$ 64,388.62	$ 104.27	$ -	$ 64,492.89	$ 64,492.89
February	$ 14,545.08	$ 137.45	$ -	$ 14,682.53	$ 79,175.42
March	$ 15,227.59	$ 497.68	$ -	$ 15,725.27	$ 94,900.69
April	$ 18,824.25	$ 1,507.29	$ -	$ 20,331.54	$ 115,232.23
May	$ 22,696.68	$ 8,786.00	$ 50.00	$ 31,532.68	$ 146,764.91
June	$ 31,005.42	$ 25,572.45	$ 260.00	$ 56,837.87	$ 203,602.78
July	$ 31,714.99	$ 29,564.46	$ 950.00	$ 62,229.45	$ 265,832.23
August	$ 26,902.60	$ 29,754.03	$ 525.00	$ 57,181.63	$ 323,013.86
September	$ 17,700.52	$ 14,746.98	$ 400.00	$ 32,847.50	$ 355,861.36
October	$ 7,882.83	$ 12,224.82	$ 405.00	$ 20,512.65	$ 376,374.01
November	$ 340.52	$ 4,111.10	$ 140.00	$ 4,591.62	$ 380,965.63
December				$ -	$ 380,965.63
	$ 251,229.10	$ 127,006.53	$ 2,730.00		

Revenue status

$ 58,333.10 more than more year

Exhibit D

August 31, 2020

Mr. John Lefebvre
Marinette County Administrator
1926 Hall Avenue
Marinette WI 54143

Dear Sir:

Mr. Lefebvre, the Niagara Senior Citizens LTD respectfully requests Marinette County mutually agree to terminate the lease effective May 31st, 2021. As you know at the meeting held August 26th, 2020 at the Niagara Senior Center, our Board of Directors and the Director of the Center met with members representing Marinette County, the City of Niagara, Town of Niagara and Marinette County Elderly Services to discuss the financial situation looming over the Senior Center. After some discussion and several suggestions, our board met in closed session to discuss the matter. A motion was made to disband the Niagara Senior Citizens LTD effective December 31, 2020 but with a stipulation that we use the back office until May 31, 2021 under our lease with the County. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The use of the office will enable Niagara Senior Citizens LTD to complete all financial obligations and finish our last tax quarter.

Please understand that as a result of COVID the Niagara Senior Center has been closed and unable to raise the necessary funds to meet anticipated expenses. The Niagara Senior Citizens LTD asks if the County can assist with paying expenses related to utilities and water/sewer/garbage upon depletion of the Niagara Senior Citizens LTD funds and assist with snowplowing the Senior Center parking lot when plowing the Niagara HHSD Clinic parking lot which is on the other side of the building.

The Niagara Senior Citizens LTD is willing to immediately make available to the County for County use the area subject to the lease with exception to the kitchen which is used by Marinette County Elderly Services for food preparation for the elderly and the Niagara Senior Citizens back office.

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It is our understanding based on the discussion at the August 26th 2020 meeting that the County will work with Pam Mueller-Johnson, Director, Marinette County Elderly Services in an effort to provide meals to the elderly in Niagara and the surrounding area.

On behalf of the Niagara Senior Citizens LTD Board, I thank the County for all the assistance over the years and whatever the County can do to provide services to the elderly in the City of Niagara and the surrounding area will be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and consideration of what the Niagara Senior Citizens LTD Board is requesting of the County.

Sincerely,

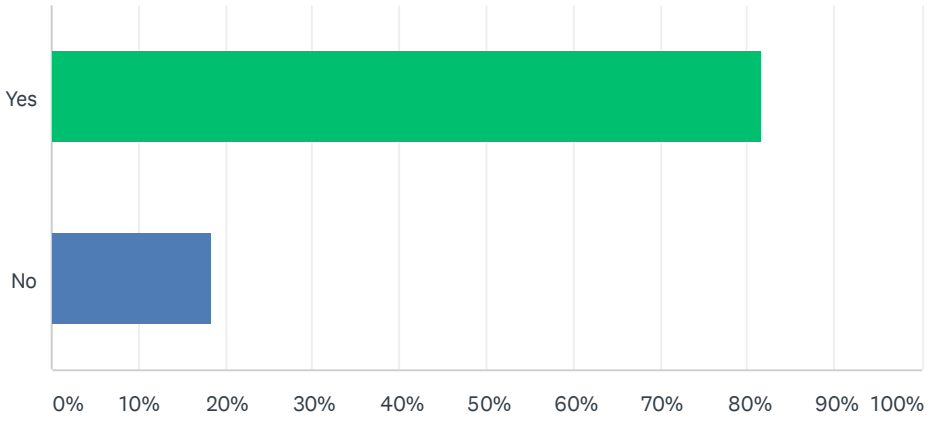
Sarah K. Gospodarek

Sarah K. Gospodarek, Secretary
Niagara Senior Citizens LTD

Exhibit E

Q1 Are you aware Marinette County is considering entering into an agreement with Titletown Jeepers for construction and use of an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) trail system in the Town of Goodman?

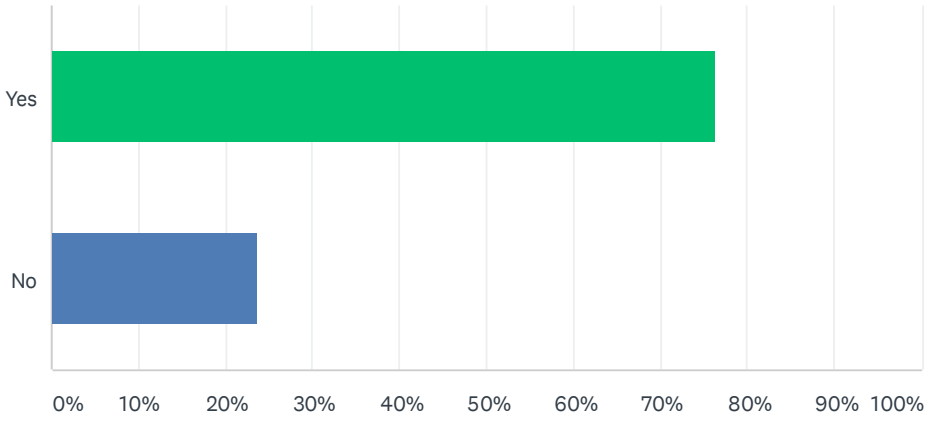
Answered: 473 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.61%	386
No	18.39%	87
TOTAL		473

Q2 Are you familiar with or have you had any experience with a slow moving/crawling obstacle course type OHV Trail System like the one being proposed by Titletown Jeepers?

Answered: 471 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.43%	360
No	23.57%	111
TOTAL		471

Comments - Question 2 -Are you familiar with or have you had any experience with a slow moving/crawling obstacle course type OHV Trail System like the one being proposed by Titletown Jeepers?
I feel there not slow moving
Was on a vacation, unintentionally, close to an active trail.
My brother in law does these types of events. I have owned a Jeep.
I understand it will erode the landscape.
We have experienced such activities in many states since 1974. Our children grew up riding with us on many trails all these years and now our children, grandchildren and even a nephew enjoy this activity.
Do not want disruption of the scenic serinty of the Shrine Road area!
Blue ox trail systems in Florence has a atv park that people love.
They had one on macaslin mountain illegally. Turned pristine land into ruts and huge mud hole. Wash outs.
People in the area weren't aware of this happening. Sounds like this is catching everyone off guard tp profit outsiders wants.
I had no idea this was happening in this county. I feel we should have been notified of this system wrecking our forests and bringing pollution to our beautiful area.
No I had no idea this was happening in my hometown area. I received a phone call from someone who just found out. I'm a tax payer and I feel this would harm the woods and animal life. Over all bad for the environment!
very destructive to environment.. want steep hills, mud, water...
Destructive to the enviroment
I have seen them on tv.
I get the Minnesota OHV magazine and I see NO similarities with the Shrine area.
Don't let them build it here!
I've seen videos - they are not all slow moving/crawling obstacles courses. They are roads/trails that are cut into the woods for fast moving jeeps
Have seen some of these trails in other areas of the country
Have seen them on TV and magazines
We have enough trails up here already (snowmobile, 4 wheelers, dirt bikes) what will be next? Monster truck trails ! I say no to the "keepers"
yes I am familiar with rock crawler type jeeps built specifically for offroad use.
How will stop erosion? Slow moving/crawling? Really!!!
Too many of these folks are getting reckless.
from what I've seen they still can be destructive of the landscape.
Not slow moving and they'll go off trail
I am very much aware that once you tear something up it's extremely hard, if not impossible, to restore it back to its original condition. It's even harder to keep it from eroding again once it's torn up.
Gilbert MN, badlands offroad park IN
In and out if wisconsin

