

## **Incentives for Trails Issue**

### **THE CITIZENS OF NORTHWEST WISCONSIN REQUEST**

Support legislation that

- Establishes a viable permanent statewide trail system.
- Increases funding for the snowmobile trail program to \$400 per mile.
- Provides enhanced incentives to property owners for long term or permanent trail easements.

### **BACKGROUND**

Recreational trails are of critical importance to the economy of Northwest Wisconsin. In 2012 trails were the destination of over 50% of visitors. Thousands visit and enjoy both motorized and non-motorized trails year round.

Northwest Wisconsin is losing private trail easements at an alarming rate. As trails are lost, routes move to road rights of way which provide a less than desirable riding experience.

Land sales have broken up larger blocks of property making it more difficult to obtain owner approval and long term easements.

Without permanent or long term easements trails on private lands are subject to landowner and policy changes resulting in potential trail closures and reroutes.

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