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County Comprehensive Recreation Trails Plan Slated for Board Action

Crow Wing County Land Services Department today announced the completion of the revised County Comprehensive Recreation Trails Plan based on comments received during the most recent public comment period. Both the response to comments document and the plan are posted on the county website at: <http://www.co.crow-wing.mn.us/>. The plan will be presented to the County Board on Tuesday February 14.

The plan has been developed over the past two years through an extensive public planning and input process, which included nine different public meetings, one field tour and three public comment periods totaling 128 days.

The County Comprehensive Recreation Trails Plan:

- Focuses on the recreation trails and facilities under the direct management of Crow Wing County.
- Establishes a consistent and objective planning process for the proposal and development of recreation trails.
- Provides a set of criteria and conditions for evaluating potential trails.
- Establishes a process and tasks for monitoring trail use and coordinating enforcement.
- Sets standards and activities to enhance customer access to trail information and the opportunities Crow Wing County provides.
- Identifies 6 specific near-term trail development opportunities, including key trail links to regional recreation trails.

The County manages 103,000 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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