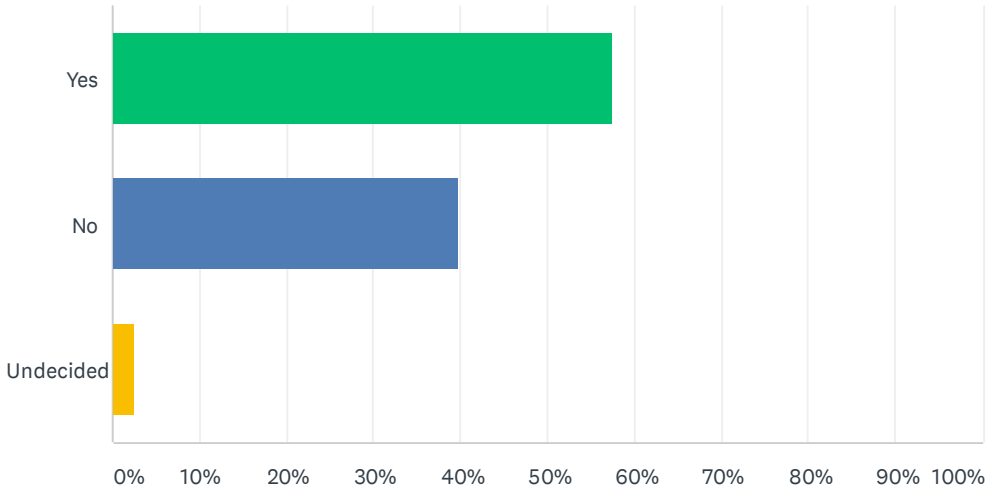
I've seen the damage done to the environment not only the grounds, trees, air quality and habitat because of disregard to areas. Racing, rutting and total destruction of an area plus the disregard for boundaries.
I've been on the mole lake trails title town has done, and ride WJOG trails also
Heard of it but never participated.
One in Illinois
this the kind of offroading I do
Marinette County would benefit greatly from having a trail of this type. The sooner the better.
I truly enjoy slow moving trails, the more obstacles the better!
I have traveled to other states to participate it organized trail rides.
Iron Range,mn Badlands, il Cliffs, il Apple valley, wi
Grew up with one in my hometown, a lot of business and good weekends spent there
Wisconsin needs a place where you can do all these things without trespassing and unwanted vehicles misusing the property
Crawled my private land for years with different vehicles and this year at tigerton with my jeep cj5
I have been to Tigerton a few times
The one in Tigerton has gained a lot of momentum in the 4x4 arena and is well respected.
WI needs to open up more OHV trails, look at how much the OHV trails in the UP are used.
Been to Moab, and other ohv parks
Yes I have been on and to many other offroad trail systems outside of Wisconsin.
Yes
Offroad parks are a great way to inform people on how to safely drive off road
With what we have left of this beautiful northwoods we DO NOT want further destruction. You can not ride on any roads that atvs have been on. They have ruined them. There are trout streams here that will be endangered. The people here enjoy the beauty of our forests. DO YOU really think this will be a slow moving/crawling obstacle course? Come on now, those of us who grew up around here know better. Get real. NO Trail System in Goodman.
Its a great opportunity to have technical driving at slow speeds. If done right it will bring in a lot of revenue from people coming into the area to use the trails
There is many state and federal run parks around the country that have similar things and work well
Road the ANR pipeline for many years till it was closed down.
I don’t believe that a private club should be given land at any time that is for the general public to use for public hunting and also the consequences of such usage to contiguous public land
I see no benefit to this beautiful area for noisy, gas/oil powered vehicles to be tearing up our area.
I am against adding this to the area.
Yes they wreck all natural areas

What does "slow moving/crawling obstacle course" mean? Are speed limits enforced? By whom? Is there a speed limit on the whole course or just sections? There needs to be an environmental impact statement prepared for this course before anything like this can be put into place. I grew up here and I know this area extremely well. There are sensitive wildlife habitats and fisheries that will be impacted by this.
Not familiar with these types of trails but I do know that forest land is used primarily with access for retrieving forest products.
I am strongly against this trail system
Primarily in rocky terrain. This area is prone to accelerated erosion if not properly constructed and maintained.
We have owned jeeps and 4 wheel drive vehicles. We have seen videos of these types of trails and events.
At the time of filling out this survey i am on tigertons embarrass river trail system
I have ridden with friends before.
Mostly out of state
Off highway trail riding is extremely lacking in Wisconsin. Such slow moving trail riding would be a destination for off highway enthusiasts. Typically I vacation in Michigan as those opportunities seem endless, just across the border.
The addition of these trails would be a great addition to the current options currently available in Wisconsin and would keep tourism dollars in the state.
I am at Embarrass River OHV Park in Tigerton at this moment taking this survey.
We need more trails for responsible users
But I would like to
other states have many options for OHV recreation. WI desperately needs something as well.
My family seeks out such locations for family vacations. I am excited at the possibilities this will provide us
2015 jeep
Hiking trails in other areas should be created from revenue that is collected for the use of this land. If approved financial assurance to reclaim the site after they use it should be in place to make sure the land is restored. There is way too much emphasis on motor vehicle recreational activities in the county.
Very nice set up and taken care of very well
I have been involved with off-roading for over 25 years
Low impact slow crawling over obstacles on the trails! This club supports tread lightly
They are great family fun recreation!
I was a Jeep Jamboree trail guide for many years
In neighboring states - IL, MN, MI, IN
Several years of experience in numerous states, including time with Titletown Jeepers and independent excursions
Yes! We've been waiting for decades for public land to enjoy our hobby! We take "tread lightly" extremely seriously.
I do off reading myself
In tigerton awesome place hoping for more
I utilize similar trail systems throughout the US, usually pumping hundreds of dollars into the local economy of the trail system on each trip we take.
I have been on others systems and they work really well and are easily maintained.

Been a member of many groups over the last 10 years. GNTR was at Mole Lake and now has moved to private property by New Auburn. WOHVA and W4WDA have now joined to create WC4WD. I'm getting tired of traveling out of state 4-5 times a year to take our Jeeps off the pavement and have some fun. Our options are so limited in this state, that this would be great and close to us.

Q3 Are you in support of the County entering into an agreement with Tittletown Jeepers to allow the creation of an OHV Trail System off Shrine Road in the Town of Goodman (MAP/Agreement Summary)?

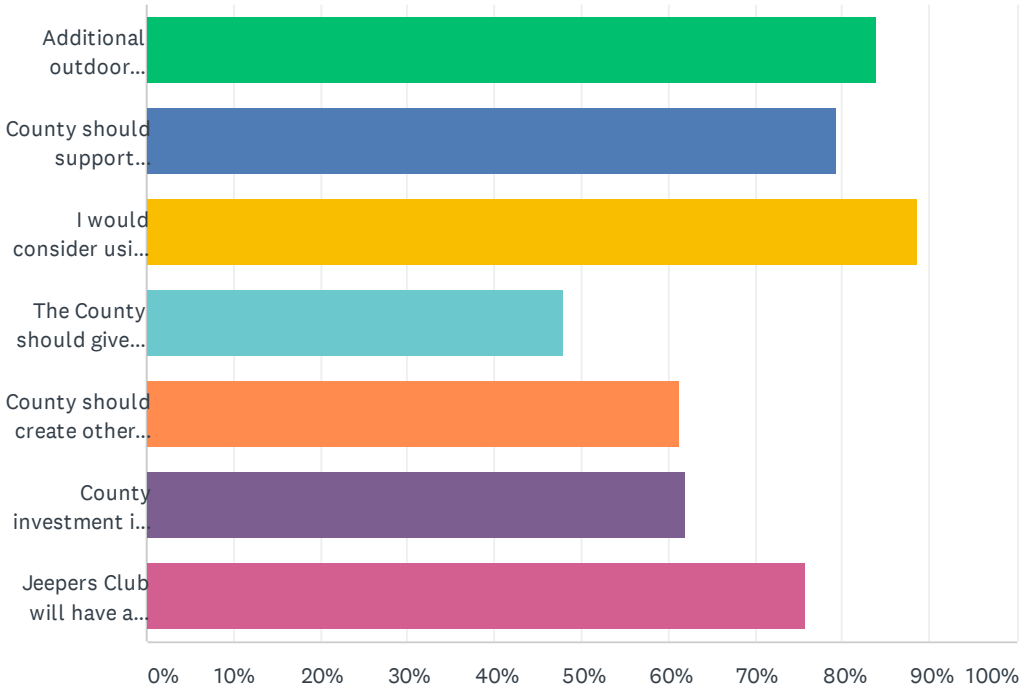
Answered: 472 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	57.63%	272
No	39.83%	188
Undecided	2.54%	12
TOTAL		472

