



## MARATHON COUNTY FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Date and Time of Meeting:** Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 1:00pm

**Meeting Location:** Conference Room #5, 212 River Drive, Wausau WI 54403

MEMBERS: Rick Seefeldt (Chairman), Tom Rosenberg (Vice-Chairman), Jean Maszk

***Marathon County Mission Statement:*** *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business.*

***Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Mission Statement:*** *Adaptively manage our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities and unique experiences making Marathon County the preferred place to live, work, and play.*

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the telephone conference beginning ten (10) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number: Phone Number: 1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 2497 793 8454. Please Note: If you are prompted to provide an "Attendee Identification Number" enter the # sign. No other number is required to participate in the telephone conference. When you enter the telephone conference, PLEASE PUT YOUR PHONE ON MUTE!

### Agenda Items:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment (15 minute limit)** *(Any person who wishes to address the County Board, or one of its committees, during the "Public Comment" portion of meetings, must provide his or her name, address, and the topic he or she wishes to present to the Marathon County Clerk or chair of the committee, no later than five minutes before the start of the meeting.)*
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, May 30, 2023 Committee Meeting**
4. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:**
  - A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee
    1. Review and Discussion on the Nine Mile Winter Fat Tire Biking Season
    2. Consider Establishing a Permanent Winter Fat Tire Biking Season at Nine Mile Forest
  - B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration
    1. Consider Proposed Chapter 16 County Forest Ordinance Revisions
5. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee - None**
6. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**
  - A. 2023 – 2025 State Budget Update

7. **Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 1:00pm at 212 River Dr., Wausau, WI 54403, Room 5 or via Webex**
- A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence
  - B. Future Agenda Items: County Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee Appointments, Timbersale Closeout, Consider Entering Into an Agreement with DNR on the Bat Conservation Plan, County Conservation Aids Project

8. **Adjournment**

**SIGNED /s/ Thomas Lovlien  
PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE**

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Members present: Rick Seefeldt (chair), Tom Rosenberg (vice-chair), Jean Maszk  
Staff present: Tom Lovlien-Forest Administrator, Jamie Polley-Director, Jeff Sorenson-DNR Liaison

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chair Seefeldt at 1:00pm, Rm. 5, 212 River Dr., Wausau. Official notice and the agenda for the meeting was posted publicly in accordance with State statutes.

2. Public Comment – none brought forward

3. Approve Minutes – **Motion** / second by Rosenberg / Maszk to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2023 regular Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

4. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Timber Sale Closeout – Country Forest Products Contract #693-20 – A closeout summary was previously provided. Lovlien reported that the estimated number of tons was 2395 and 2576.55 tons were cut. Total revenue for this sale was \$101,552.53. Lovlien’s recommendation is to close out Contract #693-20 and return their cash bond and remaining balance in their account. **Motion** / second by Maszk / Rosenberg to close out Contract #693-20 and return their cash bond and remaining balance in their account. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

2. Review and Consider Creating a Policy on County Forest Memorials – Lovlien explained that more people are asking for memorials and the Department has developed some guidelines that it will be utilizing when considering these requests on a case-by-case basis. Forestry Committee approval will be required for any large memorials. **Motion** / second by Maszk / Rosenberg to approve the policy created for County Forest memorials. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration - None

5. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee

A. Discussion Regarding 2024 Annual Budget and Policy Recommendations from the Committee

1. Review of Mandatory / Discretionary Program Document, 2. Review of Rates and Fees Document, 3. Review of 5-Year Departmental Expense/Levy Document – Polley explained that part of the County Board’s new budget process involves going through an extensive education process. One area of education is mandated versus non-mandated services and another area is levy support. From a budgetary standpoint not every dollar in the budget is the same. If a dollar is cut in one department that is 50% levy funded it doesn’t have the same impact on the tax levy (necessarily) as if a dollar is cut from a department that is 90% levy funded.

Polley discussed a levy support analysis (sustainability plan) the Department had put together explaining how it would like to move forward with the goals of finding ways to reduce dependence on tax levy dollars for operations and capital projects and increasing efficiencies in the department. The Department does not have mandated services but some things it does are supported by State statute and ordinances. While it is not mandated, it provides a lot of services that are of benefit to the County and have a positive impact. It makes the area a desirable place to live and work and has a tremendous effect on the economy and economic development. Another reason the levy support analysis was put together was to look at increasing costs and growing responsibilities without increased staffing. The Department wants to maintain quality services and facilities while meeting demands and wants around parks and recreation. Staff feels it’s efficient in the way staff and projects are managed with the amount of property it maintains but can always improve. Polley discussed the efficiencies of being a joint City and County department. She discussed the plan giving information on historical collective budget changes, legislative changes, the largest operational additions, operational removals, the Department’s three enterprise funds, the current fee philosophy, current operations, current staffing, and the positive impacts of parks and recreation to the community.

Staff is always looking at ways to modify its operations, fees, and searches for sponsorships and grants. It questions investing in revenue sources such as what facilities are missing from the community and what things it could expand on. Polley discussed three actionable steps the Department has created to pursue for the coming years to help aid it in the direction of continued resource stewardship. She also mentioned that the State if desired, could provide additional funding or support for conservation and recreation by taking several steps to modify existing legislation. Questions were answered and discussion followed.

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Spring Timber Sale Summary – Sorenson reported that all four timber sales were sold. Sixteen bids were received from ten different contractors. Two bids were rejected for not submitting a proper bid. Wood markets have been up and down and the general trend for stumpage is increasing. The value of the acres sold was \$355,409.70 which is \$1,077.00 per acre. Lovlien said being able to get the forests managed to keep them healthy was just as important as the revenues from the sales. Questions were answered.

B. 2023 – 2025 State Budget – Update on Forestry Initiatives – Lovlien said all the requested forestry items are still in the base budget. The Joint Finance Committee proposes to increase the Forest Administrator Grant and the Sustainable Forestry Grant by \$250,000 each year which will fully fund those grants for the next two years. There is a proposed increase for ATV/UTV enforcement aids from \$550,000 to \$1.3 million which means deputies can get fully reimbursed for their enforcement. UTV maintenance funds proposed increase from \$200 to \$400 per mile. There is no change to the stewardship program which will run through June 30, 2026. The Governor has already supported these items so hopefully everything will get through when the budget is signed. As years go by everything gets more expensive and increases are needed to keep up with inflation.

7. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: Tue., June 27, 2023, 1pm, Rm. 5 & Webex, 212 River Dr., Wausau WI 54403

A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence – none brought forward

B. Future Agenda Items: Review 2022 – 2023 Fat Tire Biking Trial Season, Consider Establishing a Winter Fat Tire Biking Season at Nine Mile Forest, County Forest Ordinance Revisions, Timber Sale Closeouts, Bat Conservation Plan Agreement

8. Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Rosenberg / Maszk to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

## Comments on the Trial Winter Fat Bike Season at Nine Mile Forest

I am in agreement with allowing snow biking at Nine Mile.

I don't winter bike myself, but I do mtn bike. I would prefer a separate pass for each, but don't disagree with keeping the system simple.

I mainly ski in the winter.

Mire users out at nine mile would be great to support the outdoor exercise culture

Sent from David Kuphal

NO bikes! Where the shared trails are packed there is no need for snowshoes, just use your boots. Everywhere the packers cross the ski trail they ruin the classic tracks. John Beatty

*Found it very difficult to obtain the annual cross country ski pass this year. The new on-line process was difficult to navigate and I was not able to connect from the chalet . Was not aware that annual passes could no longer be purchased on site. Then found that the snow shoe course was not assessable from the marked snowshoe trail head but is now being utilized by the new fat tire trail. Circled back after finding ourselves on the fat tire trail segments but could not find signage for the snow shoe trail segments. Mark Timpkin.*

My apologies for not getting this to you folks sooner - power went out on Wednesday, today is first full day of having it completely restored. Life was hectic, very thankful we are once again safe & warm!

A few questions/regarding what Sue Loka & I experienced while attempting to scout a snowshoe trail for upcoming, **Thursday, January 26, 2023**, Women Actively Enjoying the Great Outdoors (WAEGO) hike.

Starting on Jim's snowshoe as Brad suggested, quickly discovered that snowshoe signage virtually disappeared after short distance, and we could not determine how to connect with an actual snowshoe trail - we found ourselves only on trails marked for bikes.

What we need to have a safe & enjoyable experience for our group & all snowshoers are:

1. Accurate maps - in fact, it seems imperative that ALL 9-Mile maps & signage acknowledge the snowshoe trails. Disappointing to see as photo below shows, snowshoers not even considered. Not safe or respectful.
2. Accurate signage, located with necessary frequency to keep snowshoers informed. Another thing to consider for those going out on longer, outlying areas - signs indicating distances and opportunities to turn around & head back to chalet vs. doing entire outlying area.
3. Signage for any shared snowshoe trail very clear & frequent, alerting users to changes that now have them on same trail as bikes. Snowshoers do not have an association, and from what I understand, not even their own representation on the advisory group that considers & recommends plans. For many snowshoers, this will be an unexpected change. Please do all possible to keep them well informed and safe on the trails they were familiar with.
4. Are the bike trails 1- way or 2 - way? Sandi Cihlar

Thanks for the clarification on this. Not sure if you're getting many reports, but I'll give mine on behalf of CWOCC and the "fat bikers". So far, the season is going well, even with ever changing weather conditions. Our grooming efforts have created a great base and the fat biking trails have been an absolute blast to ride. We have received a ton of positive feedback from local riders who are really enjoying being able to fat bike at Nine Mile in the winter.

I've run into out-of-towners on the trail as well and they said the registration process and information provided at the chalet were good as well.

So far, so good! Aaron Ruff

I received some verbal feedback on fat tire biking at Nine Mile that I wanted to pass on to you to add to the comments that we collect for us to use for discussion at the end of the season.

-Ying and Yang area was hard to determine which way to go. This was coming from the Chalet to the Ying/Yang.

-Also, he commented that it seemed that different trails were groomed after one of the snow falls and they did not follow the original trails.

Brian also commented "that I enjoyed the season at nine mile and look forward to future seasons."

