

TOWN BOARD MEETING (TBM) TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE

Wednesday, January 8th 2025

6:00 pm

MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sheldon at 6 pm. In attendance were Supervisors Delaney, Johnson, Johns and Amery with Clerk Cleary and Treasurer Overman.
2. Community Participation: No one signed up.
3. **Motion** to approve the agenda for Wednesday, January 8th with a change of order (moving item d. to item a. position) and the addition of termination of WDC/Empower in Finance & Insurance made by Sarah Delaney, seconded by Deb Amery. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. **Motion** to approve the minutes of December 11th 2024 Town Board Meeting made by Deb Amery, seconded by Quentin Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Treasurer's Report presented by Treasurer Overman. Ending cash balance: \$800,709.38.
7. **Motion** to approve vouchers in the amount of \$25,368.25 and any late coming bills made by Sarah Delaney, seconded by Deb Amery. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Clerk's Report presented by Clerk Cleary. Nominations of Candidacy have been turned in. Greg Kalscheur and Quentin Johnson are running for Chairperson. Sarah Delaney, Bruce Van Fleet and Mark Johns are running for Supervisor. Molly McDivit-Pagenkopf, CPA is running for Treasurer. Bianca Cleary is running for Clerk. There will be a School Board primary on 2/18/2025 and the Spring Election is on 4/1/2025. Notices for Pre LAT testing and Public Inspection have been sent to the Sawyer County Record.
9. Committee Reports

a. Health & Safety Committee presented by Deb Amery.

Vance Haesemeyer and Fire Chief Schmidt shared the status of the Automatic Mutual Aid agreement between Round Lake and Spider Lake. The potential to move from Mutual Aid to a Fire District was presented as a viable option, important given Spider Lake's limited number of Fire Volunteers.

Grant monies from the DNR Wildfire Risk Reduction Program have been received for 2024. DNR grants are traditionally a reimbursement grant; monies for 2025 will not be available until expenditures have been incurred.

Fire Chief Schmidt reported zero fire calls and a few EMS calls for the month of December. Update on the tower is that there are upgrades to the tower equipment planned by T-Mobile, and the TOSL emergency services equipment will be removed at that time. Once the equipment is removed, the lease can be terminated.

b. Roads Committee presented by Quentin Johnson.

Roads budget ended the year with a surplus of \$19,331, mostly due to the lack of snow in 2024. This means less overtime for the Roads crew and decreased spending on salt, sand & fuel.

Gantry and hoist returned to Northern Tool. Should see a refund of the majority of the \$15,000 spent on the hoist. Looking at a whole different set up.

ETF for Insurance & Retirement set up for Full Time Town employees for 2025.

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Replacement signs will be replaced on Neumeier Road at the town line.

c. Finance & Insurance Committee presented by Quentin Johnson.

Healthcare coverage for Full Time town employees with Security Health has been terminated.

Motion to draft a resolution if necessary to terminate Empower relationship made by Quentin Johnson, seconded by Sarah Delaney. All ayes. Motion carried.

d. Plan & Review Commission presented by Sarah Delaney.

Recap of 2024: issued 28 LUPs & 9 CSMs resulting in \$4.8 million dollars of new structures being built and \$16,500 in permit fees. Two LUPs have been granted so far in 2025: the first for the T-Mobile cellular equipment upgrade and the second for Joseph Nelson for an Accessory structure. Lastly, a demolition permit was approved for the removal of three structures by Bay Ridge24 LLC.

The draft of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan will be available on the Town website on 1/15/2025 for public review. A public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for 2/19/2025 at 6 pm.

e. Facilities, Maintenance, & Solid Waste presented by Mark Johns.

Garage doors on the new building are not working correctly due to improper installation. The builder was contacted, and they will cover the costs of the necessary repairs, which will be completed by Fuller Garage Doors.

Glass in the town notice cabinet has been replaced by Jason & Kelsi Lohaus at Boulder Lodge.