Q4 If yes, please identify the reasons for your support (select your top 5)

Answered: 284 Skipped: 189

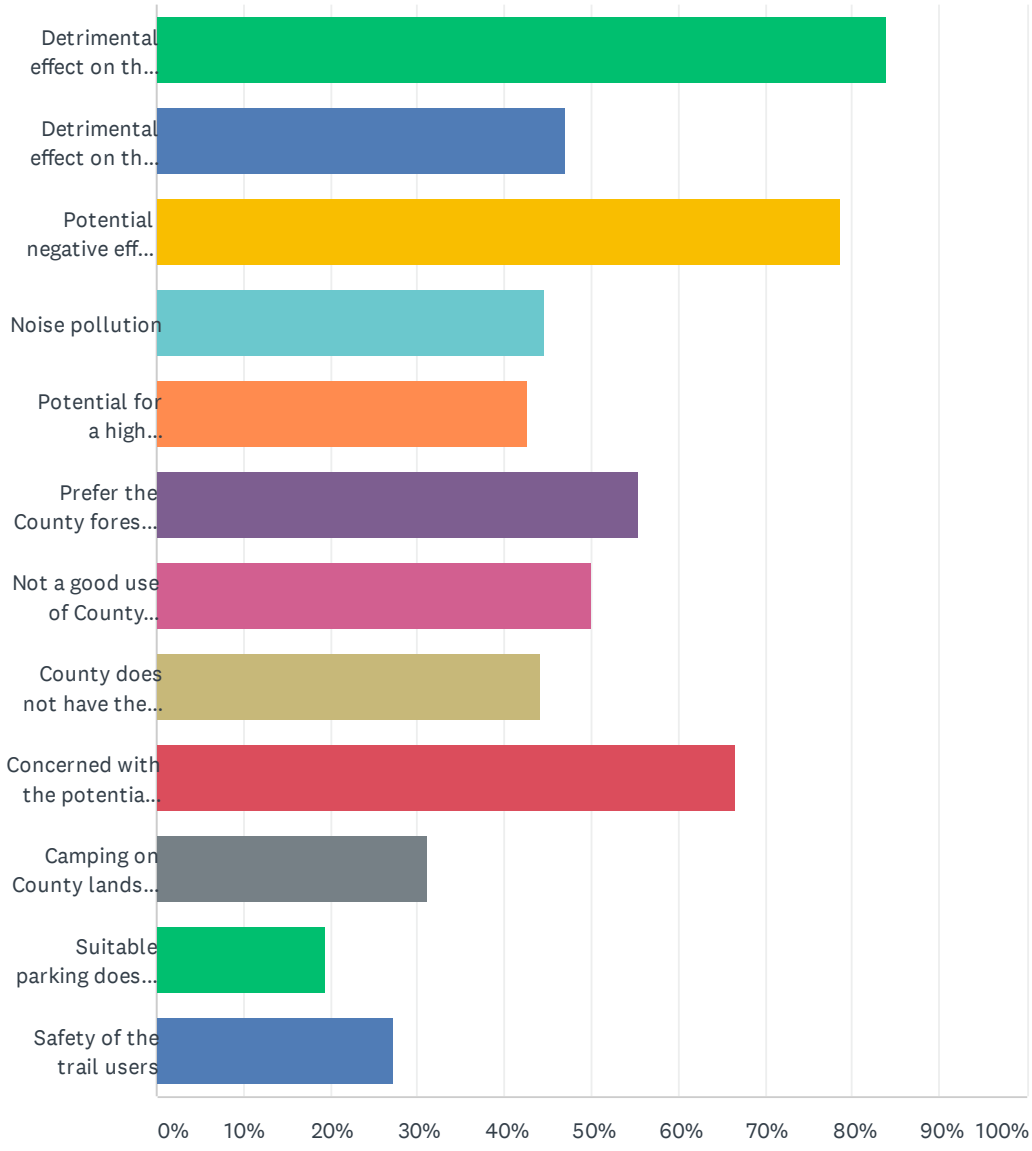


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Additional outdoor recreational activities are needed	83.80%	238
County should support activities that will draw tourism to the area	79.23%	225
I would consider using the trail system	88.73%	252
The County should give thorough consideration to all who wish to use the County land for recreational purposes.	47.89%	136
County should create other OHV site locations similar to what is being proposed in other areas of the County	61.27%	174
County investment is minimal for the potential benefits to recreation in this area	61.97%	176
Jeepers Club will have a vested interest in the success of trail system and will help police the usage	75.70%	215
Total Respondents: 284		

Other (please specify) - Question 4 - If yes, please identify the reasons for your support (select your top 5)
I do not support it!
I do not support
Wisconsin is underserved for the 4WD (Jeeps, trucks, etc.) with very little availability for anything but logging roads. This is desperately needed!!
Please leave the road and land the natural way, no more ATV access and the area for the beauty and peaceful reflection
I would like to see a ohm trail system for motocycles.
Promotes tourism in Marinette County
Not interested
I am not in support of such a project
Not in favor
NO
Not in agreement
Not in agreement
No I am no in agreement
Not supporting
NO
Don’t want it period
not in support
this would be so much more than just jeeps. The potential for tourists greatly improves by adding more outdoor activities. Wiscinsin is known for the outdoors but we are extremely lacking in slow moving offroad trails. Look at the west coast people come from all over the country to try their parks wisconsin could be the same if we put the time and effort it. Also local clubs would be more than willing to map, police, create, and maintain trails.
more than just jeeps will be using this main more than just one brand
This should be a slam dunk approval.
Wisconsin is the only state that doesn't have a Offroad park to go off roading. And the fee to use the property is generated people from other states to use the property. At tax base would greatly improve
I would love another ohv park close to home. Would visit and volunteer at this park as often as possible
Titletown Jeepers is a great club who have responsible leaders who teach proper offroad techniques and promote the Tread Lightly mindset
There is plenty of land off beautiful public hunting grounds. My family has hunted the proposed land for x4 generations for both whitetail and grouse. Truly an environmental tragedy. There is plenty of public land immediately off of highway 8 better suited for this type of activity
Against establishing this trail system.
Please include other brand Road Legal ORVs
This will provide an economic dividend for years if this can be made a sustainable system.
The Jeep market seems to be on the incline, much like the beginning of sxs use. This will surely draw more tourism to the area, by a similar but different crowd of people.
I would rather spend my money in the state to go Offroading, than spend it going to other states. And the close it is, the more I can afford to go.
No the survey wont let me out of this question I vote No

Q5 If no, please identify the reasons for your opposition (select your top 5)

Answered: 206 Skipped: 267



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Detrimental effect on the natural resources	83.98%	173
Detrimental effect on the surrounding private property values	47.09%	97
Potential negative effect on wildlife	78.64%	162
Noise pollution	44.66%	92
Potential for a high concentration of use in one location	42.72%	88
Prefer the County forest lands are primarily used for non-motorized recreational activities.	55.34%	114
Not a good use of County resources	50.00%	103
County does not have the staff and/or regulations in place to adequately regulate the use of this trail system	44.17%	91
Concerned with the potential for 4x4's to leave the designated OHV trail system and destroying other roads/trails	66.50%	137
Camping on County lands in the vicinity of the OHV trail will be a problem	31.07%	64
Suitable parking does not exist and will be a problem	19.42%	40
Safety of the trail users	27.18%	56
Total Respondents: 206		

