

# **Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund**

2026 Request for Proposal

#### **General Information**

**Proposal ID: 2026-293** 

Proposal Title: Expanding Adaptive Outdoor Recreation Opportunities Around the BWCA

## **Project Manager Information**

Name: Jill Leary

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# **Project Basic Information**

**Project Summary:** Our project includes lasting adaptive equipment investments, improvements to trail accessibility, and three years of robust programming to promote access to the Boundary Waters region for Minnesotans with physical disabilities.

**ENRTF Funds Requested:** \$1,164,000

Proposed Project Completion: October 31, 2029

LCCMR Funding Category: Education and Outdoor Recreation (C)

# **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 and In the Future

### **Narrative**

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

Minnesota's outdoor recreation sector faces a critical accessibility gap, limiting the opportunity for Minnesotans with disabilities to connect with our lands and waters. While 12% of our population, around 659,000 Minnesotans, live with a disability, adaptive outdoor recreation programming is limited and underserved populations are unlikely to participate. This inequity prevents individuals with disabilities from experiencing the physical, emotional, and social benefits of outdoor recreation and limits their ability to understand and appreciate our state's natural resources.

# What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? Introduce us to the work you are seeking funding to do. You will be asked to expand on this proposed solution in Activities & Milestones.

Our proposal addresses barriers to outdoor recreation in the Boundary Waters region by offering year-round adaptive programming for individuals with disabilities near Ely. Through immersive experience-based programs—including canoeing, kayaking, mountain biking, hiking, fishing, cross-country skiing, and dogsledding—we will engage children and adults with disabilities to close the accessibility gap for disabled travelers exploring the Boundary Waters region. AWWR is committed to serving and collaborating with Indigenous, local, BIPOC, and underserved communities to deliver culturally relevant programming.

Our team brings valuable experience implementing existing adaptive programming and this project would build upon the success of previous grant funded projects. This proposal includes additional investments in specialized adaptive outdoor recreation equipment, ongoing programming for three years, transportation solutions, and universal/adaptive trail design. By further developing robust adaptive programming around the majestic Boundary Waters region that is already a hub for the state's outdoor recreation, we will create inclusive experiences that remove barriers for people with disabilities and foster a more equitable outdoor recreation community where disabled outdoor enthusiasts are empowered to explore Minnesota's lakes and trails. Our grant proposal will help instill a deeper appreciation and understanding of the region's natural resources while promoting universal design in outdoor recreation.

# 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?

- 1. Implement adaptive outdoor recreation programming. Increase awareness and understanding of the state's natural resources and need for conservation and protection through experienced-based outdoor recreation.
- 2. Foster an inclusive outdoor recreation community. Broaden stewardship and advocacy as more diverse groups of people, including those with disabilities, engage with outdoor recreation to develop a deeper commitment towards protecting natural resources.
- 3. Promote universal design in outdoor recreation. Educate the public about the importance of creating infrastructure that is sustainable, resilient, and allows people of all abilities to enjoy the benefits of outdoor recreation while preserving the integrity of natural habitats.

#### **Activities and Milestones**

### Activity 1: Procure and Ready Equipment for Adaptive Wilderness Programming Experiences

Activity Budget: \$273,000

#### **Activity Description:**

Initial activities will be focused on securing essential equipment to ensure our expanded programming meets the diverse needs of our participants.

Equipment investments include additional adaptive kayaks with paddling adaptations, allowing larger groups to get out on the water together. Adaptive hiking gear and handcycles will be purchased to enable participants of all ages to explore trails and portages for remote access. For winter activities, we will purchase additional cross-country sit skis to accommodate larger groups with a wider range of disabilities. To transport participants and equipment, an ADA-compliant van and new equipment trailer will be purchased, ensuring safe and easy access for all participants and solving the critical issue of transportation for those with the least economic means. Modifications to our existing large, enclosed trailer are also included to make this equipment usable for staff and participants for off-site events. All equipment will be securely stored at North of North Resort in Ely where it will be deployed for day-trip programs around the BWCA and SNF.

AWWR's past equipment purchases and established vendor relationships will ensure an efficient procurement process. The equipment purchases will be a lasting investment in adaptive outdoor recreation in Minnesota, driving decades of robust programming.

