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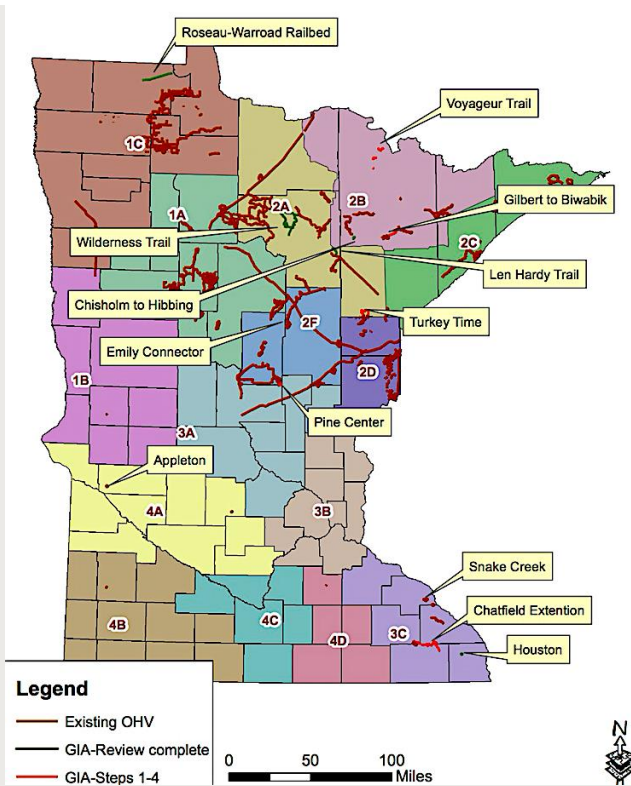
New Trails Are Coming

This map from the Minnesota DNR, dated October 5, shows a dozen projects in various stages of the Grant-in-Aid process, creating new trails or trail additions. More are being discussed by ATV Clubs across the state. Watch for the public comment periods for these and future trail projects, always listed in this newsletter, and be sure to send your comments to the DNR on them.

New Gear Is Here



New jerseys, hoodies, caps, dust masks and more are now available, in a variety of colors and sizes. Order yours today at atvam.org, and wear your ATV Minnesota gear with pride on all your rides.



New Technology Is Being Tested



By Perry May, Director at Large
 The "Trackchair" was invented by Action Trackchair, Marshall MN, with the goal of helping the disabled to be enabled, providing freedom, independence and mobility in outdoor work and recreation. Last month, I had a chance to tour the Action Trackchair manufacturing plant, and test a Trackchair on the Shady Oaks ATV Trail in Russell, Minnesota. I took it up and down a 45 degree trail slope with loose gravel, across a creek bed, and across a covered bridge. They will not be used on motorized trails, but the DNR is looking into including their use on non-motorized trails in state parks and other public lands. See the Trackchair in use at: www.actiontrackchair.com.

By The Numbers:

329,275 - Total OHV registrations in 2019 (ATV, OHM and ORV)

24,000 - New OHV registrations through Sept 3

21 - OHV fatalities so far this year

70 - Number of employees from the Chippewa and Superior National Forests who are helping fight fires in the West

51 - MN DNR employees also helping fight fires



ATV Minnesota Assists Lyon County Sheriff Department With ATV Youth Safety Training

The Lyon County Sheriff Department, Marshall, MN, held its first ATV Youth Safety Training Course on Saturday, September 26, 2020, on the grounds of Shady Oaks Native Prairie Adventure Trails. Sheriff



Deputies Matthew Boettger, and Robert Lund, along with Perry May from ATV Minnesota trained and certified 10 youth in ATV safety, while also applying COVID-19 safety protocols. Gary Thoof, the trail's private landowner, opened up his pole building to provide some indoor space where students and instructors could social distance. May drove down from his home in Outing, MN, 246 miles, and brought along the hands-on riding course obstacles used by the Over the Hills Gang ATV Club during their training courses, and to assist deputies getting started with their new program. The Lyon County Sheriff Department has observed an increase in ATV recreational and agricultural use in southwest Minnesota, along with growing popularity of the Shady Oaks Trail. They have already received more inquires for another course next spring. Please contact ATV Minnesota if you are interested in establishing ATV Youth Safety Training in your area. Due to the pandemic this year, new ATV registrations are outpacing ATV clubs' ability to provide rider education. The more youth and adults that can be educated in the sport, the safer the trails will be for all of us.



SAVE THE DATE: DEC 12

The next ATV Minnesota Legislative Summit will be held Saturday, December 12, 2020, at Running Aces Hotel, 15201 Running Aces Blvd, Columbus, MN 55025, just off I-35, 20 minutes north of I-694.

MORE DETAILS TO COME

All ATV Minnesota clubs are invited to send representatives. There is no charge to attend. The Summit is your ATV club's opportunity to give ATV Minnesota direction and priority on what Legislative issues will be pursued during the 2021 Legislative Session, which begins January 5th.

The club rides list will resume in the next issue, as we work to update the newsletter design.



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