Transfer station report: the holidays were busy, cameras are in place to deter illegal dumping, Republic would like to address the Board at a future meeting to discuss the 5 year contract mentioned at last month's meeting. January Republic bill was \$601.99.

Town Hall fire inspection was good except for an extension cord that will need to be addressed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Boating Ad Hoc committee will have a listening session on 1/14/25 at 6pm (sign up to speak) and the Comprehensive Plan will have their public hearing on 2/19/25 at 6 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Johns, seconded by Quentin Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bianca Cleary, Clerk

1.12.25



SEELEY
FOREST TRAIL

Agenda

Background

Seeley Forest Trail Overview

Seeley Trails Foundation



Existing Trails -

Non-Motorized trails designed for a specific purpose.

SKI TRAILS

Winter use limited to skiing, no pets.

Mostly unused in summer due to grassy surface.

PURPOSE-BUILT SINGLETRACK

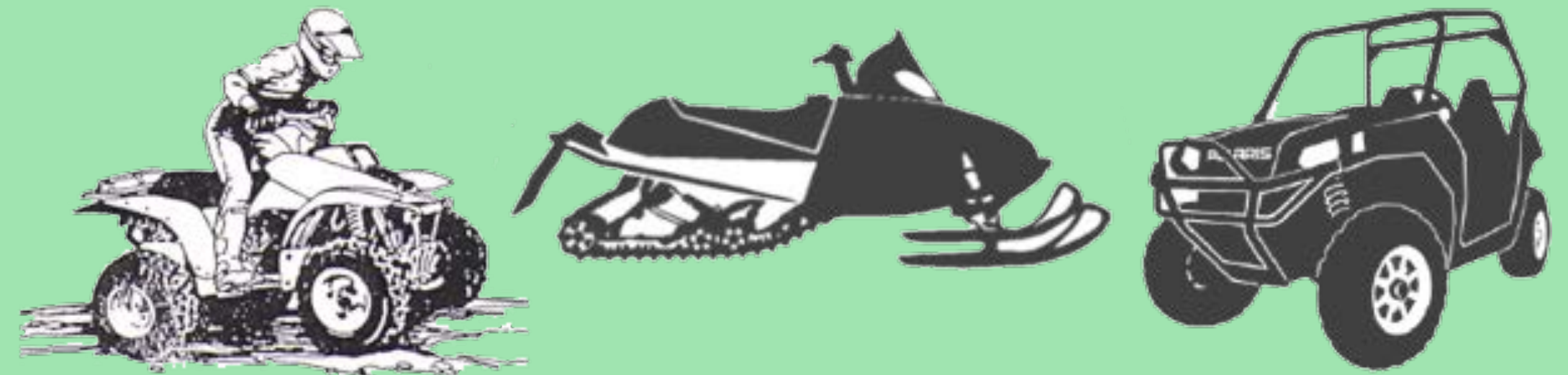
While well-designed, their technical nature limited to single file mountain bike use. Requires advanced skills and expensive suspension bikes.



Existing Trails - Motorized

Growth of motorized trail use with increased machine size and speed makes motorized trails less compatible with non-motorized use.

