



## Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

### 2022 Request for Proposal

#### General Information

**Proposal ID:** 2022-170

**Proposal Title:** Prospector ATV Trails

#### Project Manager Information

**Name:** Harold Langowski

**Organization:** City of Ely

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#### Project Basic Information

**Project Summary:** The City of Ely and the Prospector ATV Club will be upgrading several sections of their trail system and extending the trails to connect to regional trails.

**Funds Requested:** \$1,851,000

**Proposed Project Completion:** October 31 2024

**LCCMR Funding Category:** Land Acquisition, Habitat, and Recreation (G)

#### Project Location

**What is the best scale for describing where your work will take place?**

Region(s): NE

**What is the best scale to describe the area impacted by your work?**

Statewide

**When will the work impact occur?**

During the Project

## Narrative

**Describe the opportunity or problem your proposal seeks to address. Include any relevant background information.**

The City of Ely, in partnership with the Prospector ATV Club, are currently upgrading and extending the Tower to Pfeiffer Connection, Cloquet Line to Grassy Lake Road and Babbitt to Hoyt Lakes sections of their trail system (See Attached Visual). Improvements are needed in order to make the trails more accessible to a wide variety of users and to allow these trails to connect with existing trails in northern Minnesota. These trail segments comprise over 25 miles new and upgraded trail segments. Upgrading and extending these trails will allow for the connection that will provide user access to hundreds of miles of existing trails. The completion of this project will allow the City of Ely and the Prospector Club to connect with trail systems owned and operated by other clubs including Ranger ATV Club, Voyageur Club, Quad City Club and Northerntrax Club.

**What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? i.e. What are you seeking funding to do? You will be asked to expand on this in Activities and Milestones.**

We are seeking funding for three segments of the trail:

1. Connection from the Cloquet Line north of Ely to the Echo Trail where we are repurposing a U.S. Forest Service bridge over the Range River. This project accesses county roads and a railroad bed that was used for logging operations. When completed this segment will provide for a loop ride from Ely as well as an option for riders traveling between and Ely and Crane Lake. This is an important link between the Prospector and the Voyageur ATV trail systems.
2. Connection from the Taconite Trail to Pfeiffer Lake Campground where the Prospector, Quad Cities and Voyageur Trail systems will all meet. This segment will head west out of Tower and connect to a new trail to be built through land owned by the Bois Forte Tribe. It will allow riders to access the tribal owned Y Store as well as to cross Hwy. 169 and travel on a county road to Fortune Bay Resort and Casino.
3. Segment from Babbitt to Hoyt Lakes connects the Prospector to the Ranger ATV trail system that leads to the Gilbert OHV park.

**What are the specific project outcomes as they relate to the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's natural resources?**

The completion of this project will provide enhanced outdoor recreation opportunities for local residents and for tourists visiting from other parts of the state and from around the country. Visitors will experience the uniqueness of the great north woods and will have an opportunity to see a wide variety of wildlife including, moose, deer, wolves, eagles, fox and numerous species of birds. The trail will also allow users to access lakes, rivers and geological attractions that can not be currently accessed by cars and trucks. Work on these trails will be done using techniques that limit disturbances of current resources.

## Activities and Milestones

### Activity 1: Project Engineering and Project Administration

**Activity Budget:** \$282,000

**Activity Description:**

The project engineer will be responsible for trail design, project administration, construction administration, plans/specifications, bidding documents, survey, onsite observation, public meeting, soil borings, environmental review, wetland delineation. permitting, boardwalk/bridge/infrastructure design, staking and material testing.

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Completion Date
Design Start	August 31 2022
Design Completed	June 30 2023
Project Construction Administration	October 31 2024

### Activity 2: Project Construction

**Activity Budget:** \$1,569,000

**Activity Description:**

Construction activities include surveying, bridge and boardwalk construction, signage, gates, riprap, subgrade preparation, clearing and grubbing, soil erosion control, geotextile, culverts, rock fill and turf establishment.