Just passing on the comments but this is from Brian Kowalski who we work with at City Pages. If needed we can contact him for more clarity. [brian.kowalski@mmclocal.com](mailto:brian.kowalski@mmclocal.com) Jamie Polley

My wife and I have been snowshoeing at 9 mile for many years because it is close to home, it's a nice area and there are not many places to snowshoe. We both feel it's nice that fat bikes are now allowed to ride there, but both feel they shouldn't have taken over portions of the snowshoe trails. We have encountered bikes that have neither yielded or slowed down which have caused us to jump off the trail. We see many seniors and families out there, and they shouldn't be put at risk enjoying the trails. It would be a shame if they quit doing what they enjoy. I am also an avid nordic skier and have zero issues with the bikers, I don't feel it harms the trail where they cross nor have I had any negative encounters. I am also an avid summer mountain biker and feel there are enough trails where the two sports wouldn't have to share a trail, plus the snowshoe trails were in place prior to the fat bike trails, we shouldn't have to give up what we had. Thanks, Jody and Kari Arlen

Please make the Fat Bike season permanent at Nine Mile. Also, I don't believe there should be a separate trail pass fee to fat bike at Nine Mile since CWOCC does all of the trail maintenance and grooming. No other trail system in the state requires a separate pass for winter fat biking vs summer riding. The \$30 annual trail pass should cover both mountain biking and fat biking and should be effective from Jan 1 to Dec 31 every year. Joe K.

Please consider this to be my public comment related to the trial winter fat bike season at Nine Mile.

I'm Aaron Ruff, President of the Central Wisconsin Offroad Cycling Coalition (CWOCC) and the mountain bike representative for the County Forest Citizen's Advisory Sub-Committee and I strongly urge Marathon County to establish a permanent winter fat bike season for future winter seasons following the success of the trial winter season.

The trial winter fat bike season during the 2022-2023 winter season was absolutely fantastic. For the first time ever, I was able to enjoy riding my bike in Nine Mile during the winter and it was incredible. I rode approximately 15 different days and over 150 miles and never once encountered a conflict with any snowshoer or skier. The beauty of the forest in winter on a bike is pretty special. I encountered numerous winter fat bikers who had never ridden Nine Mile before and were amazed at the quality of the winter fat bike trails and were keen on coming back in the summer.

I had numerous positive interactions and conversations with skiers, snowshoers, and fat bikers while on the trail. People were generally interested in and curious about winter fat biking and were delighted that winter fat biking was now an option at Nine Mile.

CWOCC's grooming efforts were tremendous and we had a very good trail base that we enjoyed from late December to mid-March.

The winter fat bike trial season at Nine Mile was a resounding success and CWOCC is committed to making a permanent winter fat bike season a success for years to come. **Aaron Ruff**

As a fat bike enthusiast I greatly enjoyed having Nine Mile open to fat bikes this season. In addition to being another great option for local riders, having another professionally cared for trail was also a great option for those that travel to ride.

I personally had great interactions with the other winter users. Having the chalet available to warm up if needed was also another benefit!

I look forward to also bringing my children to fat bike at nine mile as it is not as difficult of terrain as some of the other local options which will be a better experience for them.

Thank you for your consideration making fat biking at nine mile a permanent option!

Dave Mayer, CWOCC member

Now that the first season of fat tire biking at nine mile is complete, it has to be obvious to everyone how it has become a major success. Everything from trail maintenance to coexisting with other winter sports has been outstanding!

I am one that participates in as much of the outdoor sports as possible including cross country skiing and snow shoeing, although my preference is to ride bike. I noticed that when the bike trail crossed that of the ski trail how very important it was for bikes to stop and yield for the people on skis, especially where the skiers may have been going downhill. When I encountered skiers the friendly nature was abundant! It was as if it was part of the nature that surrounded us!

I am super proud of CWOCC and all of its members as well as the Marathon County Parks and recreations department that really had to kick the prep into high gear because of the heavy snow storm that wiped out so many tree branches early this season. And to see how the fat tire snow bikes just kind of gelled into the whole system was nothing short of impressive, even though I really had no doubts that was going to be the case.

Thank you for everything that you do to make this possible and kudos for your future efforts! Can't wait until next year! Thanks, Jim Abt

I'd like to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to ride Fat bikes at 9 mile this winter.

I'm so thankful for the shared user recreation space and have so enjoyed the riding season in my hometown.

Previously, I would travel regularly to Merrill, Rhinelander, Minocqua, and Win Man just to ride winter trails. Now I can stay local for recreation, fellowship, and spend more money in the Wausau community.

I'm also grateful for the advocacy by CWOCC to make this possible and keep up with exceptional grooming. A plus all the way around, thank you. Respectfully yours, Coach Brenda Zimmermann Thorpe

I wanted to send a message to express the gratitude I have for this 2022-2023 Winter Fat Bike trial season at Nine Mile. It was a great season and I enjoyed biking there at least once a week on most every week it was open for riding.

Winter Fat Biking allows mountain bikers that may not ski or snowshoe an excellent opportunity to get great exercise, enjoy nature, and build community through social interactions. Two things that can be hard to come by for some people. I don't ski, but it was awesome to be able to volunteer for the youth ski programs (snow striders) as an equipment handout and assistant to help get kids involved in healthy activities. Then I could go for a bike ride after!

I was able to connect and chat with many skiers at trail crossings throughout the season and all of the ones I spoke with were positive about being outside and being able to coexist well. Some even asked how the bike trails were and took an interest in my bike equipment. And I also recall 2 more skiers this season even asked me about the trails since they had also brought their bikes along and were going to switch from skis to wheels and do both in one day!

In addition to the skiers, I also spoke with several snowshoers who were thrilled to be out at Nine Mile. I was able to help 2 different couples who were slightly turned around find their way (they were on much longer snowshoe loops than they thought), and I found that in general, even with bikes on some of the same trail sections as snowshoers in certain spots, it went really well and folks were respectful to each other.

I had several great conversations with skiers and snowshoers and it was great to feel like all part of one larger winter activity community out there. Some were even surprised it even took this long for them to see winter bike riders at Nine Mile since they have seen the success of fat biking at so many other public land shared use locations.

I and many others (bikers, skiers, and snowshoers alike) feel that the Winter Fat Biking use should definitely be made permanent at Nine Mile. Thanks again for this year and I hope there can be many more to come.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions as you and the Forestry and Recreation Committee weigh the input in making a decision on this very important use. Chad Grundemann

I am writing to you in regards to and in support of fat biking at Nine Mile Forest. Although I do not live in Wausau, I was fortunate to ride the trails numerous times and was very impressed by the quality and



variety of both the terrain and grooming. At least on two occasions there appeared to be more bikers than other user groups! This was a great addition for the community and I sincerely hope and encourage making it permanent. Sincerely, Phil Kaznowski

I wanted to send an email to let you know how much I enjoyed fat tire biking at Nine Mile this winter. I rode a lot of miles out there during this trial period. I did some cross country skiing as well, but I must say, I think my preference has turned to biking in the winter. The single track trails were in good shape and I didn't see any issues between bikers and skiers. Nine Mile is already a destination for cross country skiers, but I have biked quite a bit up north at Winman trails in Boulder Junction and I see that as the gold standard example of an area that struck the perfect balance of biking and skiing. I hope Marathon County realizes the potential they have at Nine Mile and I see no downside to keeping, and hopefully expanding, the fat tire biking here. Eric Johnson, Rib Mountain, WI

Thank you for your support of Winter Fat Biking at Nine Mile County Forest this past season. The experience there was incredible! As a physician and avid supporter of physical activity and outdoor time, the opportunity to ride at Nine Mile was most welcome! Nine Mile is stunningly beautiful and a gem for our community. My experiences riding there many times this winter were extremely positive.

Buying the season pass online was simple and easy. Parking is available and accessible. The trailhead and trail signs for crossing were clear and well-marked. I occasionally encountered people on snowshoes and these encounters were always positive – mutually wishing each other well and enjoying a great day at Nine Mile. The few crossings of the ski trails were well-marked and as a fat biker, it was easy to slow or stop, look for skiers, and ensure safe trail crossings.

Overall – the season went well – the grooming done by CWOCC volunteers ensured a high-quality trail system for riding and the sense of community built with snowshoers and skiers brings value to our community. Please continue winter fat biking at Nine Mile County Forest permanently. Best, Jacob Prunuske, MD, MSPH

I am an avid user of the 9 Mile recreation area throughout the bike and ski seasons and have appreciated the additional opportunity permitted by the County to allow winter fat tire biking at 9-Mile. I feel fat tire biking is necessary to attract tourism to the area and provide a multifaceted approach to other recreation opportunities if there is "marginal snowfall" and a family has their vacation booked well in advance of knowing what the conditions are. A fat tire bike opportunity at 9-mile also allows families with split interests to still enjoy recreation time together but all not necessarily doing the same activities because of their preference.

As an avid skier spending many hours and miles on the ski trails training for the American Birkebeiner, I never had a conflict with the biking community either yielding to a fellow skier or impacting the quality of the ski trails. It was fun to witness the level of Fat tire bike use this past year especially in the dark and as I was roaming around the ski trails with a head lamp seeing other fat tire bike head lamps flying through the woods. I also enjoyed witnessing the multi sport triathlons that included fat tire biking take place at 9-mile. CWOCC did a great job maintaining the trails and notifying users of conditions.

I feel that both activities can co-exist at 9-Mile like they do in several other locations in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan that I frequent throughout the winter. I look forward to Marathon County Parks Departments continued support and permitting of Fat Tire biking at 9-mile. Sincerely, Dan Borchardt

Fat biking was amazing this year at Nine Mile. I purchased a fat bike this past summer in preparation for the establishment of fat bike trails at Nine Mile. I made it out about 15 times this past season and actually had minimal contact with both snow showers and skiers, only having to pause for skiers a few times. Skiers were often intrigued with fat bikes and asked how the trails were when talking. Thanks for your support and I look forward to fat biking many years to come at Nine Mile. Rick Jarek

First, thank you so much for trying out a season of fat biking on snow trails at Nine Mile Recreation Area. Oh my gosh....soooooo fun! I think the days I rode out there this winter were some of my happiest days this winter - seriously!

I am an avid recreational cross country skier, and have long enjoyed the well maintained trails and nice facilities and staff during ski visits there. I used to mountain bike at Nine Mile (and other venues) a lot until I had a couple falls that messed up my hips, then had switched to road biking. Fat biking has become my winter activity of choice now - seems kind to the body and produces lots of fitness, and we have such a great choice of trails in the area. Nine Mile is such a fun venue, as there are existing awesome flowy beautiful trails, a person can loop back to the car or chalet to rest, regroup, get water, use the bathroom, etc. It is fun to chat with skiers and snowshoers, and other fat bikers to talk about winter, snow, conditions, etc. Knowing that there are other people out recreating in the area, and people in the chalet, makes me feel a bit safer riding, as this is an issue with me (that I am working to overcome). It is also great, as next year I can bring my skis and bike, as sometimes the conditions were not ideal for biking and I could switch and still get some nice movement/recreation in.