#### **Activity Milestones:**

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Procure & ready all adaptive kayaks & associated adaptive kayaking gear from Creating Ability	July 31, 2026
Procure & ready all adaptive hiking equipment (TrailRider, Cascade Tandem Hiking Cart, FreeWheel attachments, & trekking poles)	July 31, 2026
Procure & ready all four handcycles from Reactive Adaptations & Bowhead	July 31, 2026
Procure & ready 6X14 enclosed cargo trailer for equipment transport & storage	July 31, 2026
Complete modifications on existing, large enclosed trailer for programming & event use	August 31, 2026
Procure & ready ADA-compliant cargo van	August 31, 2026
Procure & ready all X-Country sit skis from Spokes in Motion & all WheelBlade attachments	November 30, 2026

# Activity 2: Promoting Inclusive Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resource Stewardship through Adaptive Wilderness Programming Experiences

Activity Budget: \$854,000

#### **Activity Description:**

AWWR launched in 2024 and is quickly becoming a leader in adaptive outdoor recreation in Minnesota, unlocking the Boundary Waters region for people with disabilities. Our organization works by partnering with top guides committed to offering inclusive experiences, investing in adaptive equipment, and leveraging passionate founders to bring people with physical disabilities who are unlikely to experience the region's natural resources into the wilderness.

Sean Leary has been exploring nature for more than 23-years as a disabled adaptive athlete with a spinal cord injury and he and Jill understand the diverse needs of disabled outdoor enthusiasts. They built North of North Resort using the principals of Universal Design to provide an accessible basecamp for adaptive wilderness day trips. Since opening, the resort has hosted weekly adaptive programs, including kayaking, canoeing, wildlife photography, fishing, cross country

skiing, and dogsledding. Demand has exceeded our capacity, and current equipment cannot support larger groups.

This grant will expand our capacity and add new overland programs, including hiking and handcycling. Our Project Manager will lead strategic planning and oversee implementation with our Community Engagement Associate leading participant outreach and promotion of the through website, social and earned media. Programming outcomes are detailed below under milestones.

#### **Activity Milestones:**

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Fall Wild Rice Harvest – 24 total participants with disabilities & their families/friends, 8/year	September 30, 2028
Fall Grouse Hunting Extended Weekend – 18 total participants with disabilities, 6/year	November 30, 2028
Wounded Warrior Winter Sports Extended Weekend – 18 total participants with disabilities, 6/year	February 28, 2029
Winter Sports Extended Weekend – 18 total participants with disabilities, 6/year	March 31, 2029
Guided Dogsledding Trips – 75 total participants with disabilities & their companions, 25/year	March 31, 2029
SnoBear Ice Fishing Trips – 60 total participants with disabilities & their families/friends, 20/year	March 31, 2029
Spring Trail Riding (Handcycling) Extended Weekend – 18 total participants with disabilities, 6/year	May 31, 2029
Guided Kayaking/Fishing trips – 90 total participants with disabilities & their families/friends, 30/year	September 30, 2029
Guided Pontoon Fishing Trips – 60 total participants with disabilities & their families/friends, 20/year	September 30, 2029

# Activity 3: Enhancing Adaptive Recreation Opportunities with Sustainable, Resilient, and Universal Trail Design at Hidden Valley Recreation Area in Ely

Activity Budget: \$37,000

#### **Activity Description:**

Last year AWWR evaluated existing trails at Hidden Valley Recreation Area (HVRA) in Ely. Adaptive trail expert Quinn Brett and Sean Leary rode handcycles at Hidden Valley with Mark Carlson, adaptive recreation educator at Minnesota College of the North Vermilion Campus. The initial evaluation concluded (HRVA) has tremendous potential with only limited improvements necessary to accommodate adaptive trail riders. HVRA includes 15+ miles of machine-built trails with another five miles under construction. The trails include epic climbs through majestic pines and most trails are groomed for winter fat biking.

Our grant includes funds for an initial trail assessment to identify obstacles. Following completion of the initial assessment, a second assessment will be performed following universal trail improvements, documenting maximum cross and running slopes with trail difficulty ratings. Our trail consultant will also prepare a report to document their assessment activities, trail improvements, and final trail specifications. We will rely on trail managers and volunteers for trail alterations. Our goal is to transform Hidden Valley into an inclusive trail system that broadens recreational opportunities for people with disabilities in the Boundary Waters region. No new trails or construction are proposed, and this is simply an evaluation and adaptation of existing trails.