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Completion Date
Bid Award	July 31 2023
Project Start	August 31 2023
Project Completion	October 31 2024

## Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
Prospector ATV Club Members	Prospector ATV Club	Project Oversight and Operation and Maintenance	No
DNR Staff	MNDNR	Project Environmental Review	No
Consulting Engineer	To Be Determined Through A Qualifications Process	Project Design and Construction Administration	Yes
General Contractor	Selected Through A Competitive Bid Process	Oversite Of All Project Construction	Yes
Mayor/Council	City of Ely	Trail Funding and Project Development	No

## Long-Term Implementation and Funding

**Describe how the results will be implemented and how any ongoing effort will be funded. If not already addressed as part of the project, how will findings, results, and products developed be implemented after project completion? If additional work is needed, how will this be funded?**

The City of Ely and the Prospector ATV Club will be responsible for all of the operation and maintenance cost associated with these trails. Both of these entities are committed to maintain and improve the trails for the next twenty years. Funds will be budgeted by the city and the club on an annual basis and the city and club will be responsible for evaluating the trail conditions and monitoring access and safety issues related to the trail. The City and Club have been very successful in securing funds for many years and will continue for all future trail needs.

## Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

**Project Manager Name:** Harold Langowski

**Job Title:** Clerk Treasurer-Operations Director

**Provide description of the project manager's qualifications to manage the proposed project.**

Harold Langowski is a licensed Civil Engineer with over twenty years of experience administering projects using federal, state and local funding sources. He is responsible for the day-to-day operation of most city departments as well as managing the multiple capital improvement projects undertaken on an annual basis. Recent successful projects that Harold has overseen include the renovation of Ely's Historic 1930's City Hall, the construction of a new City Library building, the construction of the Semer's Open Air Pavilion, the paving of Central Avenue, 7th Avenue and 17th Avenues, to name a few. Harold is assisted by a staff with vast experience managing multi-million dollar projects as well as meeting permitting and funding agency requirements. Casey Velcheff, deputy clerk, can be reached at 218-226-5449.

**Organization:** City of Ely

**Organization Description:**

Ely is a city in Saint Louis County, Minnesota, United States. The population was 3,460 at the 2010 census. It is located on the Vermilion Iron Range, and is historically home to several iron ore mines. Today the city of Ely is best known as a popular entry point for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness; the International Wolf Center, and the North American Bear Center. The main street of Ely is lined with outfitters, outdoor clothing stores, and restaurants. State Highway 1 (MN 1), State Highway 169 (MN 169) and County Road 21 (Central Avenue) are the main routes in Ely.

Discover the Ely, Minnesota difference! Here, you'll experience the best of both worlds - the relaxed atmosphere of smaller-town living yet many of the advantages of big-city living. A scenic drive from the North Shore, Ely, MN offers not only the ultimate in wilderness experiences, but also some of the finest places to eat and shop as well as many beautiful Minnesota resorts and lodges, rental cabins and varied year-round Northern Minnesota recreation experiences.

## Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
<b>Personnel</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Contracts and Services</b>								
Consulting Engineer Hired Through a Qualifications Process	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Consulting Engineer will Oversee All Design and Construction Administration Aspects of the Project				6		\$282,000
General Contractor Hired Through a Competitive Bid Process	Professional or Technical Service Contract	The General Contractor will Oversee all Aspects of the Project Construction				10		\$1,569,000
							<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,851,000</b>
<b>Equipment, Tools, and Supplies</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Acquisitions and Stewardship</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Travel In Minnesota</b>								

							Sub Total	-
Travel Outside Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Printing and Publication								
							Sub Total	-
Other Expenses								
							Sub Total	-
							Grand Total	\$1,851,000

Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

Category/Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request
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## Non ENRTF Funds

Category	Specific Source	Use	Status	Amount
<b>State</b>				
			<b>State Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Non-State</b>				
Cash	IRRRB Funds	Project Engineering and Project Construction	Pending	\$1,851,000
			<b>Non State Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,851,000</b>
			<b>Funds Total</b>	<b>\$1,851,000</b>

## Attachments

### Required Attachments

#### *Visual Component*

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#### *Alternate Text for Visual Component*

Project Maps...