From what I could tell, riders were respectful of other user groups, and also respected following CWOCC advice for when to ride and not ride as to preserve conditions on the trails. Also, riders were polite when meeting on trails (going opposite directions) and one group would defer to another by pulling aside to let them flow through. The friend I rode with and I always paused where the trail crossed a ski trail and gave right of way to the skier when there was one. We got off the trails if/when they were getting soft.

I really hope that CWOCC and Marathon County will continue to allow and promote winter fat biking at Nine Mile Recreation Area. Marathon and Lincoln Counties and other areas to the north and east have amazing resources for bikers and other silent sport enthusiasts; it seems we are becoming an outdoor recreation "destination" for mountain bikers, fat bikers, skiers - cross country and downhill, kayakers, etc etc. Nine Mile is already such an amazing resource for the Upper Midwest, continuing to groom fat bike trails in the winter is another awesome way to continue to use our plentiful natural resources/forests in a sustainable way, to the benefit of all recreational users.

Thank you, again, for allowing this trial year of fat biking in the winter at Nine Mile!!!! Best, Sandy Stoneman

Just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the fat bike season out at nine mile this year. I have lived in Wausau since 97 and have use nine mile during the summer and fall for biking, hiking and hunting, But have always ignored it in the winter. This year not only did I buy my season pass and get out and ride but after enjoying conversation with a number of skiers I decided to go out and rent a set of skis and give that a try as well. That was something that I would not of tried if I hadn't been out there fat bike

riding. Many thanks to the county for opening it up to a fat bike season this year and hope to have many more. Sincerely, Michael Chadderdon

I wanted to comment on how much fun it was fat biking for the first time at 9 mile county forest this year. I thought it was very well-maintained and riders were very respectful of skiers, other riders, and snowshoers. I hope that fat biking not only will return to 9 Mile next year, but will be able to expand with additional trail options. The county forest is a great asset for the community and serves as an example of how diverse interests can be served through mutual respect and cooperation. Matt Hattenhauer

I rode the winter fat bike trails at 9 mile this season, and had a great experience! This was my first year, fat biking, and I loved it! I had great interactions with skiers and Snowshoers! Please keep these trails open for the future! I rode 12-15 times and each and every time had a fun experience! I could work on my skills and see improvement! I even rode at night 2 times. These trails are so awesome and makes winter fun to be outside! Sue Henning

I wanted to provide some positive feedback about the Nine Mile trial season for winter fat biking. I bought a season pass and went for a few rides at Nine Mile this year. My family also uses Nine Mile for cross country skiing. Adding fat biking at Nine Mile is a great idea - it allows people more options for outdoor recreation and helps build Marathon County's profile as a destination for winter sports. The fat biking trail system at Nine Mile was well-managed by CWOCC, and did not seem to interfere with anyone's enjoyment of the established cross country skiing and snowshoeing trails. I think it's great to see more people out in the woods in the winter. I fully support making the winter fat biking season at Nine Mile a permanent feature. Best regards, Greg Wolken

Tom, thank you for allowing fatbiking at 9 Mile this year. I feel it worked out well and I ski out there as well in preparation for the Birkie each year. I didn't see or hear of any conflicts between bikers and skiers (or snowshoers), which doesn't surprise me since I see lots of fatbiking at Standing Rocks and WinMan as well with those same two user groups.

One request I would have going forward is if a patron buys a ski pass it should include fatbiking. I purchased an annual ski pass and only used it a handful of times, several of them to help the Wausau Nordic club offer free lessons to people. I would prefer to not have to pay to fatbike on top of that annual pass which many years I don't use enough to break even over daily use passes. But thank you again. Kelly O'Day

I just want to say thanks or the opportunity to ride fat bikes at Nine Mile this winter season. My wife and I had ridden out there at least 20 times, if not more.

We talked to so many skiers and snowshoes who were curious about the bikes and trails. All of the interactions were friendly and courteous. Great experience overall.

Hoping this year has proven that the sport fits into the Nine Mile winter mix and we can continue on a permanent basis. Thanks Again, Gary and Jen Barden

As a nordic skier at Nine Mile and coach for the Night Gliders youth program, I just want to offer my unreserved support for the inclusion of fat biking at Nine Mile. I see it as a winning situation for all involved. I do not personally fat bike, but I enjoy seeing the diversity of winter options available as it

serves to further cultivate the endurance fitness culture in the area and increases the use of the Nine Mile facility. Thanks for the consideration! Josh Sturm

Tom, my family has been skiing at Nine Mile every winter since we moved to the area in 1995 . This winter we found the trail area sharing with the fat bikes to be no problem at all. We enjoyed seeing them having good outdoor fun in the same area. I'd encourage a policy that allows for fat bike access on a permanent basis. Sincerely, Jeffrey Hinueber

My name is John Lauer and I am a member of the CWOCC board of directors. I was also the groomer for the fat bike trails this winter at 9 mile recreation area. I wanted to write to you to give my review of how the fat biking season went from my perspective. First of all I am very fond of the 9 mile rec area and have spent countless hours out there in many different capacities during all months of the year since I moved to the area in 2005 including summer trail running and mountain biking, hiking and hunting. I am also a NICA coach for the Wausau United Ride Mountain Bike race team and we proudly call 9 Mile Recreation Area our home base.

This winter was challenging from the very beginning, as you know, with the damaging storm we had at the beginning of the season. The turnout of volunteers during that time to help clean up the trails was testament to the dedication and love of biking, skiing and snowshoeing from our community. I spent a majority of my free time out there this winter grooming and riding during which time I had many interactions with many different users. I have to say with honesty that I didn't receive one negative comment regarding fat biking from anyone, quite the contrary. In fact, most people praised the efforts that CWOCC and Marathon County Parks staff were doing to include as many silent sports activities as possible there, namely fat biking. What a great winter time opportunity we have out there. Like I said before, I have spent a lot of time at 9 mile over the years and I have to say I have never seen such consistent and abundant use as I did this winter.

We have a gem very close to the population center of Marathon County with 9 Mile and adding winter fat biking will most definitely enhance that experience. I can assure you that the dedication from CWOCC and the biking community will most certainly be at the forefront of stewardship when it comes to this kind of activity. I know that I speak for everyone who spent time on their bikes this winter at 9 Mile that if winter fat biking becomes a permanent activity there it will only grow in popularity bringing not only revenue but most importantly a recognition of superiority in silent sports here in the heart of Wisconsin and Marathon County. Best Regards, John Lauer

I have no issues with fat-tire bikes at 9-Mile. Nice to see more utilization, and revenue, at 9-Mile. Bill Bowler

Tom, as a Nordic skier I watched with interest the new fat biking at 9 Mile.

The riders I saw were polite and respectful of the Nordic trails.

They were however the elite of the biking community and as such more aware of the trails requirements. The general rider may need more education.

I did see one case where the bikers leaned there bikes on the ski racks, blocking two of them, and right across from the bike racks??? It was a slower day so perhaps they did not think that it mattered.

At the trail crossings sometimes some ruts appear across the tracks but with frequent grooming they are repaired.

A bigger issue for Nordic skiers is the washouts on some of the hills. The club repairs these year after year but some sloping and a half a dozen french drains should solve that more permanently. The younger generation of ski club members is unlikely to do this for the County. Thanks for asking for feedback, Rick Barnes

Tom, I am a Wausau Nordic Ski Club member who skied 5-7 times per week from the end of December 2022 to the beginning of March 2023. I skied a variety of trails and distances (all trails except the Alps). I had to stop skiing early due to a March 7<sup>th</sup> hip replacement. I did not encounter any problems with the fat tire bike riders, and the bike trails which crossed the ski trails were barely noticeable (i.e. no ruts). I am definitely in favor of establishing a permanent winter fat tire bike season at Nine Mile. A healthy community is a happy community! Gary Feltz

I recently received an e-mail from the Wausau Nordic Ski Club (of which I am a member, but on whose behalf I am not writing) indicating I could send you comments about the Fat Biking that was demoed at Nine Mile this past winter. I'm a cross-country skier who has never participated in Fat Biking, so my primary concern is the preservation of the ski trails as there is considerable financial cost involved in keeping them in good condition over the winter.

That said, my experience with the bikers this past winter was favorable. They were respectful of the ski trails and the ones I had the opportunity to speak with were polite and friendly. Assuming such an attitude can be maintained in the future, I think only good can come of more people having the opportunity to enjoy the trails and what the area has to offer. As such, I support the inclusion of fat biking at Nine Mile during future seasons.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Kind regards, Carter Abney

I am a member of the Wausau Nordic Ski Club board, a Nordic skier, and a parent of three youth skiers. I am a fairly new transplant to the Wausau area, having moved here in January of 2021 from Northern NJ. Self-employed, I had my choices of locations. One of the strongest selling points for Wausau was the accessibility of and community support for diverse, all season outdoor recreation.

During the ski season we are at Nine Mile at least 3 times a week, often more. Fat bikes were prominent at Nine Mile this year, and the fat tire bikers were a positive addition to the community. They were respectful, upbeat, interested in our kids and their ski training, and spoke very highly of the trails.

With the space and layout of Nine Mile, skiers do not often cross paths with bikers, seeing them through the woods on occasion. Teaching the K4 age group of Snow Striders ski lessons gave me a chance to see more interaction in the chateau area and surrounding trail exit/entry areas. Riders were very careful to watch for the sometimes unpredictable behavior of 4 year olds on skis and allow time for groups to pass.

The fat tire bike riders were incredibly complimentary about our space and the youth programs and skiers; and likewise, the youth and adult skier perspective on the fat tire bikers was incredibly positive. Not only did we manage to share space at Nine Mile, but we shared a passion for outdoor winter activity in Marathon county that can only add positives to our youth and our community as we grow towards a better future. I highly recommend we establish a permanent winter fat tire bike season at Nine Mile. Thank you, Jessica Schaefer

I was an employee at 9 mile and the bikers were polite and respectful. I heard no bad comments from anyone. Only issue was... not sure who paid or had a season pass as most did not come into the chalet.  
Barb Parlier

I ski almost nightly at Nine Mile. The bikers looked like they were having a great time and there was really impact on our skiing. It's great to have more folks out there. For context, almost every other place we ski in Wisconsin and the UP has bikers out there with us. Welcome to the crowd! John Johnkoski

I rode the Nine Mile fat bike trails 6 times this winter and really enjoyed it. I usually ride at Ringle, Underdown, and Eau Pleine, but Nine Mile is 20-40 minutes closer and less lonely for a solo rider. I enjoyed talking with skiers and snow shoers and heard only positive comments from the people I met. The trails were groomed well and proved suitable for snow shoers, hikers with dogs, and fat bike riders. Please consider making the fat bike trails a permanent winter venue at Nine Mile County Forest.  
Best regards, Jerry Muehlbauer

I'm Beth Lyon - a CWOCC member, avid cross county skier, and fat biker. I strongly urge Marathon County to establish a permanent winter fat bike season for future winter seasons following the success of the trial winter season.