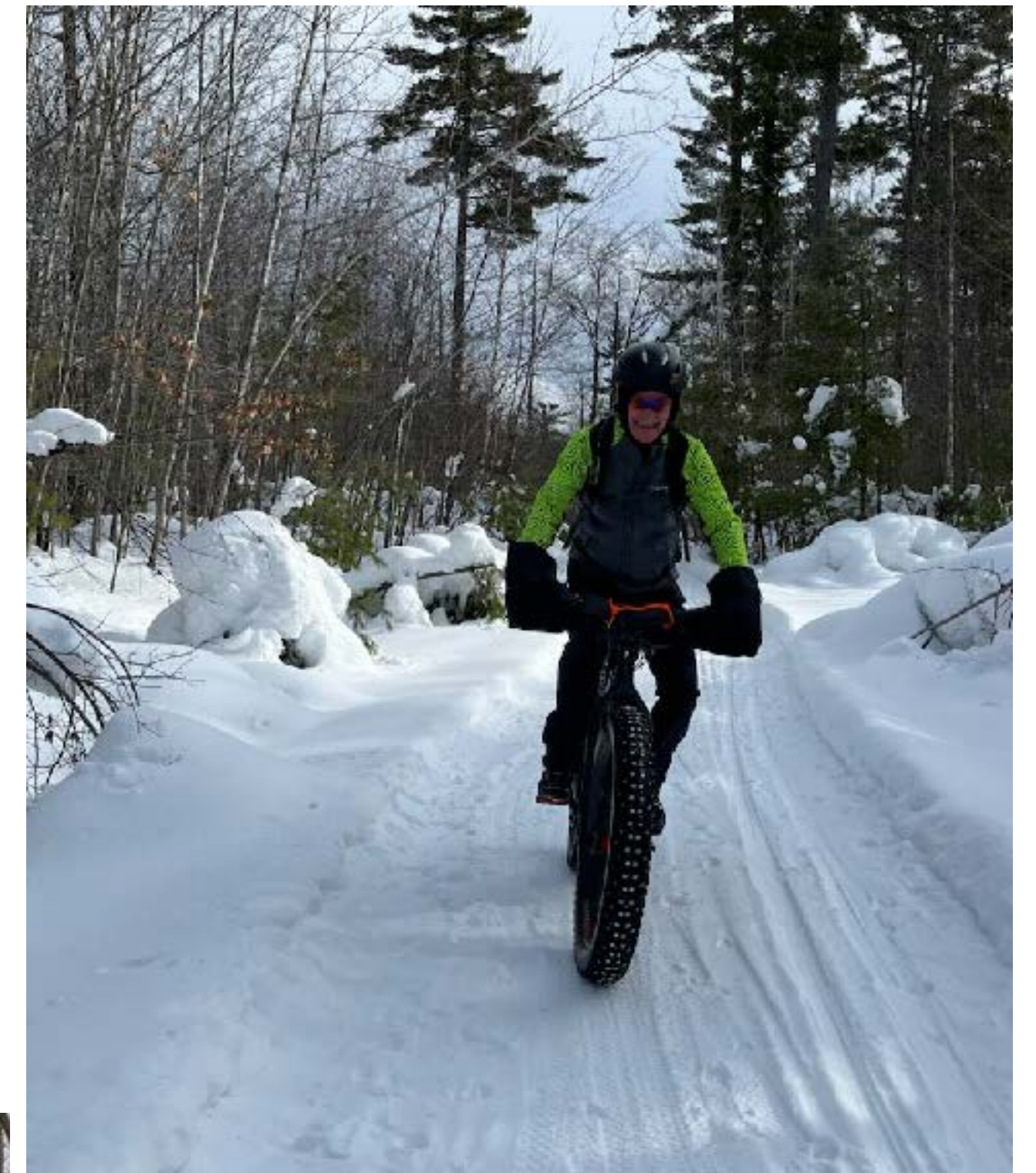
Winter season limited to snowmobile use ONLY.