#### **Activity Milestones:**

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Adaptive Trail Consultant Assesses Hidden Valley Recreation Area Trails & Recommended Trail	October 31, 2026
Modifications Completed	
Adaptive Trail Consultant Assesses Trail Modifications & Issues Report	May 31, 2027

### 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 work be funded?

Our project does not include findings, results, and/or products that will be implemented after project completion. We will provide financial support for ongoing programming after the grant period expires to ensure equipment funded by this project is used for the duration of its expected useful life. We will provide further financial support for this project through continued fundraising efforts via grants, individual donations, and corporate sponsorships.

# **Project Manager and Organization Qualifications**

Project Manager Name: Jill Leary

Job Title: Project Manager

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

Jill Leary is a seasoned educator and non-profit professional with over 15-years of experience in education and nearly a decade working with non-profits. For the past ten years, she taught Spanish at Washburn High School in Minneapolis, a Title 1-funded school, where she fostered language skills and cultural understanding in a diverse student body. She currently serves as a mentor for first year teachers, providing guidance on classroom management and curriculum development.

Beyond the classroom, Jill is a highly accomplished canoe guide, having led numerous month-long expeditions in Ontario and Manitoba, Canada, with the non-profit Les Voyageurs Inc. She guided groups of teenage girls on wilderness adventures, instilling leadership skills, teamwork, and a deep appreciation for the outdoors. In addition, Jill previously served as the Program Facilitator at Concordia Language Villages for three summers, overseeing camp staff and managing up to 50 elementary-aged campers, where she planned and facilitated a range of activities and educational experiences.

Currently, Jill is the Executive Director of Adaptive Wilderness Within Reach (AWWR), where she oversees programming, equipment management, financial operations, and grant coordination. As Project Manager for the non-profit's State of Minnesota Human Services Disability Services Division (DSD) grant, she is responsible for ensuring the success of key initiatives, communication with DSD, and budget management. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Ely Chamber of Commerce where she advises the board on community development, strategic partnerships, and initiatives that promote local tourism and economic growth. Jill combines her extensive experience in education, leadership, and non-profit management to create innovative programs that help individuals of all abilities have access to transformative outdoor recreation experiences.

Organization: Adaptive Wilderness Within Reach

#### **Organization Description:**

Adaptive Wilderness Within Reach (AWWR) is a Minnesota-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to making adaptive outdoor recreation accessible for individuals with permanent physical disabilities. Founded by Sean and Jill Leary, AWWR aims to break down physical, financial, and community preparedness barriers to outdoor activities. The organization focuses on bringing adaptive recreation opportunities to Northeastern Minnesota, particularly around the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCA) and Superior National Forest.

AWWR provides guided trips and training, ensuring individuals with disabilities can safely enjoy nature and wilderness activities. Through partnerships with local guides and businesses, AWWR offers customized experiences that cater to the

unique needs of participants, enabling them to connect with the outdoors and experience the physical and mental benefits of outdoor recreation. By fostering inclusion and accessibility, AWWR empowers individuals with disabilities to engage in activities that promote independence, confidence, and personal growth.

# **Budget Summary**

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineli gible	% Bene fits	# FTE	Class ified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
Project Manager (1.0 FTE) = \$85,000 x 25% Benefits x 3 years = \$318,750		Oversee project implementation. This is a new position established to implement this project. LCCMR funds will not supplant existing funds.			25%	3		\$318,750
Community Engagement Associate (.3 FTE) = \$20,000 x 25% Benefits x 3 years = \$75,000		Supports the development and implementation of outreach programs, organizes and attends events, and promotes the organization's mission through community engagement. This is a new position established to implement this project. LCCMR funds will not supplant existing funds.			25%	0.9		\$75,000
							Sub Total	\$393,750
Contracts and Services								
							Sub Total	-
Equipment, Tools, and Supplies								
	Equipment	Adjustable Sprint X-Country Sit Ski from Spokes in Motion (skis and bindings included)	To be used for adaptive x-country sit skiing					\$3,500
	Equipment	Adjustable Kiwi X-Country Sit Ski from Spokes in Motion (skis and bindings included)	To be used for adaptive x-country sit skiing					\$4,000
	Equipment	Solara 120 Kayak - Fully outfitted with seat and outriggers from Creating Ability	To be used for adaptive kayaking and fishing					\$3,000
	Equipment	Kestrel 120 Kayak - Fully outfitted with seat and outriggers from Creating Ability	To be used for adaptive kayaking and fishing					\$3,000
	Equipment	Solara 145 Tandem Kayak - Fully outfitted with seat and outriggers from Creating Ability	To be used for adaptive kayaking and fishing					\$4,000
	Equipment	8 Kayak Paddles from Creating Ability	To be used for adaptive kayaking and fishing					\$1,200