The trial winter fat bike season during the 2022-2023 winter season was absolutely awesome. I enjoyed being able to ride the trails in the winter. It's so gorgeous to be able to bike in the winter.

I had many positive encounters on the trail this winter - skiing and biking. Everyone got along and coexisted very well together. I loved the fact that I could bike and ski on any day. Bike during the day and ski during the evenings on the lighted trails.

CWOCC's grooming efforts were tremendous and we had a very good trail base that we enjoyed from late December to mid-March. Thank you, Beth Lyon

Thank you for opening up the Nine Mile County Forest to accommodate winter fat biking. I purchased a season pass and enjoyed the trails greatly. In addition, I also snowshoed and skied at Nine Mile County Forest, but utilized to the greatest degree the fat bike trails. The snowshoeing I did was primarily to help clean up the trails. And I biked more than skied because the conditions were often times more favorable to biking. I find classic cross country skiing sometimes difficult at Nine Mile County Forest due to the oak leaf litter in the tracks. It's nice to have another option to enjoy this beautiful piece of public property. I strongly encourage you to continue to offer winter fat biking at Nine Mile permanently in the future. Thank you! Best Regards, Sandy Hoogland

I am a board member for Wausau Nordic and wish to share a few observations about fat tire biking out at nine mile.

- At first there were a few within the club that felt it could be detrimental to the trail. As use increased I did not see any conflicts
- I would guess I encountered maybe 50 bikers over the season and never had issues. They were respectful, courteous and gave the right away to skiers when crossing the path.
- Most had smiles on their faces
- I am happy to share the gem with fat tire bikers.

- There are a few directional signs that could be added when coming off the dirt road that would help them keep off of a very short part of the trail.
- I total support sharing 9 mile with fat tire riders. Bob Robinson

On behalf of IRONBULL, I would like to commend CWOCC's efforts to groom, educate trail user etiquette, and promote Nine Mile's four seasons of recreation opportunities with support of the County. The transformation of the technical singletrack to a wintery sidewalk sliced through the woods provide a completely different experience on the same trails to avid mountain bikers while inviting newcomers to the sport by eliminating the rocky and rooty terrain.

Fat biking at Nine Mile puts Wausau on the map as a destination for fat bikers instead of continuing up Hwy 51 to Winter Park or WinMan. Nine Mile is the only venue for fat bikers to have access to a chalet in Marathon County to warm up and mingle with other trail users to further foster a passion for silent sports.

We hope that the County continues to support fat biking at Nine Mile for years to come!

**Andrea Larson**, IRONBULL Executive Director

Tom-

As an avid cross country skier and member of the Wausau Nordic Ski Club board, I was extremely pleased with the co-existence of fat biking at Nine Mile this season. Every time I encountered a biker, they were courteous and yielded the right of way. The only time I observed any bike tracks on the ski trails was my first time skiing at Nine Mile for the season, if only we could get that compliance with walkers and snowshoers to prevent rutting up the ski trails!

After encountering conditions when the ski trails were not groomed and eyeing up the bike trails that were in great shape, I began throwing my husband's fat bike in the car. Instead of grinding out a subpar ski outing, I then had the option to enjoy the beautiful fat bike trails on several occasions. I never encountered any snowshoers. I discovered fat biking and skiing were very complimentary. When ski conditions were icy, the fat bike trails were firm and fast. When fresh snow required the fat bike trails to set up and/or may be a little more of a workout than I wanted, if the ski trails were groomed, I could glide with ease on fresh corduroy.

As the coordinator of Snow Striders where we had nearly one hundred children plus their parents on Sunday afternoons on the trails, it was great for children to see adults living healthy lifestyles skiing and biking, but also modeling bike safety by wearing helmets. Additionally, we were able to make more family outings to Nine Mile (since my husband does not ski) where I could ski or snowshoe with the kids while my husband biked.

It was good to see more visitors to Nine Mile – I observed more cars in the parking lot compared to other years when there were only a handful of trail users. I think the only times I was the only car there were over the last two days skiing, perhaps because the bike trails are now closed! Our family looks forward to next season! Andrea Larson

Just a quick email to let you know how thrilled I was with the winter fat biking at Nine Mile this winter. I am a multi sport athlete who has always skied and snowshoed at Nine Mile. Adding fat biking to the options at this county forest has been wonderful!

As a skier and snowshoer, I saw courtesy in the woods from fat bikers. A number of times I skied past a fat bike intersection and saw bikers waiting for me to pass. I actually never encounter a fat biker while snowshoeing, so I see zero user conflict there. Additionally, as a skier, the fat bike trail crossing points did not hamper my skiing in any way; there were no ruts, etc.

As a fat biker, it is so great to have a fat bike area in the county with a warming chalet. Plus, Nine Mile has IDEAL trails and terrain for winter fat biking; it is now my favorite place to ride in the winter within an hour in any direction. My wife and I bought winter fat bike passes and would continue to do so if this is here to stay.

I would strongly encourage Marathon County Parks to permanently adopt winter fat biking at Nine Mile going forward. Thank you for your consideration on this.

All the best, Dr. Timothy Buchholz

Fat Bikes at Nine Mile forest during the snow season presented no conflict with cross country skiing. I would encourage their continued use of the bike trails in future winter seasons.

The bikers I encountered at trail crossings were always courteous to skiers and were aware of their surroundings and other trail users around them. No user conflicts in parking areas or at trailheads where the most contact between skiers and bikers was experienced.

I am an avid cross country skier averaging 80 to 100 kilometers of skiing per week, totaling over 1,000 km for the season.

As I am retired I generally ski during the week days and occasionally on the weekends and in the evening.

I have been skiing at nine mile for over 35 years. Let me know if you would like additional comments from me. Paul Jahns

As a WNSC board member and Level 200 USSA Nordic ski coach I personally appreciated the opportunity to spend longer days at 9mile doing a greater variety of silent sport activities. This allowed me to connect with a greater sized and more diverse peer group. More silent sport opportunities at 9mile also enabled more diverse activities to improve my fitness.

Additionally fat biking allowed me to experience county forest wilderness areas at 9mile I would otherwise never experience. Fat bike trails opened my eyes to the 9mile county Forest winter wonderland remoteness. Leisure paced fat biking in 2 hours allows me to cover much more remote areas and experience more wilderness compared to the pace of snow-shoeing in snow-packed snow-shoe trails.

9Mile County Forest now offers the same silent sport recreational pursuits as Wisconsin's very own international World class renowned trail systems - American Birkiebeiner. Additionally the conditions of the fat bike groomers at 9mile was comparable to the fat bike trail grooming at Wisconsin's other 2 premier nordic trail systems Minocqua Winter Park and Win-Man.

9mile county forest may even consider a Minocqua Winter Park (MWP) best practice to let fat bikers use



the Nordic ski trail systems Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon/evening. This MWP best practice attracts additional business - additional money for Marathon county. MWP allows fat biking on the nordic skate deck trails Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoon/evenings. This is done because MWP Nordic trail system is groomed all season long every Friday, Saturday & Sunday super early morning for paying customers so that the skate deck and Classic tracks have 1-2 hour set up time before nordic ski paying customers arrive to ski. The MWP parking lot gates open at 7:30 am. Win-Man, Birkie, Swedetown, and MTU follow this same nordic ski and fat bike trail grooming practice.

As an avid skier at MWP, WinMan, Swedetown (Calumet, MI) & Michigan Tech University (4-time US National Host site) I have always loved watching the fat bikers and nordic skiers co-mingle and support each other. The camaraderie found between fat bikers and nordic skiers at Birkie, MWP, Win-Man, Swedetown, & MTU trails was a severe hindrance to the welcoming social vibe attitude of 9mile County Forest. This former 9mile vibe hinderance is now a 21st century silent sport welcoming vibe atmosphere. Woot, Woot to 9mile!

Related, as a resident of Wausau I never experienced a negative nordic ski trail conditions issue at Bunkers. Bunkers allows fat bikers to use the nordic skate deck anytime.

Thank you to the leadership of Marathon County and 9mile County Forest to stay competitive with the premier Nordic ski trail systems of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula.

Make it a great day, Jon Oestreich

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the 2022 - 2023 Winter Fat Tire Biking Trails in Marathon County. As a resident of Wausau and an avid mountain biker, I am thrilled to have another option for outdoor recreation in the area, especially during the winter months.

Living in Wausau, I have always enjoyed the beautiful outdoors and having access to mountain biking trails. In fact, the outdoor recreation opportunities were one of the primary reasons why I chose to make this area my home. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for me to have access to outdoor activities that help me stay fit and healthy.

As the owner of the local business Single Track Merch, I have witnessed firsthand how outdoor recreation activities can benefit our community. By encouraging people to participate in activities like mountain biking and fat tire biking, we are not only helping them stay active and healthy but also supporting local businesses that cater to such activities. I strongly believe that the Winter Fat Tire Biking Trails will provide a much-needed boost to the local economy and attract visitors to our community.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge the Central Wisconsin Off-Road Cycling Coalition (C.W.O.C.C.) for their excellent job in maintaining the groomed trails and clearly marking the routes. I had the opportunity to engage in many great conversations with local cross country skiers and even convinced some to rent a fat bike to try it out from the bike shop, Rib Mountain Cycles. I believe that with the right marketing and promotion, we can encourage more people to try out fat tire biking and enjoy the beautiful winter scenery in our area.

In conclusion, I urge you to continue supporting the Winter Fat Tire Biking Trails in Marathon County. This initiative will not only provide a fantastic outdoor recreation option for locals and visitors alike but also help support our local businesses and boost the local economy. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Oliver Post

We have nothing but positive feelings about the use of fat bikes at Nine Mile this past winter. A point of note, we are nordic skiers, not fat bikers, but do ride bikes in summer.

We observed no conflicts between trail users. The groomed snow at places where bike trails crossed ski trails stayed in good shape. This was probably due in part to good communication with riders about proper tire pressures and when to ride after grooming. Visibility was good at places trails crossed. We did not see tire tracks on ski trails.