Proof of Concept

5 mile “test trail” approved in 2020 for winter use

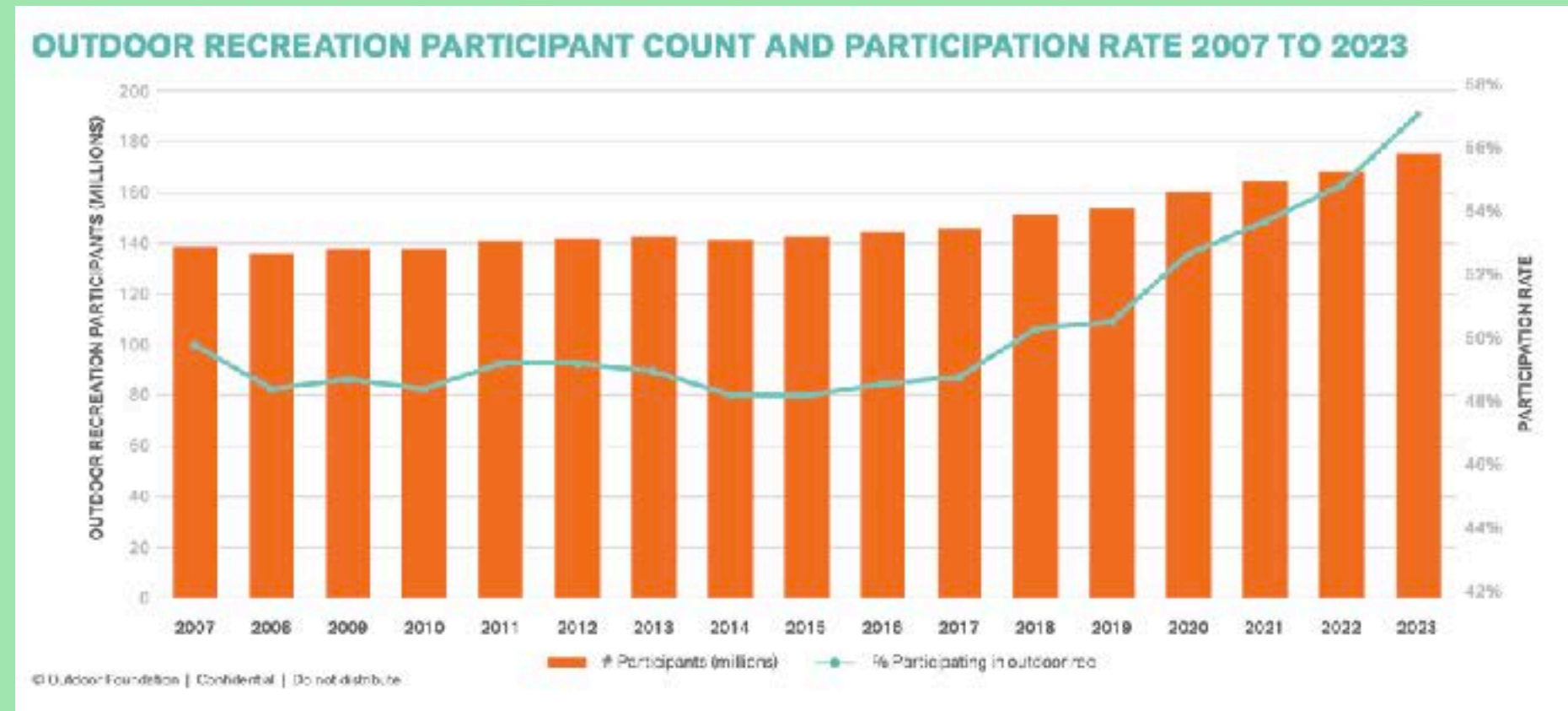
Widely praised by various users



2024 Outdoor Participation Trends Report¹

Overall Growth Sets New Record

- 4.1% Growth
- Record 175.8M Participants
- 57.3% of Americans



Growth Driven by **Casual Participant**² (not Hard Core)



Women (55% of Casual Participants)
Under 24 Years Old (25% of Casual Participants)
55+ Years Old (45% of Casual Participants)
Aged 55 - 64 increased from 41% to 50%
Aged 65+ increased from 29% to 39.5%

Motivated by:

- getting outdoors to spend time with friends
- building community
- boosting mental health
- connecting with nature