Other - Question 5 - If no, please identify the reasons for your opposition (select your top 5)
Will destroy the natural beauty of the area. Will do nothing to improve our area. Find some place else. We don't need them here. They don't pay property taxes here we do.
The County should not be setting a precedent that allows small private groups/clubs access to public property, and allowing that property to be blocked off from others who use such public lands. The County doesn't have the money/manpower/or time to adequately patrol such property. Who would ensure all those who camp on County property have the proper camping/ firewood gathering permits? Tourism impact will be negligible at best. There is a reason there aren't any of these trails on public property in other Wisconsin counties or Upper Michigan. They aren't wanted. I have talked to exactly one person in the Goodman area who has actually showed any support to this proposal. Ask all the members of the committee if this were in there backyard would they support it. I am a property owner in the Town of Goodman, I would suspect most if not all of the Jeepers Club members are not property owners in the Town of Goodman, much less Marinette County. One of the draws to the County property is the lack of trails,roads, people etc. The Jeepers Club wouldn't have to pay any trail pass fees. There are plenty of County roads, logging roads, and trails that are already being used in ways that they shouldn't be. How can you take public property and give it to a private club without any compensation even it is for only a year or two? You cannot gate the property, so there is no possible way to keep people off these trails from the time they are accessible in the spring until they are no longer accessible in winter. I urge you to please deny this request. Nobody around here wants this, and there is no way this improves the economic situation in this area.
This would be a problem for locals as far as hunting, berry picking, land owners out there and destroying the natural habitat. Let them stay in their own area. They can't cause no one else wants them destroying their area either.
If it goes like the ATV trails? You will take roads & trails that are now for general use and restrict use by every body else. Which I think was wrong for the atv trails and would be wrong for this also.
Not bringing anything else good to the area. Such as jobs or more kids to fill the schools.
Prohibiting use of other nearby roads by off-road vehicles cannot be guaranteed. There is no guarantee these "slow moving vehicles" won't be slow moving at all times on any roads. The proximity of bars and bringing in alcohol would be dangerous to others using the other roadways and the user themselves.
Public land is for the enjoyment of nature and for hunting. If they want to try purchase land somewhere else to do this, go for it, but this public land belongs to all of us for multiple uses. If it becomes a Jeep track for out of towners the land will not be as useful to the people who actually live here for their purposes.
I feel there is better unused land this land is quality wildlife land and could be managed to support wildlife.
I enjoy the peaceful, beauty of the area
Leave the forests in their natural state. Goodman does not have the resources for fire and emergency services for this
Undecided. Get with the times and a very big help for the community
I've been literally run off the road by off road idiots.
I feel the environment would be harmed. The residents are not taken into consideration about this decision. They are the ones who would be impacted. I also feel this could bring more crimes into the area.
We should work on keeping our forests and lakes preserved as they are. Many residents and myself come here to escape the noise and people.
People not respecting the land. Throwing garbage and carelessness could lead to fires. People come to these woods and lakes to enjoy their beauty and peacefulness. Also to see the wildlife.
There is no police support in this area. Goodman can hardly handle the ATV/UTV issues. This would make the area unruly and unsafe. Not to mention the damage it could cause to local fishing streams. This is a HORRIBLE idea. Let the club raise money to purchase PRIVATE land. This is Tax payers PUBLIC land and not meant for a select few to destroy. Local fishermen, hunters, ATV/UTV people are all along this proposed area. This would interfere with their ability to enjoy this natural area. Also, This land should NOT BE ALTERED just so a jeep club can play in the mud/sand. NO LAND SHOULD BE ALTERED.
against use of county land for a private business

We don’t want this in our area we are living up north with all its beauty we don’t need anymore people destroying things up here move it somewhereelse
We have a cabin that is 3/4 mile away and we know there will be a lot of noise with this trail. Plus the area proposed does not have anything that would be suitable for camping. They would also be destroying part of the beautiful Marinette County
The county can’t police this area due to the road conditions of the Shrine Rd. There is no policing of the ATV’s whatsoever and this would be the same. This area is not conducive to the gathering of large groups of people, campers, and all the off road vehicles. It would be another expense for the town and the county. My taxes in Marinette Co. and the town of Goodman are high enough without adding another expense with very little return. I have property on the Shrine Rd. and I
on existing atv trails don't stay on trails . have land 1 1/2mile from trail i have to close my gate to keep them off my property.shrine rd all tore up . small percentage ride these trails like they're in a race ,2 polaris razors got in headon collision in s curve both were undriveable . met 4 wheelers in curves sliding around corner using whole road ,do not want to meet a
Will definitely have a huge negative affect on any wildlife in the area
I own the closest private property to the area being considered (approx. 3/4 mile). I have enjoyed the peace, serenity, and beauty of the area for the last 48 years. This trail system will jeopardize that solitude and will destroy part of this beautiful
Terrible idea. Very disruptive.
This area will be ruined by this activity, I have used this area for years and it is beautiful country that will NEVER be the same. They will throw trash in the woods and leave oil and contaminate the area with noise and trash. The wildlife will abandon this area and hunters that have used this area for years will be affected. Please reconsider!!!
We already have plenty of vehicle options for riding trails. We do not need full sized vehicles driving through the forest.
Effect of wildlife
A lot of people deer hunting in that area.
No
I also select all the other reasons in the list above
Where are Titletown Jeepers from? Titletown - Green Bay - Brown County? What about about hunting rights/safety?
The area is some of our best hunting area. We don’t want it destroyed.
Taking away from the hunting area and people staying on designated trails . They don’t. The area is prime hunting land. You think the Jeep people will go slow. They won’t!!!!!
no

I was born and raised in Goodman, Wisconsin. I currently live in Armstrong Creek, Wisconsin which is only 5 miles west of Goodman. I have hunted the shrine road area with my family for the past 28 years. My father and grandfather and great-grandfather have all hunted this area since the town of Goodman was founded in 1908. The forest lands of Marinette County have supported a diverse natural habitat for some of the most sought after wild game in all of Wisconsin. This region proposed for an off-road park would completely destroy any hunting and wild game habitat! In addition to wild game the forest floor supports some of the best wild blueberry, blackberry, and raspberry growing conditions. The off-road park would destroy this natural vegetation and food source for much of the wild game that draws hunters from all over the state. The wild berry season generally starts around July 15th and continues until mid-September, this is exactly the same timeline proposed by the off-road park. As a mother I have been bringing my three daughters into this region to pick berries for the past 13-years. For the past 3 years we have been able to pass on the tradition of hunting this region as well as my girls grow old enough to join us. I am deeply concerned about the impact on the natural resources of this area. The gas and oil pollution, soil erosion, destruction of vegetation, habitat destruction, and impact on wildlife are great concerns. If you have visited this area you know the soil in this area if very sandy. The potential for erosion is great which include potential impact on surrounding creeks. I encourage the county to strongly consider the enviromental impact this park would have on the proposed area as well as the surrounding area. As you may once a group enters one part of the forest they will want to continue their riding on other areas of the forest....more 'wild' and 'unrestricted' areas. The county does not have the recreational officers to be able to enforce the park line or speed on surrounding roadways. My husband was nearly t-boned by a UTV last year as it raced down a hillside across shrine road assuming no on-coming traffic. The creation of this park only invites additional 'expansion' into surrounding areas and roadways. The forest needs our support not destruction from jeeps from the Fox Valley area. Thank you for considering these concerns.
enforce the federal ordinance on no new settlements , all of the above are good reasons it should not be allowed.
This area is nature at its best. Why ruin it? Currently have issues with 4 x 4's tearing up the Shrine Road and destruction of a current trail system. They don't respect the land now, why give them more areas to destroy?
None
none
I want trails
None
I voted yes
Answered yes
4 yes
I dont see any negatives to this if properly maintained which with the amount of jeepers and 4x4 enthusiasts in the area it
No valid reason not to
I support the OHV park.
I think there are few issues with the proposed plan.
I don't see any issues
I think it's a good idea to open up trails
Accidents resulting from excessive partying, littering in the woods, just to name a few concerns of mine. I see this on our atv trails now. LEAVE MY FORESTS ALONE!
I voted yes
Why does Marinette county want to designate this acreage for the sole use of this club only. By doing that it is no longer public land and no property tax revenue from the club. Snowmobile trail riders have to pay a fee each year to use the trail
This will kill many families Generations of traditions of hunting these public grounds. Awful and sad misuse of beautiful forest
I want to see the environmental impact study of this proposed project. This is pristine land and is why we and many others have invested in property in this area. You know a project of this type will destroy the environment, the natural beauty of the area. I can not believe you are considering something this damaging and getting no revenue for this land. I also want to see the economic impact study for this proposed study. Why is this even being considered? Wow- bizzarr

these are people that are going to take advantage of the free area and not respect the small community. Plus the private land around will loose wildlife. If they wanted this so bad then buy your own land and do it there.
It is hard to select my top five when I agree with all of these concerns. This is a disaster waiting to happen. We have virtually NO law enforcement in this area of Marinette County the way it is. Are you planning on placing permanent county troopers in this are to police this? If not, WHO is going to do it? Goodman does not even have a town constable. The first accident will create a legal sh*tstorm that you will have to answer to.
The County can not handle the amount of Atv's/ Utv's up here. All laws have already been broke. No police support. This is a HORRIBLE ide and I am sick of these people coming up here to rio the hell out of out wilderness. This area is close to trout streams. It will effect the wild life.I demand an environmental impact study before you waste my tax dollars on such ridiculous things. Our forest land are to be respected and raken care of, not used for one groups playground.
This area has been a staple for peaceful visits for locals and visitors. This group should not have exclusive rights to occupy and use county land.
Litter,tearing up other county roads in area needing to fix the roads that get torn up.we can not even get the sheriffs office to control the atv and utv traffic. what makes you think they can control this. stress on the wildlife in the area. pollution from the vehicles what is the definition of stock exhaust is it the same decibels out of factory
The potential for erosion to the Sydney Creek would detrimentally affect the trout habitat of this pristine trout stream.
It will be the destruction of habitat and land. It will disturb those trying to enjoy nature.
I answered yes
no opposition
I have no objections
More trails gives people in Wisconsin some place to go legally
I am all for having orv trails

Q6 If you are undecided please explain why you are undecided:

Answered: 47 Skipped: 426

See Comments on next page.

