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Miller Black Bear Area Trail Signs Vandalized and Stolen

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department is asking for help from the public in locating the person or persons responsible for the theft and vandalism of recently installed Grant-in-Aid ATV signs and sign posts. The Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV Club recently installed the trail signs on the Miller Black Bear Area Trail located west of the Section Six Mine Pit Lake in Irondale and Wolford Townships.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to please call the Crow Wing County Sheriff's office at 218-829-4749.

"Acts of theft or vandalism on County trails will not be tolerated," stated Mark Liedl, Land Services Director. "We are asking for the public's help in reporting any facts to help in the apprehension of the perpetrators."

Volunteers from the ATV club noted the signs were flattened by a vehicle, removed, and others damaged during Memorial Day weekend, and again the week before and after Independence Day weekend. Damage or theft of state funded signs has a penalty of up to \$700.00

The County manages 105,000 acres of forest land for timber production and diverse recreational opportunities for multiple users. The sale of timber at public auctions during the year funds the county's management of these lands, while providing revenues to local communities. County forest lands are managed to strict environmental standards established by both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Forest Stewardship Council certification standards.

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