#### *Board Resolution or Letter*

Title	File
Resolution	<a href="#">8a8a43ca-5a4.pdf</a>

### Optional Attachments

#### *Support Letter or Other*

Title	File
Project Maps	<a href="#">994d984c-403.pdf</a>

## Administrative Use

**Does your project include restoration or acquisition of land rights?**

No

**Does your project have potential for royalties, copyrights, patents, or sale of products and assets?**

No

**Do you understand and acknowledge IP and revenue-return and sharing requirements in 116P.10?**

N/A

**Do you wish to request reinvestment of any revenues into your project instead of returning revenue to the ENRTF?**

N/A

**Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?**

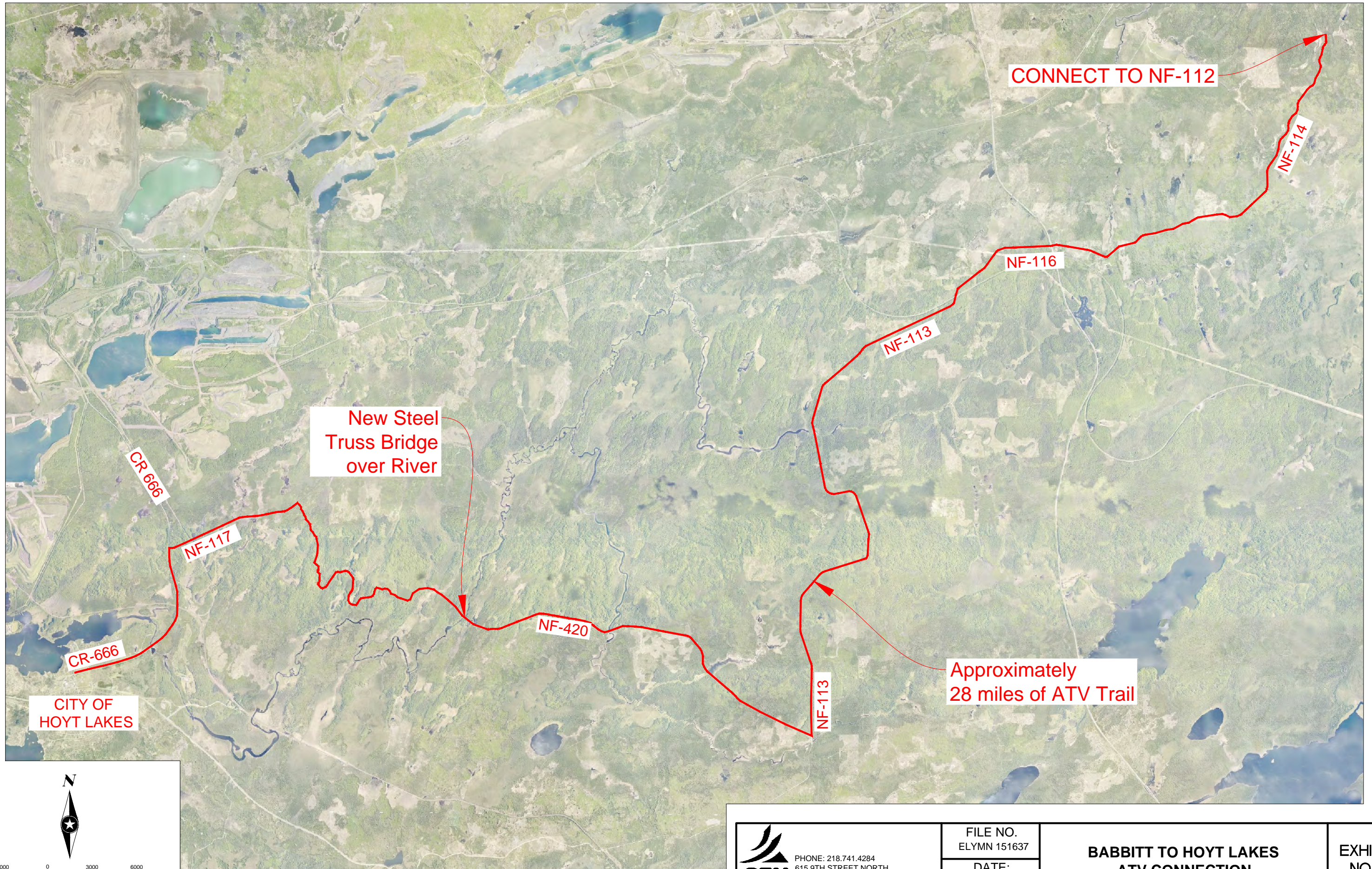
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**Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?**