If you are undecided please explain why you are undecided:
Open-Ended Response
Definitely no
no very decided in not wanting them
I do not want it to be in the area.
Is the area open to all that want to use it, or do you have to belong to the club. County land is public land.
I am not undecided. I do not support.
I did
Staunchly opposed
Please let the area be. Do not disturb wildlife
Not agreeing
I would like to see a better proposal written. Also legal documents to back up the statements that they are going to return it to a natural state. What does that mean any trees cut down will be replaced with what pine those are all nice hard wood trees. Now who's going to actually police the area to make sure who is using it appropriately is there a pass system what's stopping any one from using it. Lastly what about the other people who want to use the open public area are they willing to share if not then I don't see a need for this. This is public land for all of us and needs to be there for everyone not destroyed and left to rot. I just don't see a great proposal or any thing that holds them accountable.
Not enough info provided to explain what exactly this is going to be.
Not sure if TTJ would be able to properly manage the site - the County already is big and not enough staff/law enforcement/DNR Wardens to take care of issues. And, why can't they find a spot in their own county for the same purpose. If other non-club motorized vehicles start using the trails there is great potential for abuse/overuse/destruction of trails. Habitat potentially could be destroyed as well.
no
decided to be against this plan
I want trails
Im not, its a great idea.
Yes
Answered yes
Not undecided
Not undecided
i am 100% for OHV recreation
Don't know enough about it. I need to read up on it
It's a great idea, do it
I voted yes
To many cabins and close private land owners near by
The main reason I am undecided is that I think the repose use is very good but I disagree with giving a certain group or club control over the area I think it should be ran by the county or town
I don't think the economic impact for the near by business community is worth the negative environmental impact of the park.
Not undecided
Just need to weigh pros and cons.
Still looking into it
I fully support OHV trails.

I don't know how many trails will be created and how heavily the land will be used. I am leaning more towards it is a bad use of county land. They should buy their own land and pay the tax on the land
Because I think it should happen it will be good and bring life back to normal
I’m not
Fully with the idea
I am all for this

100% for OHV trails. Huge opportunity for Marinette.

Q7 Other Public Comment

Answered: 150 Skipped: 323

See Comments on next page.

As a Marinette County owner and taxpayer, I vehemently oppose this OHV Trail System. Frankly, I am shocked that this is even being considered. The plan runs counter to the very reason we have county owned forest land...for the benefit of all. I cannot fathom a good reason why Marinette County taxpayers should freely give hundreds of acres of prime forest land to a private club, a use that will forever change an pock one of the county's most wild areas ("the Macintire"). I have hunted and observed wildlife in the proposed area for over 50 years. It appalls me to think someone wants to tear it up and have such as negative impact on the tremendous array of wildlife I've observed regularly on this land. And why tear it up? For the benefit of a very minuscule population of non-tax paying persons at the expense of the vast, vast majority of the population who pay for the county forests. This very much feels like Marinette County is relinquishing it's soul to accommodate this. This is not the highest and best use of this property. There is no land economics argument to support it or justify the environmental impact it will have. This makes no sense at all and feels like someone is doing this as a personal favor at taxpayers' expense. Is this cronyism, perhaps? I am outraged and cannot more strongly register my displeasure with this plan. Please, please, please do not allow this to go forward. Do not throw Marinette County's most treasured asset under the bus like this. Please be better stewards of our forests for us today and for our children tomorrow. I have great hopes that my yet to be born grandchildren will be able to enjoy the plethora of wildlife I have in the Macintire. Please do not allow that to be marred now and for future generations.

If this club can't afford land, how will they afford to build and, more importantly, RESTORE the land to pre-use condition when the agreement expires? If you believe that will happen, I have a line on a fantastic deal on swamp land in Florida for you. Clubs of this nature should be operated on private land only. There are far too many ways this agreement WILL go sideways, and it will cost the county MUCH more to get out of it/restore the land themselves. Absolutely ASTONISHING it even got to the public comment stage. This proposal should have been denied out of pocket. Time to change some of the powers that be for Marinette County.

Leave our beautiful forests as they are four wheelers are bad enough around here without adding more disrespectful city people.

we are a retirement community and don't need these people ruining the peaceful area around here.

It's public land. They can buy land and do what they want on it!

Will the club need liability insurance the same as snow/atv clubs are required to carry.

Taxes are high enough in Marinette County, we do not need to be adding costs. This will not be good for animals and we hurt hunting in the Goodman area. Hunters bring a lot of money into the Goodman Community. Also I choose to live in this area because of quiet rural community. I already live on a road which has been opened up to ATV's and this has added noise and travel problems.

This survey is open to everyone. I believe it should be only open to Marinette County residents.

The proposed trail is located within the Township of Goodman. Goodman should have the last word in whether this project is acceptable and not Marinette County. We are so far away from Marinette, there would be little policing of this park by county officials.

I do not support this proposal. I do not go to the woods to commune with the sounds of Jeeps going over terrain.

There is nothing stopping the Jeep group from mismanaging this local land. They do not live in the area and most likely do not have a vested interest in financially supporting the local community resulting in a lose-lose. The land is worth something, giving the group the rights to use it should not be free.

We hope this will become a system that other areas in the state can use as a prototype for more of such recreational areas for 4WD's in the State of Wisconsin. This will create a service to those here in Wisconsin who most often have to go out of state in order to recreate with their 4WD's . Also not having such access deters folks from out of state to come to Wisconsin to recreate with their 4WD which creates a significant economic tourist loss for the area. As taxpayers in Wisconsin we believe we should have access for our recreation.

I don't understand the need to do this. We need to respect our natural forests and keep them available and healthy for future generations. Hiking is encouraged To enjoy the landscape. I'm proud to have grown up in such a rich Forest environment and would like it to be available to future generations. Why would we open this up to those who don't appreciate it and will not Respect the land. Wildlife will be impacted. Local streams will be impacted. This makes no sense and shouldn't be allowed. There would be no significant positive economic impact. The town is too small with low volume of businesses, except a few bars. We don't need more out-of-town drunks in the neighborhood.

No

In my experience proposals of this nature don't have the best interest of the majority of local residents in mind. This appears to be a self serving business venture to the individuals planning to gain financially with help from local tax payers money. This proposal shows blatant disregard for not only wildlife but also public safety. There are a myriad of other uses for these areas that will no longer be possible. If this were to be built on private land I would have no issue but I think ventures of this nature should be funded privately.