	Equipment	Wrist-slide Paddle Adaptation (pair) from Creating Ability	To be used for adaptive kayaking and fishing			\$200
	Equipment	Back-of-Hand Paddle Adaptation (pair) from Creating Ability	To be used for adaptive kayaking and fishing			\$200
	Equipment	Paddle Pivot w/Pedestal Adaptive from Creating Ability	To be used for adaptive kayaking and fishing			\$200
	Equipment	Canoe Clamp Base for Universal Seat from Creating Ability	To be used for adaptive kayaking and fishing			\$200
	Equipment	6 FreeWheel attachments. A FreeWheel attaches to the footrest of a wheelchair and transforms it into a three-wheel all-terrain vehicle.	To be used for adaptive trail hiking.			\$4,000
	Equipment	6 pairs of WheelBlades attachments (skis for snow/sand) for wheelchairs	To be used for navigating snow and ice while participating in adaptive winter programming			\$2,000
	Equipment	Adjustable Sprint X-Country Sit Ski from Spokes in Motion (skis and bindings included)	To be used for adaptive x-country skiing			\$3,500
	Equipment	Adjustable Kiwi X-Country Sit Ski from Spokes in Motion (skis and bindings included)	To be used for adaptive x-country skiing			\$4,000
	Equipment	Solara 120 Kayak - Fully outfitted with seat and outriggers from Chosen Ability	To be used for adaptive kayaking and fishing			\$3,000
	Equipment	Kestrel 120 Kayak - Fully outfitted with seat and outriggers from Chosen Ability	To be used for adaptive kayaking and fishing			\$3,000
	Equipment	Solara 145 Tandem Kayak - Fully outfitted with seat and outriggers from Chosen Ability	To be used for adaptive kayaking and fishing			\$4,000
	Equipment	Cascade Tandem Hiking Cart	To be used to for adaptive trail hiking and portaging for children with disabilities in conjunction with other programming			\$3,250
	Equipment	6 sets of Trekking Poles	To be used for adaptive hiking in conjunction with other programming			\$1,000
					Sub Total	\$47,250
Capital Expenditures						
		Hammerhead Handcycle by Reactive Adaptations	To be used for adaptive trail riding	Х		\$20,000
		Mako Handcycle (with quad adaptations) by Reactive Adaptations	To be used for adaptive trail riding	Х		\$24,000
		Wildcat Handcycle (for kids) by Reactive Adaptations	To be used for adaptive trail riding	Х		\$11,000
		Bowhead Reach Handcycle by Bowhead	To be used for adaptive trail riding	Х		\$18,000

		The TrailRider is a mobility device offering accessibility to wilderness areas. Two or more people power the device, enabling a person with a physical disability to take part in hikes and excursions to enjoy nature as part of an inclusive and supportive team.	To be used for adaptive hiking and portaging in conjunction with other programming	X		\$10,000
		Ram Promaster 3500 ADA Compliant Cargo Van	The ADA cargo van solves a critical transportation barrier for underserved disabled populations that do not have transportation.	Х		\$120,000
		6X14 Enclosed Cargo Trailer	To be used for hauling and storing adaptive equipment	Х		\$8,000
		Modifications made on AWWR's existing large enclosed trailer to install beds, electricity, and air exchange system	To make AWWR's enclosed trailer usable for staff and/or participants to sleep in while facilitating programming and offsite events	Х		\$15,000
					Sub Total	\$226,000
Acquisitions and Stewardship						
					Sub Total	-
Travel In Minnesota						
	Miles/ Meals/ Lodging	Estimated AWWR travel costs for ~ 285 excursions and 15 events over a 3-year period	Travel, meals, and lodging for AWWR Staff			\$40,000
					Sub Total	\$40,000
Travel Outside Minnesota						
					Sub Total	-
Printing and Publication						
					Sub Total	-
Other Expenses						
		75 Guided Dogsledding Trips (25 per year for 3 years)	To provide adaptive dogsledding excursions as part of our winter programming offerings.			\$45,000