All in all the addition of fat biking and the bikers themselves gave Nine Mile a positive boost of energy. It was fun to see them and interact. The sound of those squishy tires on snow is nice too!  
Deb & Dennis Loy

I am writing to share my observations regarding winter fat biking at 9-Mile Cty Forest. I have been a cross country ski season pass holder at 9-Mile for several years. I did not observe any negative impact of sharing access with fat bikers this season. The fat bike riders I interacted with were very cordial and their presence did not negatively impact the ski trails. I do snowshoe run on the snowshoe trails on occasion and the trails were in better shape than in years past thanks to the regular grooming for fat biking. I would fully support the fat bike riders being allowed to access winter trails in the future. Jason Myers

I wanted to pass along my support of the recent addition of Winter Fat Biking at Nine Mile County Forest. I feel this was a great addition and I would expect this to grow in popularity moving forward. I personally spend a large amount of time at 9 Mile through all 4 seasons and I have only heard positive feedback locally around this addition. Keep up the great work out there. The facility, forest management, events, and recreation opportunities are a tremendous asset to this area. Winter can be a long season as we all know so providing healthy recreational opportunities locally should be a priority for us all. We are very fortunate to have such an organized and involved group such as CWOCC in our community. Bradley A. Conklin

I appreciate the opportunity to bike at Nine Mile this last winter season. All my interactions with other users were positive and I hope that Marathon County approves to continue winter fat biking at Nine Mile. Rebecca Tuley

I would like to express my love of fat tire biking at Nine Mile. I am excited to be able to use the trails I love in the winter now too! I appreciate that they are close to home and love that Nine Mile is now even more diverse. I loved seeing bikers even when I was on the cross country skiing trails this year as well. The bikers were very consciences and considerate of us skiers. As a biker there as well, the trails were groomed in a way that makes the two sports mutually enjoyable. A great big thanks goes out to those who advocated for winter fat tire biking closer to home. My friends and I truly advocate to keep it going. 😊 Thank you. Jessica Platte.

What an amazing coincidence we met at Kronenwetter Forest a week or so ago. I just wanted to officially comment on the "allowing fat tire biking at Nine Mile Forest". Being involved with Wausau Nordic Ski Club for over 20 plus years and now 15 plus years (5 years WheelersPresident) 12 plus with CWOCC, I've seen huge swings in what's happening in the biking community. Now most of my friends, all two of them 😊, road bike, mountain bike, grave bike and Fat tire bike!! Plus they also cross country ski and some downhill ski. The CWOCC folks have done a phenomenal job with the kids and the programs they offer. I'm still very active with biking and promoting the Wausau Area. I've talked to a lot of my cross country ski friends and they all hope Fat Tire Biking at Nine Mile will be a permanent occurrence!! To have another venue is a big time bonus for the Wausau Area and everyone else!! Take care Tom! Denny Helke

Fat tire biking at 9 mile will benefit Wausau! You have a unique opportunity to prosper considering Granite Peak, being centrally located in Wisconsin and having the infrastructure in place to serve a large visitor base. Most importantly you have CWOCC, a quality organization more than able to support fat tire biking.

I currently reside in Eau Claire where winter fat tire and summer mountain biking has really expanded, thanks to county support of our bike clubs. Our community has benefited physically and financially. Events organized by our bike clubs are well attended, drawing visitors from afar. Thank you, Jacs.

I would like to share my opinion of a Winter Fat Bike Season at the 9-Mile County Recreational Forest Area (9-mile), not as a participating winter cyclist (yet), but from the perspective of a Nordic skier.

A cyclist in summer, as well as one who participates in hunting and snowmobiling, I fully understand the use-pressure this area receives year round. I also understand the politics of land management as well as the issues that can surface where these interest groups intersect.

My experience with this convergence has been very positive overall. My interactions with riders was met with respect for both trail and right-of-way. Oftentimes, the parking lot appeared to have more winter biking participants than skiers.

I believe that this opportunity could provide an additional source of revenue for the park as well as supporting local businesses. After this winter's frustrations of inconsistent weather and ski trail maintenance (grooming), it has me considering my participation in this winter activity as another option when the aforementioned is not favorable for nordic skiing.

We have a real gem with this natural area in our backyards, that many drive long distances to come to. Allowing this additional activity, and the partnership with a strong, organized and accomplished group in CWOCC will not only establish, but solidify 9-mile as a worthwhile winter destination that provides positive economic, health and promotional opportunities to the county and community both.

I am available to provide further comment or to answer questions. Thank you, Todd Trowbridge

I have ridden countless hours during the summer and fall on the mountain bike trails at Nine Mile County Forest. During the winter months I ski at Nine Mile several times a week.

I am writing today to provide my thoughts about winter fat biking at Nine Mile more from the perspective of a cross country skier than a mountain biker. For cross country skiing there are few other

options in the area and terrain and work that goes into grooming makes Nine Mile an exceptional ski experience.

I was excited to learn last winter that fat biking would also be an option but only if the fat biking did not detract from skiing. My conclusion at the end of this winter is that fat biking did not detract at all and actually benefits skiing. Personally, I ended up skiing at Nine Mile more than previous winters because I would often go and do both sports. The work that CWOCC put in make sure riders were aware of ski trail crossings and aware of etiquette might not have been necessary, but it certainly did not hurt. In the very few times that I came across riders at ski trail crossings they always gave me, as a skier the right away. I met a number of people who had travelled from as far as IL and Madison to ski and ride at Nine Mile and a few mentioned having both options along with the nearby amenities in Rib Mountain as draws over other areas like Levis Mound or Standing Rocks.

My only suggestion for future years is to make maps with both the fat bike and snowshoe trails available. I came across a few snowshoers who were a bit confused. This happened most often when they were on Chainsmoker near the intersection of the A and D ski trails.

I wish to support the continuation of fat biking at Nine Mile in future winters. Sincerely, Jeremy Pomeroy

I am writing to let you and the Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department know how much I enjoyed the Winter Fat Bike Season at Nine Mile. I live only a few miles away from Nine Mile and have enjoyed running and snowshoeing at Nine Mile for many years. It is nice to have such an incredible recreational property near our home. Since my son has always been more excited about mountain biking than running/snowshoeing, my husband and I decided to take up mountain biking as well. We were so glad we did as we enjoyed joining our son during the 2022 regular mountain bike season at Nine Mile (and on other area trails). It has become one of our favorite things to do together. As a result, when it was announced that Nine Mile would open for Winter Fat Bikes this year, my son and I decided to purchase fat bikes (and winter passes) to extend our riding into the winter months. We absolutely loved the season, appreciate all the work that was put into caring for/maintaining the trails and hope it is something that will continue in the future. While I could share so many fantastic things about the 2022-2023 Winter Fat Bike Season at Nine Mile, some specific positives I would like to point out include:

1. It was amazing to see the biking community and members of CWOCC come together so quickly after the early ice storm to clear trails and get them ready for grooming and riding. My husband and I were unable to make the initial Saturday work day but connected with members of CWOCC to see where we could help out on Sunday. We knew the deep snow on the ground and ice weighing down the trees would make for hard work but were entirely surprised when we arrived at Nine Mile Sunday morning and saw how much had been accomplished on just Saturday. There was only a short segment of trail left for us to clear as so many people had already answered the call to help. We enjoyed helping in the trail segments that still needed clearing and also spent time talking with a few skiers we came across who were putting time in clearing trees/debris from the ski trails. It was such a wonderful experience to see so many members from both the bike and ski communities putting time into getting the trails ready to open.
2. As an avid snowshoer at Nine Mile for several seasons, I wondered if there would be issues with shared bike/snowshoe trails. In my opinion, it seemed to go well. While I love snowshoeing back

to the outer loops (on more of the black diamond trails) to make fresh tracks in the snow, I had several friends comment on how much they enjoyed joining me for easier snowshoe treks on the well-packed bike trails where they were never worried they would get lost. Every time I was out on my snowshoes the bikers I encountered were courteous about sharing the trail as were all the snowshoers I encountered while biking.

3. I absolutely loved biking the trails in the early morning. While I seldom encountered other bikers, or even snowshoers, at this time, I often crossed paths with an early morning skier or two. It made me smile to see others out enjoying the beauty and solitude of a brisk winter morning and I always got the feeling they didn't mind seeing a bike out at that time either.
4. Winter fat biking allowed me to have new experiences at so many familiar places at Nine Mile. Winter is the most beautiful time at Nine Mile and riding the trails without the worries of navigating roots or rocks allowed me to take in the beauty of fresh snow, a sunset, frost, or even the glow from the lighted ski trails. The trail that challenges me most in the summer (root canal-I am not accomplished enough for the black trails yet) was my favorite in the winter and climbs that don't take much effort in the summer could be quite a grind in the winter.
5. Camaraderie was incredible - bikers, skiers, snowshoers all seemed to interact in the parking lot, at the fire, etc as part of the larger winter-loving community.

Many thanks to those of you involved in approving the trial Winter Fat Bike Season at Nine Mile. I sincerely hope it is something that will continue for years to come (and that I can get my husband to purchase a Winter bike for next year)!

Kind regards,

Gina Smith

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## WINTER FAT BIKE TRAILS AT NINE MILE COUNTY FOREST RECREATION AREA

Winter fat biking has become an increasingly popular winter sport in the Midwest. Many major mountain bike trail systems in the Midwest also have winter fat biking including popular destinations like the Cable/Hayward, WI area, Marquette, Michigan, and Duluth, Minnesota. CWOCC is seeking groomed winter fat bike trails at Nine Mile County Forest Recreation Area, an already popular spring, summer, and fall offroad cycling destination. Currently, CWOCC grooms winter fat bike trails at Ringle Trails, Big Eau Pleine County Park, and Praire Dells - Underdown (Lincoln County). CWOCC is ready and willing to work with the Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department and Wausau Nordic Ski Club to make winter fat biking a success at Nine Mile County Forest Recreation Area.

