



# Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

## M.L. 2019 ENRTF Work Plan (Main Document)

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**Today's Date:** August 20, 2018

**Date of Next Status Update Report:** December 1, 2019

**Date of Work Plan Approval:**

**Project Completion Date:** December 1, 2019

**Does this submission include an amendment request?** \_No

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**PROJECT TITLE:** Britton Peak to Lutsen Mountains Mountain Bike Trail

**Project Manager:** Tim Kennedy

**Organization:** Superior Cycling Association

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**Location:** The Townships of Lutsen and Tofte, Cook County, Minnesota

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**Total Project Budget:** \$300,000

**Amount Spent:** \$0

**Balance:** \$300,000

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**Legal Citation:** M.L. 2019, Chp. xx, Sec. xx, Subd. xx

**Appropriation Language:**

**I. PROJECT STATEMENT:** This project is intended to expand a system of mountain bike (MTB) trails in Cook County, creating a regional, national and international destination for beginning to advanced MTB enthusiasts. Through implementation of this project, the Superior Cycling Association (SCA) will achieve its goal of constructing a 15.9 mile, purposefully designed and sustainably-built single-track mountain bike trail experience, connecting existing MTB trail clusters at Britton Peak (Tofte) and Lutsen Mountains (Connector). When completed, a network of over 35-miles of single-track MTB trails will be available, enhancing Cook County's reputation as a multi-use recreational destination, supporting the County's tourist-based economy, and beckoning to those whose sense of exploration and adventure is enticed and enhanced by riding a bicycle on Cook County's expanding, wilderness MTB trail network.

The SCA has already established an effective, productive, and cooperative working relationship with Cook County, the United States Forest Service (USFS), the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA), Visit Cook County, and other local and regional interests. These relationships come as the Cook County Mountain Bike Trails Master Plan unfolds, defining the County's short- and long-term recreational mountain biking goals. From that Plan, the design, development, construction, maintenance, and marketing of mountain biking in Cook County will truly change the recreational, North Shore landscape.

- This project is necessary because of the demand for high quality, environmentally designed and constructed, and well maintained single-track MTB trails. Cook County's MTB trails offer some of the most scenic and enticing mountain biking experiences in Minnesota, and beyond.
- The Cook County Mountain Bike Trail System has been designated by the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission for inclusion in their regional parks and trails system.
- Thousands of trail users are already drawn to Cook County to experience established MTB trails, providing a necessary boost to our tourism economy.
- This innovative project uses sustainable design and construction standards, implemented and overseen by professional trail builders.
- The SCA and our partners have already generated \$458,000 in funding, dedicated to the 2018 start-up of Connector construction.
- Sustainable trail construction and maintenance are critical components of the Cook County MTB system.
- The purpose of this project is to meet the growing demand for one of the fastest growing (and exhilarating), recreational activities in Minnesota.

**II. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES: (See Below)**

**III. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:**

**ACTIVITY 1 Title: Construction of Phase 2, a 4.3 mile section of a 15.9 mile single track mountain bike trail connecting the existing Britton Peak trailhead with Lutsen Mountains.**

**Description:** Activity 1: Construction of 4.3 miles of a 15.9 mile sustainably designed and professionally built singletrack mountain bike trail connecting existing mountain bike trail clusters and trailheads located at Britton Peak (Tofte) and Lutsen Mountains.

- Phase 1 of the 15.9 mile trail has been funded by the Federal Recreation Trails Program and the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission with construction to be completed in 2018. Phase 2 is the proposed 4.3 mile section which will be completed in 2019 and allows a connection to Lutsen Mountains on existing trails. Phase 3 is completion of the remaining section that completes the entire 15.9 mile trail.
- Trail construction will be done by qualified and experienced mountain bike trail builders that understand how to build environmentally sustainable singletrack trails in challenging terrain. This trail was laid out to minimize impacts to the environment. The US Forest Service conducted an environmental review to assure this trail will avoid sensitive areas. When possible wetlands will be avoided and where necessary to cross wetlands, boardwalks will be built to minimize impacts.

