

# FINAL REPORT

## **1999 Project Abstract**

For the Period Ending June 30, 2002

**PROJECT TITLE:** Gitchi-Gami State Trail

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**Fund:** Trust Fund

**Legal Citation:** C.M.L. 1999 Chapter 231 Section 16 Subdivision 4 (h)

**Appropriation Amount:** \$550,000

### **Overall Project Outcome and Results**

This project originated as a request for funding for the three mile segment of the Gitchi Gami State Trail within the boundaries of Split Rock Lighthouse State Park. The project was combined with a TEA21-funded project for a trail connection between the park and the City of Beaver Bay, to create an 8 mile trail segment. Overall project construction cost was \$1,745,000. The LCMR funding played a critical role in accelerating the project engineering and environmental documentation so that the TEA21 funding could be used for the longer 8 mile project. The three mile segment of the project within Split Rock Lighthouse State Park was completed in the summer of 2002 and provides spectacular views to trail users.

### **Project Results Use and Dissemination**

This trail segment will be advertised within various state park publications and credit will be given to LCMR funding wherever possible

Date: July 1, 2002  
LCMR FINAL WORK PROGRAM UPDATE

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**APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE:**

**C.M.L. 1999 Chapter 231 Section 16 Subdivision 4 (h)**

(h) Gitchi-Gami State Trail -\$275,000 the first year and \$275,000 the second year are from the Trust Fund to the Commissioner of Natural Resources for construction of the Gitchi-Gami State Trail through Split Rock State Park. The Commissioner must submit grant requests for supplemental funding for Federal TEA-21 money in eligible categories and report the results to the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources. All segments of the trail must become part of the state trail system. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2002, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program.

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**TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET:**

\$LCMR	\$550,000
MINUS \$LCMR SPENT	\$550,000
\$LCMR BALANCE	\$0

**A. LEGAL CITATION:** C.M.L. 1999 Chapter 231 Section 16 Subdivision 4 (h)

**B. STATUS OF MATCH:** N/A

**II/III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY**

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**IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS**

**RESULT 1:** Completion of design and construction documents for eight mile trail segment from Beaver Bay through Split Rock Lighthouse State Park - \$195,000

**RESULT 2:** Completion of construction of three mile segment of trail within the boundaries of Split Rock Lighthouse State Park, including bridges over the Split Rock River, Split Rock Creek, and No

Name Creek (as a part of larger 8 mile trail project) \$360,000 (LCMR share of \$1.745 million overall project).

**V. DISSEMINATION** This trail segment will be advertised within various state park publications and credit will be given to LCMR funding wherever possible.

## **VI. CONTEXT**

- A. Significance:** This grant is significant in that it provided critical initial funding to accelerate the design and construction of the first segment of the 80+ mile long Gitchi Gami State Trail from Two Harbors to Grand Marais. This trail undoubtedly will prove to be one of the most scenic and highly used trails in the nation when completed.
- B. Time:** The trail segment within Split Rock Lighthouse State Park was completed in summer 2002 and all LCMR funds were spent prior to June 30, 2002.
- C. Budget History:**
1. LCMR Budget History: None
  2. Non-LCMR Budget History: Combined with \$1.385 million in FHWA TEA21 funds and Mn/Dot Trunk Highway funds to create overall \$1.745 million project

**VII. COOPERATION:** This project required close cooperation between DNR, Mn/Dot Duluth District Staff, and FHWA.

**VII. LOCATION:** Split Rock Lighthouse State Park, south of Beaver Bay, MN

**IX. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** Semi-annual work program updates.