### DETAILS OF THE NINE MILE REQUEST INCLUDE:

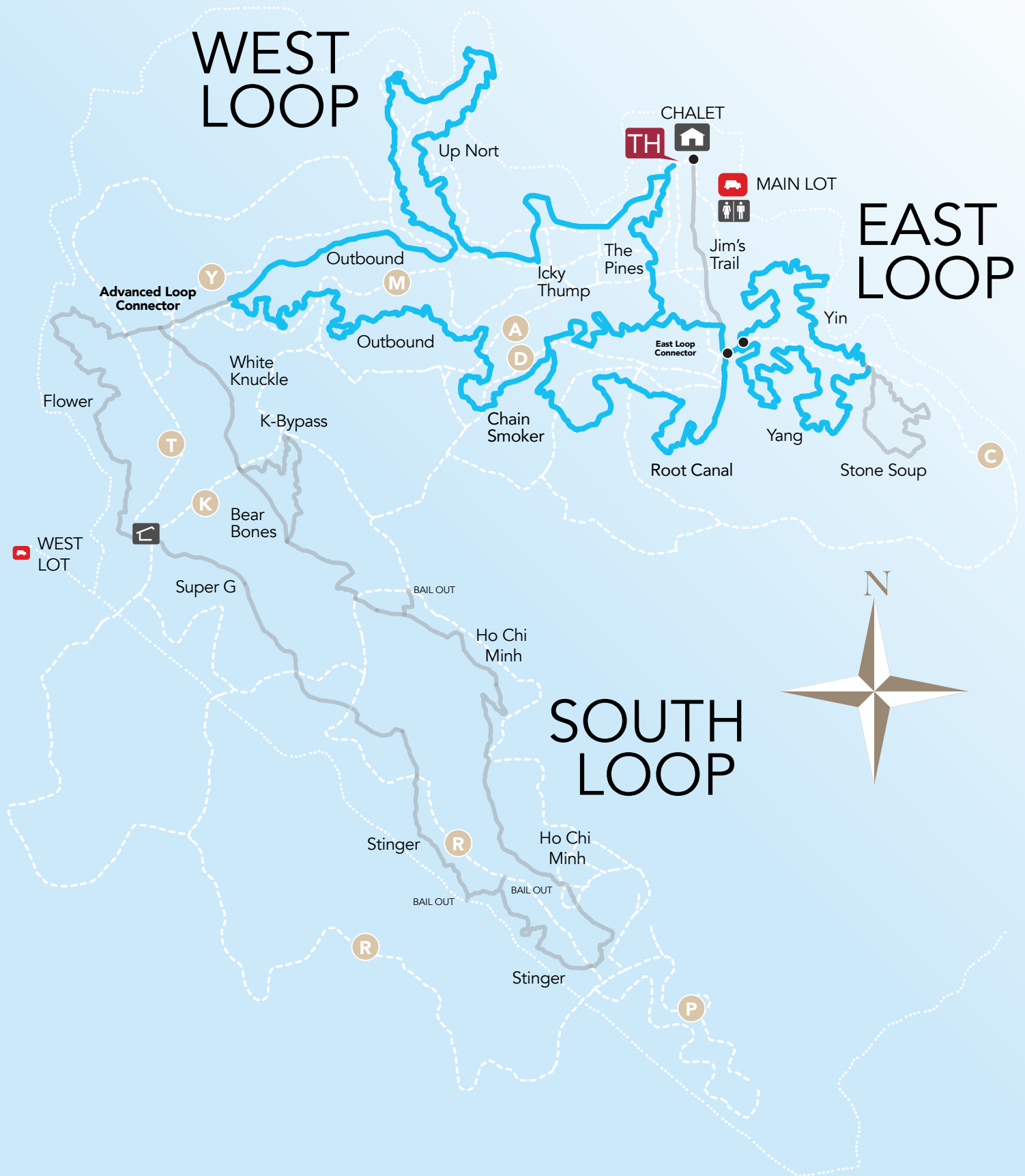
- A new winter fat bike trail pass will be required to ride trails. Winter fat bike trail passes will be \$20 for a seasonal pass and \$5 for a daily pass for the trial season.
- A short section (about ¼ mile) of shared trail along Red Bud Road will be doubled groomed to allow fat bikes and snowshoers to pass safely. This will allow the snowshoers the ability to have a loop where they only encounter fat bikes in that short section of trail.
- Winter fat bike trails would be limited to groomed singletrack (shown in blue on the map), some of which is shared with snowshoe trail.
- Winter fat bikes must have tires at least 3.8" wide.
- Ski trail crossing/yield to skier signage will be added at each intersection of the winter fat bike and ski trail.
- Winter fat bike riders will yield to both skiers and snowshoers..
- When riding at night, fat bikers are required to have headlights.
- No fat biking would be allowed on groomed skate or classic ski trails, except at trail crossings and for special events.
- CWOCC would educate and reinforce trail usage and etiquette to our riders.
- CWOCC will be responsible for grooming winter fat bike trails. CWOCC has successfully groomed winter fat bike trail utilizing volunteers for years.
- Winter fat bike riders would have access to the chalet during open hours.
- CWOCC will communicate trails closures to riders during the Nordic Club's major events, i.e., Snekkevik, Badger State Games, etc.
- *Proposed winter fat bike trail route on following page.*



*Thank you for your consideration.*

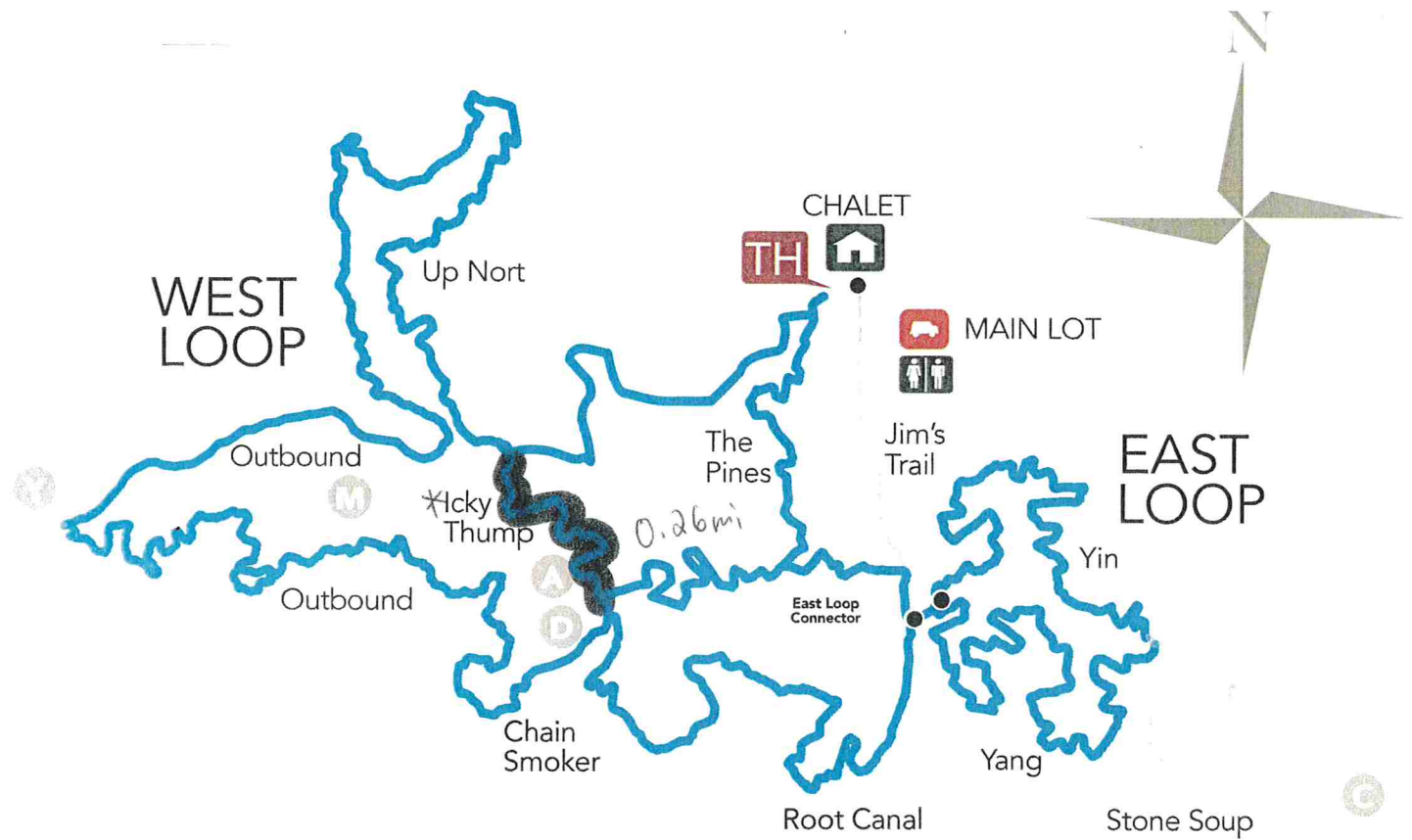
Additional questions can be directed to CWOCC representative Aaron Ruff at 715-432-4252