**ACTIVITY 1 ENRTF BUDGET: \$300,000**

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Construction of 4.3 miles of a 15.9 mile single track mountain bike trail	December 1, 2019

**First Update: December 1, 2019**

**Final Report: December 1, 2019**

**IV. DISSEMINATION:**

**Description:** Signs at Britton Peak and Lutsen Mountains trailhead will acknowledge ENRTF, as will maps, website, any publications, and other public communications. A Grand Opening will be held to acknowledge all trail partners, including the Legislative Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources and the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF). Prior to beginning construction on Segment 2, an announcement of the completion of Segment 1 will be made.

As segments of the trail are completed and open for riding by the public, announcements and public events will be conducted.

The Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) will be acknowledged through use of the trust fund logo or attribution language on project print and electronic media, publications, signage, and other communications per the [ENRTF Acknowledgement Guidelines](#).

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**V. ADDITIONAL BUDGET INFORMATION:**

**A. Personnel and Capital Expenditures: 0**

**Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$5,000: N/A**

**Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: N/A**

**Total Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Directly Funded with this ENRTF Appropriation:**

Enter Total Estimated Personnel Hours for entire duration of project: 0	Divide total personnel hours by 2,080 hours in 1 yr = TOTAL FTE: 0
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**Total Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Estimated to Be Funded through Contracts with this ENRTF Appropriation:**

Enter Total Estimated Contract Personnel Hours for entire duration of project: 3000	Divide total contract hours by 2,080 hours in 1 yr = TOTAL FTE: 1.4
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**VI. PROJECT PARTNERS:**

**A. Partners outside of project manager’s organization receiving ENRTF funding:** None

**B. Partners outside of project manager’s organization NOT receiving ENRTF funding:** United States Forest Service, land owner

**VII. LONG-TERM- IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING:** : The Cook County Mountain Bike Trail System is managed by the Superior Cycling Association with a partnership agreement with the US Forest Service and in cooperation with Cook County. All trails are located on either US Forest Service or County lands. The Superior Cycling Association has an annual budget of over \$20,000 and annually budgets for trail maintenance to keep all trails open, safe, and rideable.

**VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

- Project status update reports will be submitted March 1 and September 1 each year of the project
- A final report and associated products will be submitted between December 1, 2019 and January 15, 2020

**IX. SEE ADDITIONAL WORK PLAN COMPONENTS:**

- A. Budget Spreadsheet:** submitted
- B. Visual Component or Map:** submitted
- C. Parcel List Spreadsheet:** N/A
- D. Acquisition, Easements, and Restoration Requirements:** N/A
- E. Research Addendum:** N/A

Attachment A:  
 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund  
 M.L. 2019 Budget Spreadsheet



