DNR Parks and Trails
Iron Range Trail Systems

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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.