

DNR Parks and Trails

Iron Range Trail Systems

- Trails on Minelands – Which, Where?
- Taconite State Trail Plan Amendment
- Changing Off Highway Vehicle Landscape
- Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area

Trails on Minelands – Which, Where?

- Iron Range Off Highway Vehicle Recreation Area – Gilbert / Virginia
 - Off Highway Vehicle Focus
- Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area – Crosby - Ironton
 - Mountain Bike Focus
- Tioga Mine Pit Recreation Area – Cohasset
 - Mountain Bike Focus
- Grant-in-Aid - widespread
 - Multiple Programs – Ski – Snowmobile - OHV

Taconite State Trail

- East Segment renamed David Dill/Taconite State Trail.
- 145 miles – Grand Rapids to Ely – Parallel and north of Mesabi Range.
- Open since 1986.
- Developed Primarily for snowmobiles over varied terrain and owners.
- Other uses now requested and considered.
- Plan amendment sets stage to consider new uses.
- Plan assigns *Feasibility Level* for various uses.

Changing Off Highway Vehicle Landscape

- Taconite Trail Plan Amendment
- Large Trail Systems Proposed
- Opportunities to Connect
- Roads opened.
- Better compliance.
- Numbers stabilizing.
- Iron Range Off Highway Vehicle Recreation Area
 - TH53 Re-route – Virginia Expansion – Connection Opportunities

Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area

- Authorized 1993 – recreation w/o precluding mining.
- 5,000 acres – 15 mine pits – 25 miles shoreline.
- 26 miles mountain bike trail.
- Scuba diving, fishing, hiking, swimming, Croft Mine Historical Area.
- Invaluable partnership with Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew
 - Proactive to opportunity – ownership of maintenance
- Plan amended 2016 to provide.
 - Expansion of trail system – skills area – one-way trails.
 - Support Facilities – trailheads - yurts – signs.