This area is so beautiful and letting this happen would drastically change the environment for the worse.
I believe this would detrimental to our health and nature!
Sets a bad precedent for use of county land
This area is popular area for hikers. Forrest roads go through large oak (wooded area) This area is also home of the Hunters Shrine. Most importantly, is the Macintyre Creek, this area is the start of the spring fed creek that provides cold "clean" water to the many other water ways. run off pollution will effect many creeks, ponds, rivers down stream. Why is county willing to give this are to a Jeep club... other Local conservation clubs here not given an area.. Goodman Sportsman, Dunbar Sportsman clubs. They only want this area because of the high ridges and low land to challenge the jeeps and destroy the land scape. Please leave this area alone.
I'm concerned because our family has been hunting that land for generations and the ohv park wil destroy the hunting in the area
Terrible idea for use of county land
The area being proposed consists of large ridge areas for climbing.. will destroy this beautiful area. Also, this area is home to a major head area of spring fed feeder creek. Pollution left behind will have ripple effects into many tributaries (fisheries). My opinion, like many other clubs, they should earn (save/raise)money and buy their own land to destroy and leave sacred public land to hikers, hunters, fishermen and nature lovers. This is NO PLACE for jeep obstetrical course.
Move it somewhere else
The proposed area is right on the Shrine Rd which is very poor condition and not kept up very well. There would be a lot of traffic on this road - the county/town would have to spend considerable tax payer dollars for upkeep of the road. I am so worried that this group will destroy the peace, serenity, and beauty of the area
Leave the forests as they are
The town does very little maintenance on this road as would be evident if you have the opportunity to travel on it. Several years ago there was a accident that needed medical attention. The rescue vehicle almost was stuck in the sand on the road. The road would need to have gravel hauled in from one end to the other and continual maintenance repair.
Economic value to the area??? Damage to the water areas???
No way! I hate this idea!
Do not use my tax dollars for this project
We do not need more off road vehicles up here. The ATV's and UTV's act like they own the roads now - there is no doubt this type of activity will make thing worse.
This area has no camping or toilet facilities. The Shrine Road has very little maintenance done on it and is in terrible condition, the town would have to spend considerable money to continually fix and maintain it. My tax dollars would go to support something I'm 100 percent against - this group will not be paying county/town taxes. If they have an event or rally the county/town would be expected to supply emergency services - another burden on the tax payer. If they want to take a piece of property and destroy it, let them buy it from a private individual. For years the county has closed off roads to vehicle traffic to keep the area as natural as possible. Now we have a proposed group with very little interest in the area other than disrupting the natural beauty. I believe this group also tried to develop a system in Forest County and were denied. The Shrine Road and many of the roads and trails off of it would have a considerable increase in traffic. These roads/trails are minimally taken care of now with no policing efforts. Proof of the lack of policing is seen in areas where ATV's continually destroy the Shrine Road. This increased traffic would be so detrimental to these roads/trails, especially the road they're considering. People who are residents or have cabins in this are here because it's not a high traffic tourist area. Goodman needs industry not this type of tourism. If a petition is what it would take to reverse this, I will start one and have it back for the next board meeting.
How many of these Club Members are Marinette cnty tax payers, Like any other Club, They can purchase Land and do what they want. this is Public Property. County Forest, Not a off road gym to be ripped up and destroyed. The county board members should be ashamed of even thinking of such a proposal!
Not a good use of public land this will destroy my families hunting ground that has been in the family for years
This is a Natural Area. Why would you even consider allowing 4 x 4 Jeeps to go in and rip it up and create more human activity! Leave it alone.
We have less and less area in this state for peace and quite and wild life to flourish Please don't ruin this area for generations to come!
The proposed off-road trail will create this county land as unusable for any other type of recreation other than the Jeepers using it, as no wildlife will be anywhere in the area and nobody will hunt it for this fact. Seems like the county is using this land for a handful of jeepers to use it vs. many more hunters that use this public land and have done so for many years, that won't anymore with this vehicles driving through here. Little to no vehicle are currently using this area with it being very remote.
The area will become trashed by those who choose to come "show off" or "hangout" with their friend I.E. beer cans. The county can find better use for this money.

My family hunts in the proposed trail area for 4 generations and this off-road trail would be a huge hindrance to being able to hunt this area as wildlife wouldnt be anywhere in the area with constant vehicles utilizing it. This is great hunting land for the public in general to utilize and this what the county is proposing to do to it and render it non huntable land if this were to go through.
I have been hunting and fishing in the exact spot the trail system will be built. It will ruin my family's hunting area for generations to come. My father, grandfather and great grandfather have hunted this area for 80 years and now it will be destroyed!!! Noise and trash pollution to include oil gas contamination. The land will never be the same. Build it in title town! Next to stadium if they want one sooo bad!
Family has hunted and fished this area for 80 years and this will contaminate our wildlife and fishing experience with noise and trash pollution to include oil, gas and other contamination!
It's a beautiful environment to enjoy the outdoors. I would hate to see the natural ecosystem in the area destroyed.
None
Enough damage is done to our cty land.try driving on shrine rd or parkway rd on a fri or sat afternoon.for the cost of a set of tires they could all pitch in and buy 40 acres and pay taxes on it like the rest of us have to.thenthey can do whatever they want without bothering the cty.i am sure the cty has enough other projects to keep them busy. If not let me know and I can mention a few
This area holds a substantial amount of wildlife because of the diversification of habitat, from terrain to vegetation. Bear, Turkey, grouse, deer and several other type song birds and wildlife. There is plenty of other non developed land such as old landfills they can go destroy. Leave this beautiful north country alone. Already plenty of trail systems in place (four wheeler, snowmobile and horse trails in the area)
Please Protect this wild area! and do not allow this to destroy a natural wildlife area!!!
I live on the corner of Hwy 8 and Tower Rd. Every year I experience problems with snowmobiles and 4 wheelers using my driveway, Tower Rd. and Hwy 8 instead of the marked trails. I can imagine where these jeeps are going to go when they get bored with their trails.
I don't feel the county should limit use of its precious public resources To a small group of people. I have lived in goodman most of my lice and having public spaces for e regime is one of the beauties of marionette county. It's a terrible loss of public resources.
The County should not be allowing destruction of the woodlands. Trees will be damaged, erosion will occur and roads will be torn up. The Jeeper's have YouTube videos and they show them tearing up wet roads. I do not believe that the Jeep club will respect the natural resources of the County forest.
The proposed location is near a wetland through which runs a trout stream. Nearly all of the site is sloped toward this sensitive natural area. No matter the efforts made by the club, some erosion will occur which will enter the wetlands and also the creek. I would look for a more suitable location that will not have such an adverse environmental impact.
Why should a group from Green Bay, WI be able to create an offroad jeep park in another county? I don't know how much land would be needed for this park but I am assuming it is a large amount and am also assuming it is public land. If it is public land, I am sure this would disrupt the wild life greatly causing a negative effect on hunting. It also appears to be in close vicinity to the river which could disrupt fishing. I am sure you know that Northern Wisconsin is well known for it's hunting and fishing tourism. Bottom line if they want to build a park, build it in Green Bay.
There are few places that are left to nature. This is one of the few places that you can't drive to and should be left untouched. It's the people who are not from the area, who don't appreciate the area that would leave them to come up here and ruin our natural wildlife.
This will bring in rowdy crowds that have no respect for the surroundings.
Very poor decision.
Residents and taxpayers of Goodman should have a right to vote on this issue.
There are already ATV/UTV trail do not need jeep trails too
This ia a horrible idea. As a tax payer of Marinette Cty and Goodman, I feel this is unfair to allow a private club to tear up public land for self enjoyment. If they wish to do so, the club needs to pruchase their own land. NOT PUBLIC LAND. Also, No police representation in the area. Goodman area can't even handle ATV/UTV problems. People driving too fast, down US Highway 8, and off trails. People treat our forests like a free for all. No respect. I am also all disruption of land, such as bulldozing etc. There are trout streams in the area that people fish. This proposal needs an environmental inpact survey before even being considered.
Concerned Marinette County resident