# PROPOSED FATBIKE ROUTE





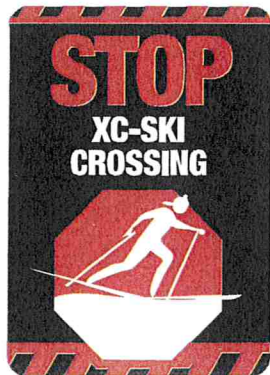
# NINE MILE FATBIKE ROUTE



**TRAIL PASS REQUIRED**

**WINTER FAT BIKES MUST HAVE TIRES AT LEAST 3.8" WIDE.**

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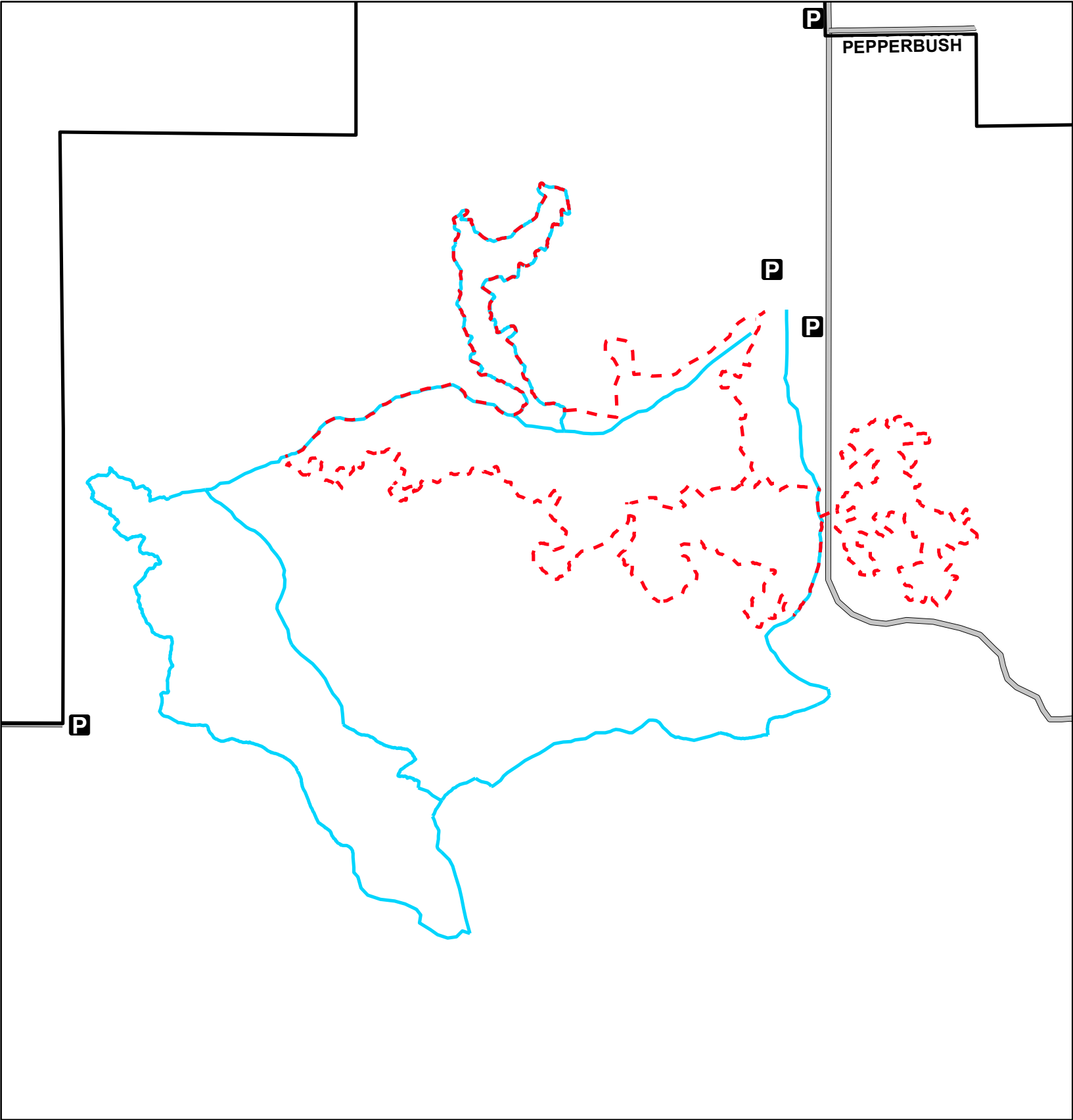


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# Nine Mile Forest Unit Proposed Fat Bike Trail



**Legend**

- Proposed Fat Bike Trail
- Snowshoe Trail
- P** Parking Lots



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### Sec. 16.03. Committee of administration.

- (1) *Appointment.* The County Board assigns administration of the Department's Forestry Division to the Forestry/Recreation Committee, ~~composed of three members, is the committee of jurisdiction for Marathon County forestlands,~~ hereafter referred to as the "Committee". The Committee is also the committee of jurisdiction for Marathon County forestlands.
- (2) *Powers and duties.*
  - (a) The Committee is empowered to recommend to the County Board the acquisition of land within County forest areas by purchase, gift or bequest, or by exchange of County owned lands outside such areas for the purpose of blocking the forest for better administration. Each recommended acquisition shall be presented to the County Board for approval.
  - (b) The Committee may make application for entry of County forest lands under § 28.11, Wis. Stats.
  - (c) The Committee shall authorize the Director to designate a County Forest Administrator as its agent, and the Committee is empowered to employ such other competent personnel as may be necessary to direct, perform and enforce the administrative and management functions of the Department's Forestry Division.
  - (d) The Committee may establish and maintain in appropriate centers a forest headquarters for office space and the housing of machinery, tools, equipment and supplies needed in conducting forest operations.
  - (e) The Committee may purchase, acquire, sell, trade or dispose of instruments, tools, equipment and supplies required for the operation of the forest pursuant to the bidding requirements of Wisconsin Statutes Chapters 28 and 59 and the Marathon County Procurement Code. Purchases not provided for in the annual budget must receive specific approval of the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee and be referred to the County Board.
  - (f) The Committee shall cooperate with the DNR in preparing budgets for County Forest Administration, capital and direct expenditures of forestry funds advanced by the DNR and for the other revenues accruing to the County under this Chapter for submission to the County Board.
  - (g) The Committee shall do all things necessary for the protection of the forest whether from fire, insects, disease, trespass, or from damage by animals or persons, or from other causes, in cooperation with the DNR.
  - (h) The Committee shall regulate the disposal of slash.
  - (i) The Committee may designate timber harvest boundaries to establish timber sales on County forest lands.
  - (j) The Committee may construct, improve and maintain a system of forest roads, trails and fire breaks, and purchase or secure easements for accessways required to cross privately owned lands. Purchase of easements shall be referred to the County Board for approval.
  - (k) In order to protect the public rights the Committee may prohibit specified vehicles from entering County forest or special use lands where such vehicles would interfere with or be detrimental to wildlife, game management, other recreational activities, aesthetic management zones, nursery areas, areas of unique flora and fauna, stream banks or ground cover where erosion may result. The Committee shall have discretion in reasonably marking roads or trails. Gates or other barricades shall be clearly marked.

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- (l) The Committee shall conduct forest improvement work, including reforestation, release cuttings, thinnings, pruning and weeding by any method, including spraying or dusting of DNR approved herbicides and pesticides by airplane and other methods and shall authorize disposal of all salvaged materials.
  - (m) The Committee shall prepare an intensive 15-year County forest land use plan, with assistance from the DNR, and the plan shall be approved by the County Board and the DNR.
  - (n) The Committee is authorized to sell merchantable timber in accordance with § 28.11(6), Wis. Stats.
  - (o) The Committee may establish, construct and maintain within the County forest the following: picnic grounds, waysides, camps and campsites, public access roads and boat landings, scenic areas, trails and natural or historic markers. The Committee may establish fees or use permits for the use of these areas. The Committee may also assign certain forest lands to school districts for educational purposes.
  - (p) The Committee or its designee may issue permits within the County forest for the collection of firewood, Christmas boughs, peat or other natural resources for private use and may charge a fee for such permits.
  - (q) The Committee will cooperate with the DNR pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 19, 1967, on all matters relating to game and fish management within the County forest and may prohibit hunting or fishing, as advised by the DNR, where such hunting or fishing would be inconsistent with other planned land uses.
  - (r) The Committee may enter into agreements with Forest Experiment Stations, the University of Wisconsin System, other universities or with the DNR for the use of tracts of County forest lands, labor, materials or equipment for conducting research.
  - (s) The Committee may authorize special forest or recreation development work on other public lands not included in the County forest, including school forests, community forests, other County lands, watersheds, public highways or similar projects with funds from the County Forestry Aid Fund.
  - (t) The Committee may enter into agreements to prospect for ore or minerals upon County lands under the jurisdiction of the Committee, subject to approval by the County Board and the DNR.
  - (u) The Committee shall prepare and present an annual report of its activities to the County Board.
  - (v) County Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee.
    1. *Appointments.* The chairman of the Committee shall appoint 11 persons to the subcommittee. The appointments shall all be citizens at large and should provide as nearly as possible county-wide geographical representation.
    2. *Terms of office.* Initial appointments shall consist of five members appointed for a one-year term and six persons for a two-year term. Thereafter, the appointments to the subcommittee shall be for a two-year term. The subcommittee shall elect its officers and adopt its own rules and regulations for carrying out its duties.
    3. *Duties* The subcommittee shall have the following duties:
      - a. Give advice and counsel to the Committee regarding long-range forest and outdoor recreation plans for the County forest.
      - b. Provide recommendations to the Committee on priorities for development of the Forestry Division annual budget and work plan.
      - c. Operate as a focus group on specific problems or questions posed by the Committee.
      - d. Attend tours of Forestry Division recreation, forestry and wildlife projects.

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- e. Prepare an annual report for the Committee of activities and issues the subcommittee has addressed the prior year and goals and activities anticipated in the current year.
  4. *Administration.* The subcommittee will meet quarterly or more often as needed. The County Forest Administrator will attend said meetings and act as liaison with the Committee. Round trip mileage will be paid from residence to meeting locations to all members who are not employees of Marathon County.

(O-13-96; O-16-98; O-8-03; O-16-13)

### **Sec. 16.08. General offenses.**

- (1) *Sales.* No person shall sell or offer for sale any goods, merchandise or service in any County forest except as authorized by the Committee or its designee and when holding proper licenses.
- (2) *Posting bills or advertising.* No person shall distribute or post bills or advertisements in any County forest without written permission of the Committee or its designee.
- (3) *Personal conduct.* No person shall engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct under circumstances in which the conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance in any County forest.
- (4) *Property of others.* No person shall disturb, molest or remove the property or personal effects of others.
- (5) *Unreasonable noise.* No person shall make or cause to be made any unreasonably loud sounds or noises under circumstances which tend to annoy or disturb others, except that noises customary to accepted County forest activities are permitted.
- (6) *Obstructing.* No person shall knowingly obstruct a ranger or any law enforcement officer while the ranger or any law enforcement officer is doing any act in an official capacity and with lawful authority. Obstruct includes without limitation knowingly giving false information with intent to mislead the ranger or any law enforcement officer in the performance of duty including the issuance of any citation.
- (7) *Destruction and entry.*
  - (a) *Deface, remove or destroy.* No person shall disturb, molest, deface, remove or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants, or other natural growth, or natural or archeological feature; disturb or remove shoreline rip-rap; carve on any rocks, archeological or geological features, signs, walls or structures; drive nails in trees or move, deface or vandalize in any manner any structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables or other County property. This paragraph shall be deemed to prohibit any natural growth from being cut or cleared to create shooting lanes. Edible fruits, nuts, wild mushrooms and wild asparagus may be picked or gathered without a permit, except on State Natural Areas.
  - (b) *Prospecting prohibited.*
    - (1) In this subsection, the term "prospecting" means exploring for the presence of rocks, minerals or fossils by means of relocation, removal or displacement of soil or other organic or inorganic materials.
    - (2) No person may collect, or engage in prospecting for, rocks, minerals, or fossil materials located on any Marathon County Forest land or the bed of any body of water located thereon.
  - (c) *Entry and manipulation.* No person shall enter in any way any building, installation or area that may be under construction or locked or closed to public use or molest or manipulate any water control structure, dam or culvert or enter or be upon any building, installation or area after the posted closing time or before the posted opening time or contrary to posted notice in any County forest.

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(8) *Cleaning and refuse.*

- (a) *Washing.* The washing of motor vehicles, persons, pets, cooking utensils or clothing is prohibited in any lakes, streams or on any picnic areas, boat landings, parking lots or roadways or within 50 feet of any pump, fountain or drinking water outlet in any County forest.
- (b) *Refuse.*
  - 1. No person shall deposit or leave any garbage, sewage, or other waste material upon any body of water or other area in any County forest except in an appropriate solid waste or recycling container.
  - 2. No person shall deposit or leave any residential or commercial waste material in any waste receptacle or other area in any County forest.
- (c) *Dispensing beverages.* No vendor shall dispense beverages in any cup, glass, flask, bottle or other container made of glass or other shatterable material designed or used for holding a beverage at any outdoor game, attraction, event, or public function. This prohibition does not apply to vendors at any of the above-listed activities serving sit-down meals where the beverage containers are washed and reused. All beverage vendors at any of the above-listed activities shall use recyclable beverage containers and provide adequate collection facilities for the recycling of all beverage containers so used.