No



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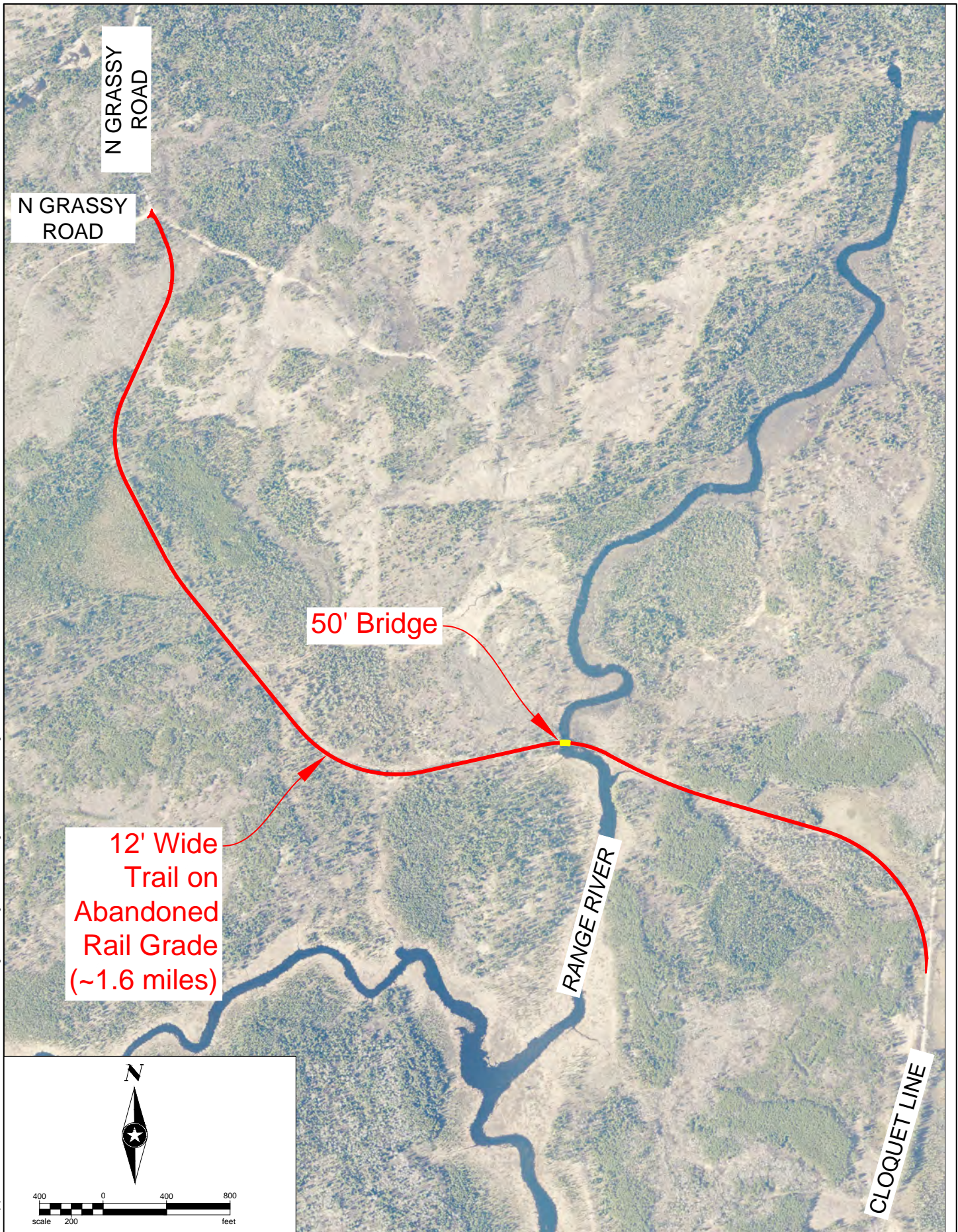
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**BABBITT TO HOYT LAKES  
ATV CONNECTION**