One of the best things about Northern Marinette County is the lack of roads and trails. These city folks are realizing, Green Bay and other cities are running out of places to play, so they wanna develop my backyard. Lets keep a few places untouched. We are not running out of roads or trails or places we can drive to. WE ARE running out of places where you can shut your vehicle off and walk to get away from roads and people.
Do not think any benefits will out way county property damage. Disruption of wildlife
This county already has enough off road activity I've seen too many off road vehicles driving on roads not designated for that purpose (taking shortcuts) it's not safe for all concerned. Give um an inch, they take a mile!
I don't see how this would benefit the community as a whole. Why do people who don't pay taxes in our area have a right to come in and use the land as they wish. How public did the county make this information available????We only heard it through the local " grapevine ". That's not a fair way for our tax payers to find out about a proposal like this!!!!
I don't what another trail system in the area!!!
The proposed area the Macintire has a long history of producing some of the biggest bucks harvested in Marinette County. Many families in town have a history of hunting the Macintire. Hunting is tourism in our area. It seems like you have a percentage of people that come up here and feel entitled to a good time at the expense of the habitat, wildlife, and local people. They have no respect for the land because they have nothing invested in it. As a result of this attitude, thousands of acres of hunting land have been closed off to public use, affecting the local people and those who use the land respectfully. We also lost hunting land due to the County's change in practices, for example clear-cutting land and replanting it with norway and jackpine. This might be more productive for the logging aspect but it doesn't do wildlife habitat any good. Another concern is that you are offering free land and this will open it up for any other group to make similar requests. Our snowmobile trails go back to the 60's. Our ATV trails go back to the 80's. Over the course of the year thousands of people use our trail system. Only retired senior citizens have moved up here. It has had no effect on our schools and has brought no jobs into the area. It has been overwhelming this summer with the number of people on the trails and roads and the town can't keep up with the grading and maintenance. When do you say enough is enough? I also have concerns about this survey. We are a small community with many elderly people that may not be tech savvy and unaware of what's going on, much less able to voice their opinion on the matter. The tax paying members of Goodman should have the most imput on this decision. We have to live with it. The opinions of taxpayers of Marinette County should be taken into consideration next. The ones not paying taxes to Marinette County should have little or no say in this.
none
In closing, the economic draw for hunting in the shrine region draws much more investment into the area than a 2-month park season. Despite it's short duration the park would have lasting impact on wild game via habitat and vegetation destruction. Please choose to support the local economy through support of wild game and the income those silent sports bring to the area.
This is an amazing opportunity to keep tourist dollars in our own state. It will be an economic benefit to the local businesses (from gas & food purchases to hotels & other attractions)
I can understand and appreciate that all users of the county forest should have an equal opportunity to utilize the forest for recreation. The quiet areas of the county forest, which were once better suited for the hunting enthusiast have become noisy playgrounds for offroad warriors. Understandably, each has a right to utilize the forest. However, as someone who personally bow hunts in this area and knows of a group that has gun hunted this area for more years than I can count, I wonder whether this is the right location. It would make sense to me that a location closer to town, or the highway would seem more viable, as it would be less intrusive to other users of the county forest(most people do not hunt close to the highway), and closer to rescue services in the event that they are needed. This would still bring the tourist dollars to the area without potentially losing dollars from the individuals being displaced. I do not support the use of this roughly 880 acre section for this purpose.
Very few quiet areas remain in this area. The ATV/UTV trails have turned formerly quiet and fairly smooth woods trails into rocky, washboarded, and dusty trails. Continuing to turn blocks of quiet forest area into playgrounds for additional offroad vehicles takes away from the areas for county forest users who are looking to utilize the forest for solitude. 20 years ago this area was quiet and enjoyable. Now it hardly pays to venture out on a weekend day due to the volume of people. More reason for me to sell my Marinette County property and move elsewhere. Seems the county cares more about creating a playground for tourists than it does about its local residents.
I'm originally from Goodman, still have family there, hunt there and spend as much time over in the area as possible. It bothers me to see the damage 4 wheeling has already done to the area. The trash thrown in the woods, the SPEEDING on the trails, not staying on trails as it is. Some of these areas were great for hiking or getting to an area to fish. Now you take your life into your hands to walk on or near these areas. Why add to the issues already presenting problems?
It's prime hunting, prime wildlife that is all almost untouched. The trail is going to go right through all of that. Not to mention a lot of private land owners use that public land around them for non motorized recreation
this is a quickly growing sport with much interest in more Wis trails. Tourism $!!!

The CNNF has many trails, but they are short and do not connect. Nothing challenging. IA, IL, KY, PA, AR, among other States, have large OHV properties and they draw a lot of people. Those people buy fuel, ice, food, and supplies. Most Jeep people are decent and respect the rules and property. This decision process should yield a 'yes' vote and provide a terrific OHV opportunity to WI.
I am all for this partnership and will work to make this a success by volunteering my time to groom, clean-up and create trails !
Less illegal driving when more legal areas are prevalent.
There are precious few Jeep/road legal 4x4 trails or parks in the state. Most people trailer out of state to use their Jeeps. There is a large contingent of people that have money to spend but no where to wheel. Goodman could be an economic boom for the county. Titletown Jeepers is a responsible group that will be great stewards of the land. I would certainly come up to participate.
We definitely need more ohv parks in Wisconsin. Its a great thing for family's to do together. Must travel to surrounding states to have a decent offroad park. Which takes tourism money away from the state
I travel out of state 4 or 5 times a year to Off-road destinations, I camp or use lodging in the areas i go. These trips are usually 4 to 7 days long. I would love to have areas in Wisconsin that offer my type of recreation. (slow speed crawling)
Many other states across the country have successfuly operated OHV parks and there shouldn't be any reason why Wisconsin doesn't offer the same sort of OHV recreation.
everyone in the offroad community is willing to help keep ohv parks and trails clean
I think it is a great Idea. Most Jeepers are very respectable and will take care of the land and park.
I go to other states, to use there off road parks. Giving that state money for hotel, gas, food. And Wisconsin could really benefit from having a Offroad park .
Play freebird
No comments
Awesome idea and I would love to come check it out in my Jeep. I wouldn’t be too worried about noise pollution given that motorcycles are substantially louder than a Jeep driving through a trail. This seems like a great local opportunity which would lead me to spending more $ in the County.
we need more OHV areas in WI!!!!
There are many people all over the state that would love to use this but instead are currently driven out of the state for the same opportunity
A ohv area is a good idea, it creates a space where people can enjoy a hobby legally and responsibly. It brings in revenue for many places such as hotels, gas stations, repair shops and car washes.
Many other states already have OVH trail systems open to all types of offroad recreational activities, so moving forward with this system provides the county economic opportunities while also providing those with vested interest in these activities a place to go in our own state.
Marinette county needs a ohv park for the residents of marinette county. Marinette county is lacking outdoor activities, and outdoor activities that will attract tourism.
I am in favor of an OHV park however the types of vehicles entering needs to be strictly regulated to avoid serious damage to the land and resources.
Please do it
Many people spend thousands on their Jeep and then go to Michigan. Minnesota. Illinois and beyond to spend thousands to use these vehicles. I am one of those people. This state has pushed residents out because of restrictions on land use. Goodman will see a positive economic impact if this is allowed to happen. Thanks.
Offroad parks are a great recreational opportunity to practice safe offroad driving
This should be open to all vehicles and not just jeeps or street legal vehicles. Minnesota has great success with OHV parks and they don’t limit who is allowed to use them. Only support if it’s open to all.
I think its a good idea to try and bring new people and have more outdoor activities for people in our area
I haven't been an off-roader for long. It took me 30 years to be in a position to buy my first Jeep. Now, that I've put time and energy into building my Jeep to withstand off-road usage, I'd like to be able to without having to drive to another state to do it. Wisconsin has been slow to adopt new policies and laws concerning off-road trail usage. From ATV/UTV trails to OHV trails, Wisconsin, as a whole, has been losing money to other states who would willingly pay either a sticker fee or entrance fee for the opportunity. Other states have seen the wisdom for years now. It's about time Wisconsin gets on board.
This will be very good for tourism and there is many people within the state and surrounding states that would use it but I would consider heavily about having it run by municipalities not private interest
I feel this survey is completely biased. I found the survey on the Wisconsin Coalition of four wheel drives facebook page. How can the residents of the surrounding communities go up against statewide organizations. Why would anyone from those groups have anything negative to say. If you want an unbiased survey and honestly want to know how the surrounding community feels send a survey out to the property tax payers of those communities.