(9) *Vehicular traffic.*

- (a) No person shall operate any vehicle at a speed contrary to official traffic signs in any County forest.
- (b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in an abusive, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly manner under circumstances which tend to cause or provoke a disturbance. Such conduct shall include, but not be limited to, conduct which tends to disturb, annoy or endanger one or more persons because of unnecessary or deliberate spinning of wheels, squealing of tires, revving of engine, blowing the horn, causing engine to backfire or causing vehicle while commencing to move or in motion to raise one or more of its wheels, tracks or skis off the ground or operate at an unreasonable or imprudent speed in any County forest.
- (c) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in any County forest or on any forest road or trail closed by a gate, soil berm, barricade or other device designed to block access to such area or road or posted as closed, unless such party is authorized by permit or contract issued pursuant to this chapter. The Committee or its designee may authorize special motor vehicle use areas or trails and establish rules and regulations for the use thereof by the general public. The Committee or its designee may authorize by permit persons with physical disabilities to use a designated motor vehicle as a mode of personal conveyance. A permit is not required for disabled persons using a motorized wheelchair. A motor vehicle shall be defined as any self-propelled device for moving persons or property or pulling implements from one place to another, excluding a self-propelled motorized wheelchair or similar device designed solely to aid the mobility of a physically disabled person.
- (d) No person shall operate a bicycle as defined in § 340.01(5), Wis. Stats., upon any trail seasonally closed to bicycles within Nine Mile County Forest or contrary to posted notice in any County forest.
- (e) No person shall operate any vehicle for recreational use or other purposes in such a manner as to cause soil erosion or other damage to County property, except that all-terrain vehicles as defined in § 340.01(2g), Wis. Stats., and utility terrain vehicles as defined in § 23.33(1)(ng), Wis. Stats., are permitted on trails specifically designated for such use in accordance with posted regulations.
- (f) Unless snowmobile trails remain open as provided in section 7.09 of this Code, no person shall operate a motor vehicle for recreational use within Burma County Forest from March 15 through ~~August 30~~  
**April 30.**

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- (g) No person shall operate a motor vehicle for recreational use within Burma County Forest between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. from May 1 through September 30.
  - (h) No person shall operate a motor vehicle for recreational use within Burma County Forest from October 1 through November 30.
  - (i) Paragraphs (f) through (h) shall not apply to motor vehicles authorized by permit or contract issued pursuant to this chapter.
  - (j) No other motorized vehicles other than an ATV or UTV shall be operated on a designated ATV/UTV trail on park property or County trail with the exception of authorized personnel in the performance of their duties.
- (10) *Parking.*
- (a) No person shall park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle or obstruction:
    - 1. In any manner as to block, obstruct or limit the use of any road, trail, sidewalk, parking lot, waterway or winter sport facility.
    - 2. Outside of any area provided for such purposes when it is practical to use such areas.
    - 3. Contrary to posted notice.
  - (b) No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, whether temporarily or otherwise, in areas reserved, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying registration plates or identification cards which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person as defined in § 346.505, Wis. Stats.
  - (c) No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, whether temporary or otherwise, in areas designated as fire lanes with signs.
  - (d) The forfeiture for a violation of paragraph (a) shall be \$10.00. The forfeiture for a violation of paragraphs (b) or (c) shall be \$30.00. In the event that the violator fails to appear in court on the date and time indicated on the citation, or fails to enter a "not guilty" plea by mail by the court date, or fails to stipulate to the violation by posting the forfeiture required in the office of the Marathon County Clerk of Courts at the address indicated on the citation by the court date, said forfeiture shall be ordered by the court in default and shall be increased by the amount of \$30.00 as a penalty for failure to pay in a timely fashion, for a total forfeiture of \$40.00 for a violation of paragraph (a) and \$60.00 for a violation of paragraph (b) or (c).
  - (e) The provisions of § 345.28, Wis. Stats., and any subsequent amendments thereto, are specifically adopted and incorporated herein by reference. If the alleged violator fails to pay the amount of the forfeiture as provided herein, or to appear in court, the County may take any or all of the actions authorized under § 345.28, Wis. Stats.
  - (f) The registered owner of a vehicle is deemed to have authorized the parking of a vehicle found parked in violation of this subsection.
- (11) *Abandoned vehicles.* No person shall leave any vehicle unattended without approval of the Committee or its designee for more than 48 hours under such circumstance as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to have been abandoned. An abandoned vehicle shall constitute a public nuisance and be subject to removal at the owner's expense. Removal of the vehicle shall not relieve the owner or the operator of the vehicle from any penalty incurred because of such violation.

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- (12) *Fires*. No person shall abandon any fire or leave any fire unattended or throw away any matches, cigarettes, cigars, pipe ashes or embers without first extinguishing them. No person shall start, tend or use in any manner any fire contrary to posted notice in any County forest.
- (13) *Fireworks*. No person shall possess or discharge any fireworks regulated by § 167.10(1), Wis. Stats., in any County forest.
- (14) *Animals in public facilities*. No person shall allow a dog or other animal to enter any public buildings or picnic areas in any County forest, except for dogs assisting physically impaired persons or as authorized by the Committee.
- (15) *Animal feces*. The owner or person having immediate care, custody or control of a dog or other animal shall promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, any feces left or deposited by the animal within 300 feet of the Chalet at Nine Mile County Forest.
- (16) *Horses*.
- (a) No person shall ride or use a horse or other beast of burden in any manner in any County forest, except on designated bridle trails or for events authorized by the Committee or its designee.
  - (b) No person shall ride or use a horse or other beast of burden in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to create a nuisance or to endanger the life, property or person of others.
- (17) *Animals on ski trails*. No person shall allow a dog or any other animal on **designated** cross-country ski trails during that period of the year when such trails are open for cross-country skiing **or being groomed for opening** in Nine Mile County Forest, except while hunting in accordance with applicable State statutes and applicable provisions of the Wisconsin Administrative Code setting forth regulations of the Department of Natural Resources.
- (18) *Hiking, walking, or running on ski, fat tire bike and snowshoe trails*. No person shall hike, walk, or run on **any designated** cross-country ski, **fat tire bike or snowshoe** trails during that period of the year when such trails are open ~~for cross-country skiing~~ **or being groomed for opening** in Nine Mile County Forest, except while hunting in accordance with applicable State statutes and applicable provision of the Wisconsin Administrative Code setting forth regulations of the Department of Natural Resources.
- (a) **Definitions. The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:**
- Fat tire bike.*** Any bike that has tires that are 3.8 inches wide or larger.
- Snowshoe.*** A flat device resembling a racket, which is attached to the sole of a boot and used for walking on snow.
- (19) ***Bitzke Birdwalk Nature Trail Area.*** No person shall hunt within the Bitzke Birdwalk Nature Trail area from **September 1 through November 15, No person shall or hunt waterfowl which is closed year-round within the Bitzke Birdwalk Nature Trail at any time.**

(O-8-03; O-11-08; O-16-13; O-17-14; O-19-14; O-4-19; O-05-21)

### **Sec. 16.09. Legal action.**

- (1) *Criminal action*. Whenever an arrest shall have been made for unlawful cutting on land owned by Marathon County or on which the County holds a tax certificate, the District Attorney shall take appropriate action under § 26.18, Wis. Stats.



- (2) *Seizure.* Whenever forest products are found known to have been unlawfully severed from County forest lands, the Sheriff shall, on satisfactory evidence, seize such materials pursuant to § 26.06, Wis. Stats., for use by the County or sale as the Committee may determine.
- (3) *Civil action.* Whenever evidence of unlawful cutting on Marathon County lands shall be lodged with the Corporation Counsel, who shall, on recommendation of the Committee, bring suit to recover damages as provided by § 26.09, Wis. Stats. The Committee may bring civil suit against parties responsible for forest fire damage under § 26.21, Wis. Stats.
- (4) *Cooperation.* The Committee and its appointed administrative agent shall secure information and seek the cooperation of the State, County and town officers in securing information required for legal action.
- (5) *Jurisdiction over minors and underage persons.* Any and all County ordinances conferring jurisdiction on the Circuit Court for persons 12 years of age or older, including all subsequent amendments and/or revisions thereto, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this section.
- (6) *Authority to issue a citation.* Citations for violations of this chapter may be issued by any law enforcement officer or by the Director and those administrative, supervisory or managerial Department personnel delegated by the Director and listed below:

~~Assistant Director—Operations;~~

~~Assistant Director—Community Services~~ Assistant Parks and Recreation Directors;

Forest Administrator;

County Forester;

Facility Managers;

~~Motorized~~ Recreation Coordinator.

(O-8-03; O-12-15; O-05-21)

### Sec. 16.10. Schedule of cash deposits, County forests.

Section	Title	Deposit
16.06(1)	Recreation Use	\$20.00
16.06(3)	Tree Stands, Trail Cameras and Ground Blinds	50.00
16.06(4)	Firearms, Bows and Arrows	50.00
16.06(5)	Throwing or Shooting Projectiles	30.00
16.06(6)	Waterfowl Hunting and Watercraft	50.00
16.07	Fees, Rules and Permits	20.00
16.08(1)	Sales	40.00
16.08(2)	Posting Bills or Advertising	40.00
16.08(3)	Personal Conduct	40.00
16.08(4)	Property of Others	50.00
16.08(5)	Unreasonable Noise	20.00
16.08(6)	Obstructing	40.00
16.08(7)(a)	Deface, Remove or Destroy (Plus Restitution for Damages)	50.00
16.08(7)(b)	Prospecting Prohibited	50.00
16.08(7)(c)	Entry and Manipulation	30.00
16.08(8)(a)	Washing	20.00
16.08(8)(b)	Refuse	50.00

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16.08(8)(c)	Dispensing Beverages	50.00
16.08(9)	Vehicular Traffic	40.00
16.08(11)	Abandoned Vehicles	40.00
16.08(12)	Fires	30.00
16.08(13)	Fireworks	30.00
16.08(14)	Animals in Public Facilities	10.00
16.08(15)	Animal Feces	10.00
16.08(16)	Horses	10.00
16.08(17)	Animals on Ski Trails	10.00

(O-8-03; O-16-13; O-17-15; O-4-19)