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Fort Ripley ATV 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 Ft. Ripley ATV club has recently installed the trail signs on County Roads 2, 45 and 139 in Ft. Ripley, St. Mathias and Daggett Brook Townships.

Volunteers from the ATV club noted the signs were removed and others damaged during this past weekend between Friday June 7 and Sunday June 9. Damage or theft of state funded signs has a penalty of up to \$700.00

Land Services Supervisor, Kirk Titus stated, "Acts of theft or vandalism on County approved trails will not be tolerated. We ask all citizens to help us and the local ATV clubs by reporting any facts that will help us apprehend the perpetrators so the trails can be well marked and provide for a safe ride for trail users."

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

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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