Is this for the land owners? or the 120 plus jeep club members? Looks like land owners will be over ruled. Would be nice to use county land tax free.
Implementing a trail/area such as this would have a hugely detrimental effect on all other users of this property. I feel it is unfair to compromise the experiences of all users to benefit a small group of potential users, most of which are not local and who do not have any significant ties to the area/land. I fear this system would create more problems and burden for the county in terms of maintenance, enforcement. Etc.
I don't feel that this a good use of public property. This area would be used by only a small group. There is too much potential for environmental damage. If they want an OHV playground they should buy some land themselves and develop it on their own. I grew up in Goodman and my family owns three properties in the area.
I feel the county should concentrate on the existing ATV/UTV, Off highway motorcycle and snowmobile trails to continually improve them. In previous discussions regarding the Jeep Trail it was brought up about them bringing revenue to the community. I do not think that will happen. They will bring what they need and not support our hotels and restaurants.
This group should be buying It's own private property to run its business like everyone else. Amazing that the department of natural resources would consider such detrimental activity to the environment they protect. It absolutely makes zero sense. Animals/plants will be permanently destroyed for a few years of fun until the operation goes belly up leaving the aftermath. This is a disgrace to the environment, WI DNR, and the state of Wisconsin.
I am totally against giving public land to a private club, with unknown consequences to our natural resources!
This is crazy. The Jeepclub should purchase their own land to tear up. All other clubs need to raise money to buy their club property. Why would you consider giving them our resources at no charge? Something here appears to be very suspicious and not transparent. I hope common sense will prevail.
People bring supplies with them so the area businesses won't benefit greatly from Club's use of the system. That area is so beautiful, why wreck it. We see ATV's, 4X4's, etc., breaking rules all the time and no one seems to get a warning or a ticket. It's like you can do "whatever" up North, it won't matter, no one will stop you from breaking rules. It's like they don't care, they are just here to have fun and no one knows them and they are not held accountable for mischief. We see it all the time. Splashing thru puddles on roads in the woods even with their regular pick up trucks, just to see a big splash but not caring about the damage to the roads. Some of society does care for the beauty of our area, others have little respect, as long as they can have a few drinks and party outdoors. I am opposed to the County entering into this proposal.
Please do not approve this, I have seen how these affect the areas and I do not want that to happen.
should have a lot more trails
I think that this is a very BAD idea. It seems to me that not a lot of thought went into this. The current ATV trails are not policed and we have people racing down Highway 8 with no law enforcement now. I do not trust this off-road group to police themselves. This should NOT happen.
This is idea is the all time WORST thing I have ever heard of. It will only bring destruction of our forest lands and disrespect to the tax payers of this county and the Goodman area. We do mot have the police departments to regulate it, and you will ecpect the local rescue and fire to assist in emergency situations. Please. DO NOT ALLOW THIS CLUB TO COME UP HERE TO DISTROY OUR FOREST LANDS.
Opposed to the county not charging a fee for use and sanitary issues
This process seemed to move along very quickly without a lot of public comments before hand. I think a private club like the Jeepers should look for some private land for their enjoyment and take responsibility for all the erosion and damage on their own property not on public forestland.
Please value the fact that this is public hunting, hiking, and site seeing property that is enjoyed by all. Vehicular traffic off the designated existing roads would ruin what visitors have had for over a century.
Does the club have the financial ability to restore the land back to its natural state? The club has a great responsibility, has it demonstrated that it will be responsible. Please give examples of their present budgets over the last five years to prove they will be fiscally responsible. If the club disbands, are Marinette Country taxpayers responsible for the damage? Will a performance bond be in place for clean up and liability? The agreement is not even close to what should be addressed! What if another club petitions for country land use. Are you opening the county to excessive liability? What If an individual petitions for country land use, citing this example ? Forms their own club?
why don't they build one done there
Has this Club provided guaranteed financial benefits to the Town of Goodman and Marinette County?
I dont think we should be supplying publuc land for a group to destroy and have for a playground. They should buy their own land.
Nope
I was up in that area last weekend June 19 20th 21st with a group of four wheelers and I believe we spent well over $1000 in the area. This can only boost economical situation and that County

Very supportive, have seen the value of this in other states and WI is missing out on a large opportunity. Some people have negative connotations of off road era, but my extensive experience has been very positive. A few bad apples but these are typically eliminated when a club self polices their members
I think this is good idea for not only the county but also the Goodman area. It will provide another recreational opportunity and have the potential to create positive economic impacts for Goodman. That portion of the county has very little in terms of tourism.
I currently travel out of state multiple times a year to enjoy Jeep/OHV recreation. I could never under why WI is so far behind other states when it comes to having areas for this type of recreation.
I have been to the OHV park in Tigerton as well as a few others throughout the country. They bring tourism to the area and attract a different group than existing groups.
City of Tigerton WI recently did same with huge success.
Titletown Jeepers are member of the state association Wisconsin Coalition if 4 Wheel Drives. This provides them additional support for trail building, training for trail use and other tangible benefits that come from being affiliated.
I support this 💯 and would use regular aswell as help
Hiking trails in other areas should be created from revenue that is collected for the use of this land. If approved financial assurance to reclaim the site after they use it should be in place to make sure the land is restored. There is way too much emphasis on motor vehicle recreational activities in the county.
I think OHV trails would be a great idea to build in Wisconsin. I've seen the trails that titletown jeepers have built and take care of and they keep them clean and close off what is need to be closed to allow regrowth
I think it will be good for everyone to have fun and learn and enjoy time doing stiff they love
There is a huge need for a OHV Park and/or trail system in Wisconsin. There are thousands of OHV enthusiasts in the state, most of which care about our recreational land and would not hesitate to help in development, maintenance, and governance of those trails. There are miles and miles of ATV/snowmobile trails in the state but nothing for OHVs. It's time to make this happen!
Definite draw to the area and safer than ATV and UTV's
More OHV trails are a great way to support the economy. We have the space, just need to use it.
This is a great idea!
Make the trails
I believe they should purchase their own property and utilize that. Why should taxpayers subsidize their playground.
Much needed family recreation that exists in many other states. Please approve this
Great idea. People travel many miles to visit Badlands Offroad park in Indiana. This along with the track in Lena would be a great reason to visit the area.
Wisconsin lacks in OHV trails in comparison to neighboring states such as Minnesota and Michigan. More OHV trails would compliment Wisconsin's existing ATV/UTV and snowmobile trails, bringing in additional tourism and revenue.
This will be a great way to get more people up in the area and bring revenue to the local towns/businesses
I have been using trail systems across the US for the last 30 years, it would be nice to contribute to the local Wisconsin Economy vs going to other states to utilize their systems.
Please
Potential issues are no different than ATV and snowmobile trails. Miles of trails would provide the county with a huge amount of tourism year round.
This area is a prime hunting area.
Is this just going to be for Jeep type vehicles or are they going to allow ATV and UTVs to use as well??

Exhibit F

SPECIAL RECREATION USE AGREEMENT

This agreement is by and between Marinette County (County) and Titletown Jeepers (Club) and authorizes Club to enter upon and use the following described land (Premises) owned by Marinette County for the purpose of developing, operating and maintaining an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trail system.

Premises more particularly described:

All of S12; NW1/4 S13 and E1/2 NE1/4 S14 T37N R17E Town of Goodman, Marinette County Wisconsin.

The term of this agreement shall be July 15, 2020 through December 31, 2024 with an option to renew for addition period. This agreement may be terminated by either party for any or no reason with a minimum six (6) month written notice.

Parties agree as follows:

1. Club trail use shall be limited July 15th to the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day.

2. Club shall cover all costs associated with the planning, creation, operation and maintenance of the trail system, including, but not limited to removal of trees or brush, placement of trail obstacles and signage, erosion mitigation, litter collection and removal and disposal of any grease, oils or fluids that may accumulate in the soil as a result of a leak or spill.

3. Club Trail Coordinators shall obtain approval from the County Forestry Administrator or designee for all proposed trails and trail improvements. Trail improvements shall be conducted in a manner and during a time period approved by the County Forestry Administrator. Trail system shall be laid out in a fashion that will allow for the trail system to be blocked off when not permitted for use by this agreement.

4. Only natural materials shall be used to create the trail obstacles. All work shall be completed with minimal impact to the environment.

5. Only vehicles with stock exhaust systems may utilize the trail system.

6. County shall designate access routes and parking areas for the trails. Access routes and parking areas may be outside of the areas designated in this agreement for trail development with approval of County. Improvements and maintenance of the parking area shall be the responsibility of the Club.

7. Club shall install at its expense an Open Pit and/or Sealed Vault Privies at the trail head and/or parking area upon receipt of a permit from the County Land Information Department. The exterior of the privy shall be wood sided and stained/painted a natural color to blend into the landscape. All cleaning and/or maintenance of the Privies shall be at the expense of the Club.

8. Changes to the Premises boundary shall require an amendment to this agreement.

9. Club shall notify County of any fundraising/charity events Club sponsors or is a

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participant to be held on the Premises a minimum of fourteen (14) days in advance of the event.

10. Club acknowledges ownership of Premises by County and agrees no right or claim for possession or adverse use may be made against County at any time arising from the uses permitted by this agreement.

11. Meet onsite prior to opening the trail system for the season and within 30 days after closing the trails to discuss any issues that need to be addressed.

12. Other use of Premises shall not be permitted without prior approval of the County.

13. Club shall restore the area within six (6) months of expiration or termination of this agreement. Such restoration shall be completed by Club and shall include but *is* not limited to:

    a) Removal of signage and the incorporation of all materials used to develop the trails into the natural landscape.
    b) The seeding of all areas, with a native seed mix, susceptible to erosion or those areas which are not anticipated to naturally re-establish.
    c) Placement of obstructions at the trail heads to prevent use of the closed trails.

14. Club agrees to protect, indemnify, and save harmless County, its agents and employees, from and against all claims, demands suits, liability and expense, by reason of loss or damage to any property or bodily injury to any person whatsoever, that may arise from use or maintenance of Premises and Club shall defend the County in any such action or claim.

15. Club shall maintain general liability insurance in the amount of one (1) million dollars and provide certificates of insurance to County.

16. County may close the trails for any reason the County deems appropriate upon providing the Club a seven (7) day advance notice.

17. County may terminate this agreement upon default of any terms or conditions of this agreement by Club in the event Club does not cure default within thirty (30) days of written notice by County.

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