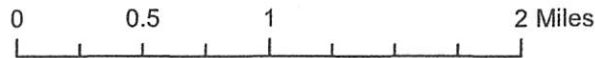
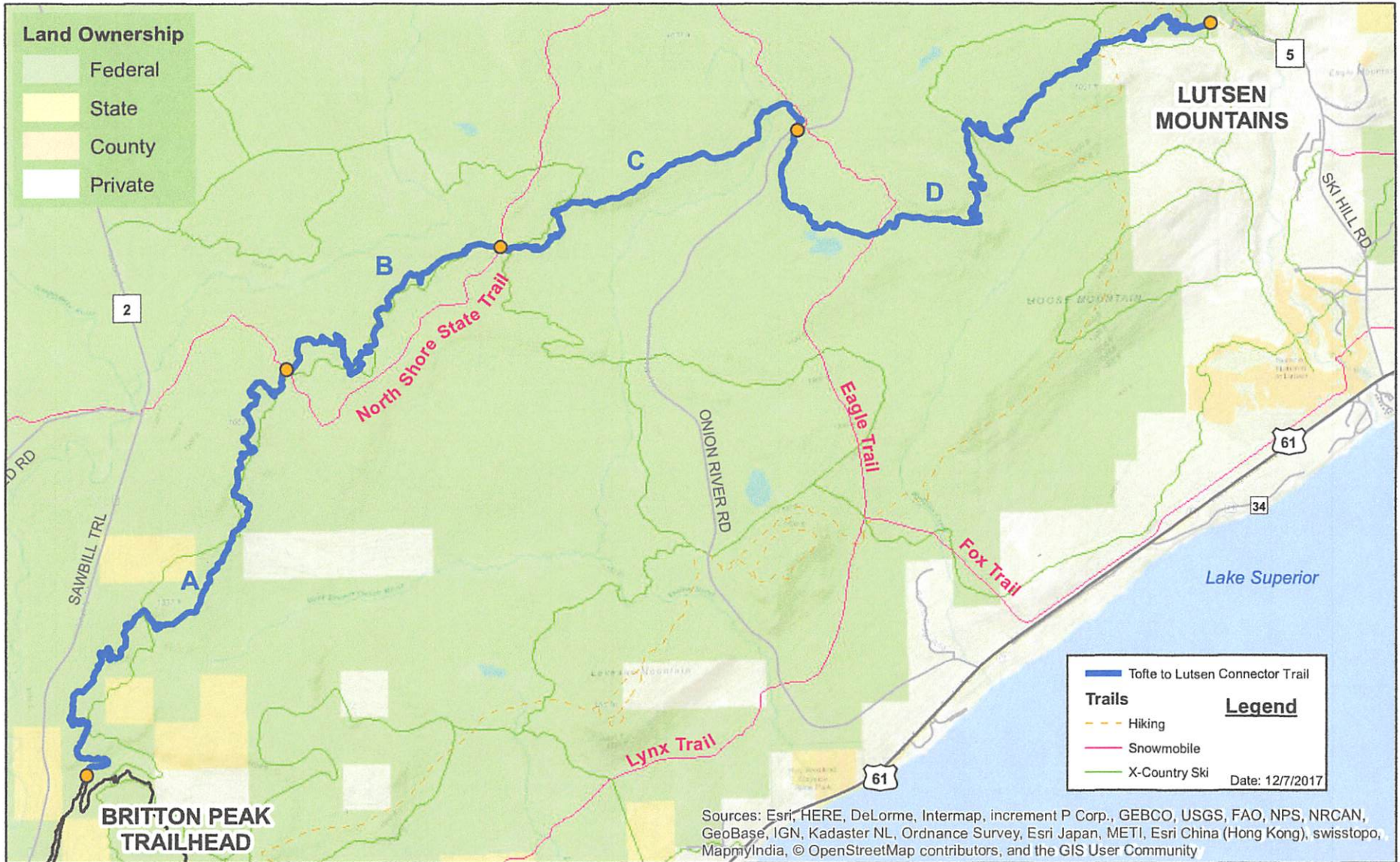
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 Project Manager: Tim Kennedy  
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 Organization: Superior Cycling Association  
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 Project Length and Completion Date: 4.3 miles to be completed by December 1, 2019  
 Today's Date: August 20, 2018

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Budget	Amount Spent	Balance
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>			
Personnel (Wages and Benefits)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Professional/Technical/Service Contracts</b>			
Cook County has awarded a contract to Rock Solid Construction, LLC through a competitive bid process	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000
<b>Equipment/Tools/Supplies</b>			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000</b>			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Fee Title Acquisition</b>			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Easement Acquisition</b>			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Professional Services for Acquisition</b>			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Printing</b>			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Travel expenses in Minnesota</b>			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Other</b>			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000

OTHER FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT	Status (secured or pending)	Budget	Spent	Balance
Non-State: Federal Recreation Trails Program	secured	\$ 187,500	\$ -	\$ 187,500
State: Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Legacy Funds	secured	\$ 278,000	\$ -	\$ 278,000
In kind:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

PAST AND CURRENT ENRTF APPROPRIATIONS	Amount legally obligated but not yet spent	Budget	Spent	Balance
Current appropriation:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Past appropriations:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

# TOFTE TO LUTSEN CONNECTOR MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL MAP



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