60 Guided Pontoon Fishing Trips (20 trips per year for	To provide adaptive fishing excursions	\$39,000
3 years)	as part of our summer programming offerings.	
90 Guided Kayaking/Fishing Excursions (30 per year for 3 years)	To provide adaptive kayaking/fishing excursions as part of our summer programming offerings.	\$45,000
60 Guided SnoBear Ice Fishing Experience (20 per year for 3 years)	To provide adaptive ice fishing experiences as part of our winter programming offerings.	\$33,000
Adaptive Trail Consulting Services. First trip: 2 consults assess trails at Hidden Valley Recreation Area for 3 days. Trail modifications recommended.	To assess how to modify biking trails at Hidden Valley Recreation Area so that handcycles have access.	\$16,000
Recommended Trail Modifications Completed at Hidden Trail Recreation Area	To modify biking trails at Hidden Valley Recreation Area so that handcycles have access.	\$8,000
Adaptive Trail Consulting Services. Second trip: 2 consultants for 2 days. Trail modification confirmation and report issued.	To assess newly modified riding trails at Hidden Valley Recreation Area to ensure handcycles have access.	\$13,000
Annual Winter Sports Extended Weekend for 6 participants. Dogsledding: \$2500. Ice fishing: \$1500.	To bring para athletes together to connect while participating in adaptive winter sports experiences like x-country sit skiing, dogsledding, and ice fishing.	\$4,000
Annual Spring Trail Riding Extended Weekend for 6 participants. Guided kayaking/fishing excursion: \$1000.	To bring para athletes together to connect while participating in adaptive experiences like trail riding, kayaking, and fishing.	\$1,000
Annual September Wild Rice Harvest led by Indigenous ricing expert. Cost breakdown: Harvest led by Native ricing guide = 2 weeks x \$2500/week = \$5000 stipend. 8 participants with disabilities and their families/friends participate for 3-4 days of the two-week harvest.	To enhance community inclusion while promoting integrated recreational and cultural opportunities for Minnesotans with disabilities.	\$5,000
Annual Fall Grouse Hunting Extended Weekend for 6 participants. 3 days of guided grouse hunting for \$4000.	To bring hunting enthusiasts together to connect while participating in three days of adaptive guided grouse hunting.	\$4,000
Annual Winter Wounded Warrior Sports Extended Weekend for 6 participants. Dogsledding: \$2500. Ice fishing: \$1500.	To bring Wounded Warriors together to connect while participating in adaptive winter sports experiences like x-country sit skiing, dogsledding, and ice fishing.	\$4,000
Scholarships Funds for Participants (\$80,000 per year for 3 years)	To provide financial assistance to eligible participants so they can	\$240,000

	participate in adaptive programming			
	and events.			
			Sub	\$457,000
			Total	
			Grand	\$1,164,000
			Total	

# Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

Category/Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request
Capital Expenditures		Hammerhead Handcycle by Reactive Adaptations	This equipment purchase is necessary to provide adaptive trail riding programming.  Additional Explanation: This equipment will be used for ongoing programming for the duration of its expected useful life.
Capital Expenditures		Mako Handcycle (with quad adaptations) by Reactive Adaptations	This equipment purchase is necessary to provide adaptive trail riding programming. <b>Additional Explanation :</b> This equipment will be used for ongoing programming for the duration of its expected useful life.
Capital Expenditures		Wildcat Handcycle (for kids) by Reactive Adaptations	This equipment purchase is necessary to provide adaptive trail riding programming.  Additional Explanation: This equipment will be used for ongoing programming for the duration of its expected useful life.
Capital Expenditures		Bowhead Reach Handcycle by Bowhead	This equipment purchase is necessary to provide adaptive trail riding programming.  Additional Explanation: This equipment will be used for ongoing programming for the duration of its expected useful life.
Capital Expenditures		The TrailRider is a mobility device offering accessibility to wilderness areas. Two or more people power the device, enabling a person with a physical disability to take part in hikes and excursions to enjoy nature as part of an inclusive and supportive team.	This equipment purchase is necessary for adaptive programming that includes remote access.  Additional Explanation: This equipment will be used for ongoing programming for the duration of its expected useful life.
Capital Expenditures		Ram Promaster 3500 ADA Compliant Cargo Van	Individuals with physical disabilities have specialized transportation needs and we have identified transportation as a barrier to participation for underserved populations.  Additional Explanation: Will be used for transportation for nonprofit activities throughout its useful life.
Capital Expenditures		6X14 Enclosed Cargo Trailer	This equipment purchase is necessary to haul and store adaptive equipment Additional Explanation: This equipment will be used for ongoing storage and transport of adaptive equipment for the duration of its expected useful life.
Capital Expenditures		Modifications made on AWWR's existing large enclosed trailer to install beds, electricity, and air exchange system	This equipment purchase is necessary to provide lodging for staff needed onsite to facilitate adaptive programming and to provide participant lodging for offsite programming and events.  Additional Explanation: The equipment will be used by AWWR for the duration of its

	expected useful life.
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# Non ENRTF Funds

Category	Specific Source	Use	Status	Amount
State				
			State Sub	-
			Total	
Non-State				
			Non State	-
			Sub Total	
			Funds	-
			Total	

Total Project Cost: \$1,164,000

This amount accurately reflects total project cost?