**EXHIBIT  
NO. 1**



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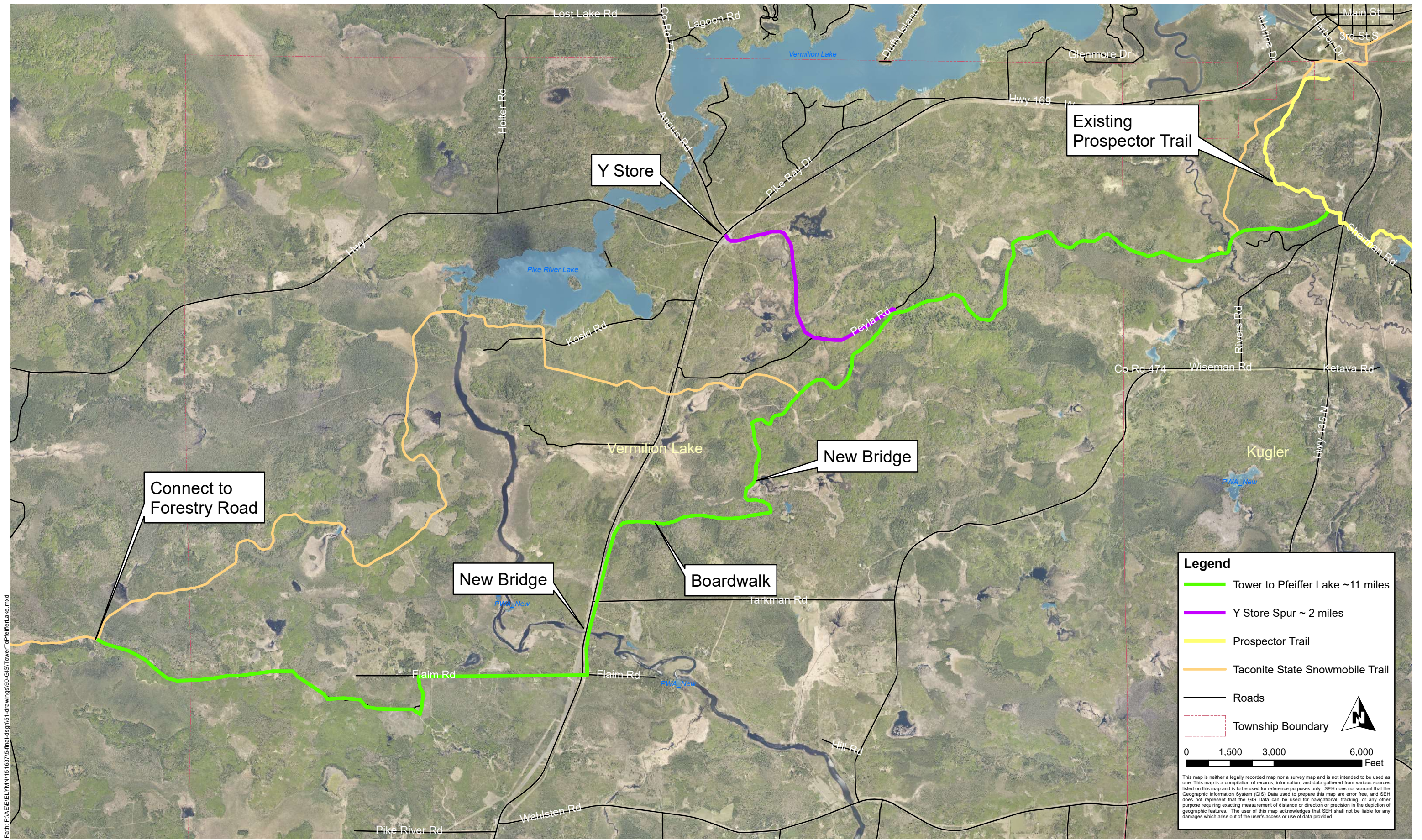
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**CLOQUET LINE TO  
N GRASSY LAKE ROAD  
ATV TRAIL EXHIBIT**

**EXHIBIT  
NO. 1**





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## Tower to Pfeiffer Lake Vermilion Lake Township, Minnesota

**FIGURE 1**