Yes

### **Attachments**

#### **Required Attachments**

Visual Component

File: 8f344ff6-433.pdf

#### Alternate Text for Visual Component

This visual states AWWR's mission and vision, provides a general overview of of current programming, and introduces readers to the program's founders. This visual also shows eight different photos of recent AWWR participants....

#### **Supplemental Attachments**

Capital Project Questionnaire, Budget Supplements, Support Letter, Photos, Media, Other

Title	File
Ely Nordic Ski and Bike Club Letter of Support	<u>6acd8e95-583.pdf</u>
Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute Letter of Support	<u>5b95811d-f5a.pdf</u>
Gillette Children's Letter of Support	7269208b-176.pdf
Links to AWWR's Recent Media Coverage	<u>854417ff-715.pdf</u>
Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters Letter of Support	<u>d973f25c-7e2.pdf</u>
Ely Chamber of Commerce Letter of Support	<u>9794bfba-1e7.pdf</u>
Cast Outdoor Adventures, Inc. Letter of Support	278ab6b5-b32.pdf
Northland Adaptive Recreation Letter of Support	<u>8b507b88-a14.pdf</u>
Boundary Waters Connect Letter of Support	<u>11b9f984-419.pdf</u>
Dovetail Trail Consulting Letter of Support	<u>798d0dbb-841.pdf</u>
Participant Letter of Support - Elizabeth Nagy	<u>33c8ad4a-8e4.pdf</u>
Participant Letter of Support - Gaelynn Tressler	<u>5b769cd5-c5c.pdf</u>
Participant Letter of Support - Jared Potter	<u>c134c3cd-c99.pdf</u>
Participant Letter of Support - Baeh Gill	<u>41eac534-d3c.pdf</u>
Participant Letter of Support - Anna Sarol	<u>Od6ffa2b-b1f.pdf</u>
Participant Letter of Support - Yasir Shah	<u>8b026faa-75a.pdf</u>
Participant Letter of Support - Emerson Wasson	<u>5305dbbc-2a8.pdf</u>
Participant Letter of Support - Mason Branstrator	946fbd8c-2cb.pdf
City of Ely Letter of Support	5ad01faf-1c2.pdf
Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness Letter of Support	82d3bab1-7b7.pdf
Friends of the Boundary Waters Letter of Support	<u>818e7996-135.pdf</u>
AWWR's 2023 990 Form	<u>c0363d4d-2cd.pdf</u>
AWWR Resolution Letter	<u>7431c426-688.pdf</u>

#### Administrative Use

Does your project include restoration or acquisition of land rights?

No

Do you understand that travel expenses are only approved if they follow the "Commissioner's Plan" promulgated by the Commissioner of Management of Budget or, for University of Minnesota projects, the University of Minnesota plan?

Yes, I understand the Commissioner's Plan applies.

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

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?

No

Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?

No

Does your project include the pre-design, design, construction, or renovation of a building, trail, campground, or other fixed capital asset costing \$10,000 or more or large-scale stream or wetland restoration?

No

Do you propose using an appropriation from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to conduct a project that provides children's services (as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 299C.61 Subd.7 as "the provision of care, treatment, education, training, instruction, or recreation to children")?

Yes

Do you certify that background checks are performed for background check crimes, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 299C.61, Subd. 2, on all employees, contractors, and volunteers who have or may have access to a child to whom children's services are provided by your organization?

Yes

Provide the name(s) and organization(s) of additional individuals assisting in the completion of this proposal:

Sean Leary, President of Adaptive Wilderness Within Reach & Jill Leary, Secretary & Treasurer of Adaptive Wilderness Within Reach

Do you understand that a named service contract does not constitute a funder-designated subrecipient or approval of a sole-source contract? In other words, a service contract entity is only approved if it has been selected according to the contracting rules identified in state law and policy for organizations that receive ENRTF funds through direct appropriations, or in the DNR's reimbursement manual for non-state organizations. These rules may include competitive bidding and prevailing wage requirements

N/A