1. Outdoor Industry Association 2023 Survey - primarily human-powered

2. Not interested in high tech gear, perfecting outdoor skill sets, winning races, setting speed records



SEELEY FOREST TRAIL

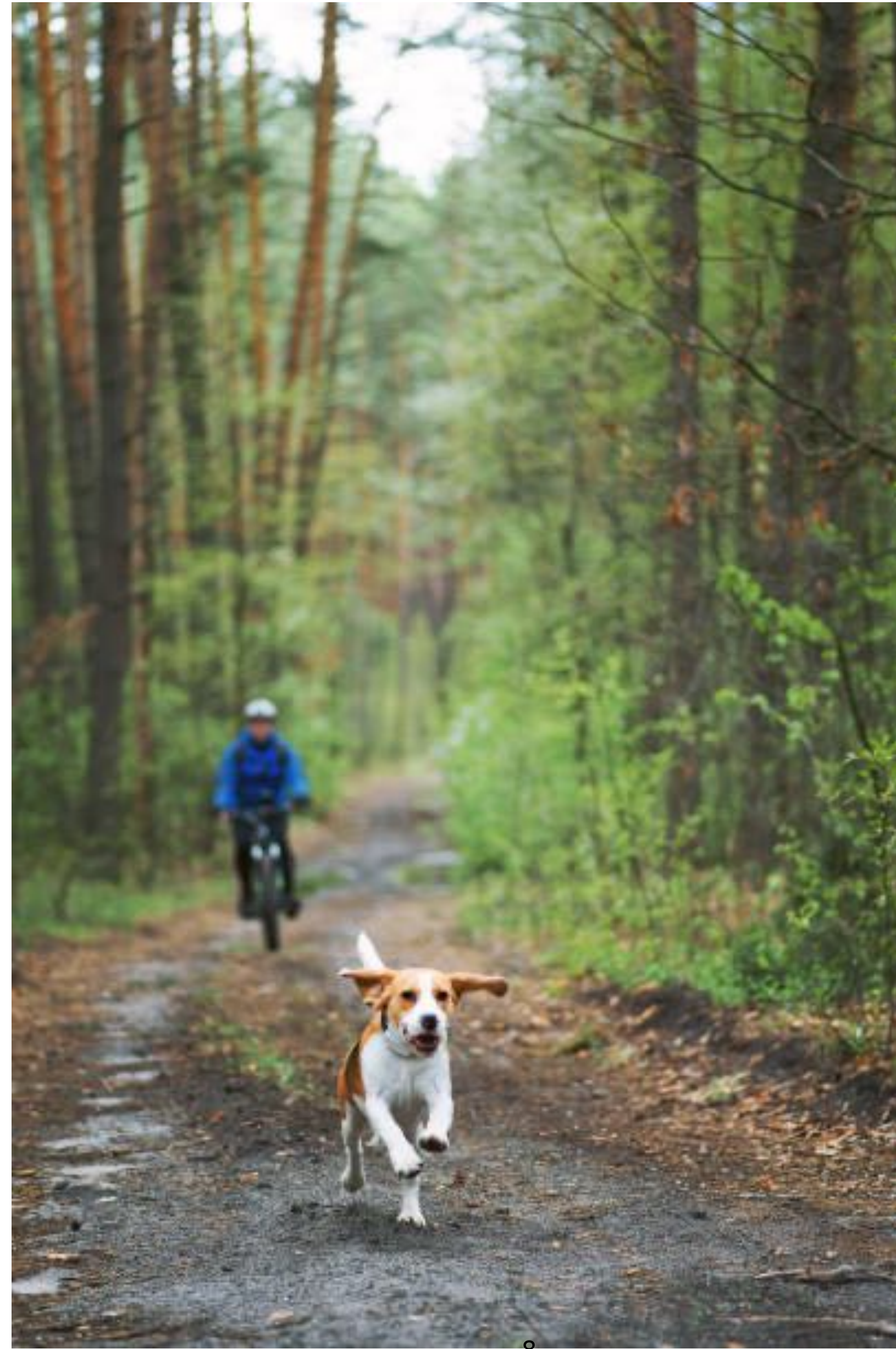
CONCEPT

CREATE a unique **easy, year-round, multi-use trail** that provides an immersion in nature across all age ranges, varying skill levels, users with disabilities, pet-friendly and accommodates numerous silent sport activities.

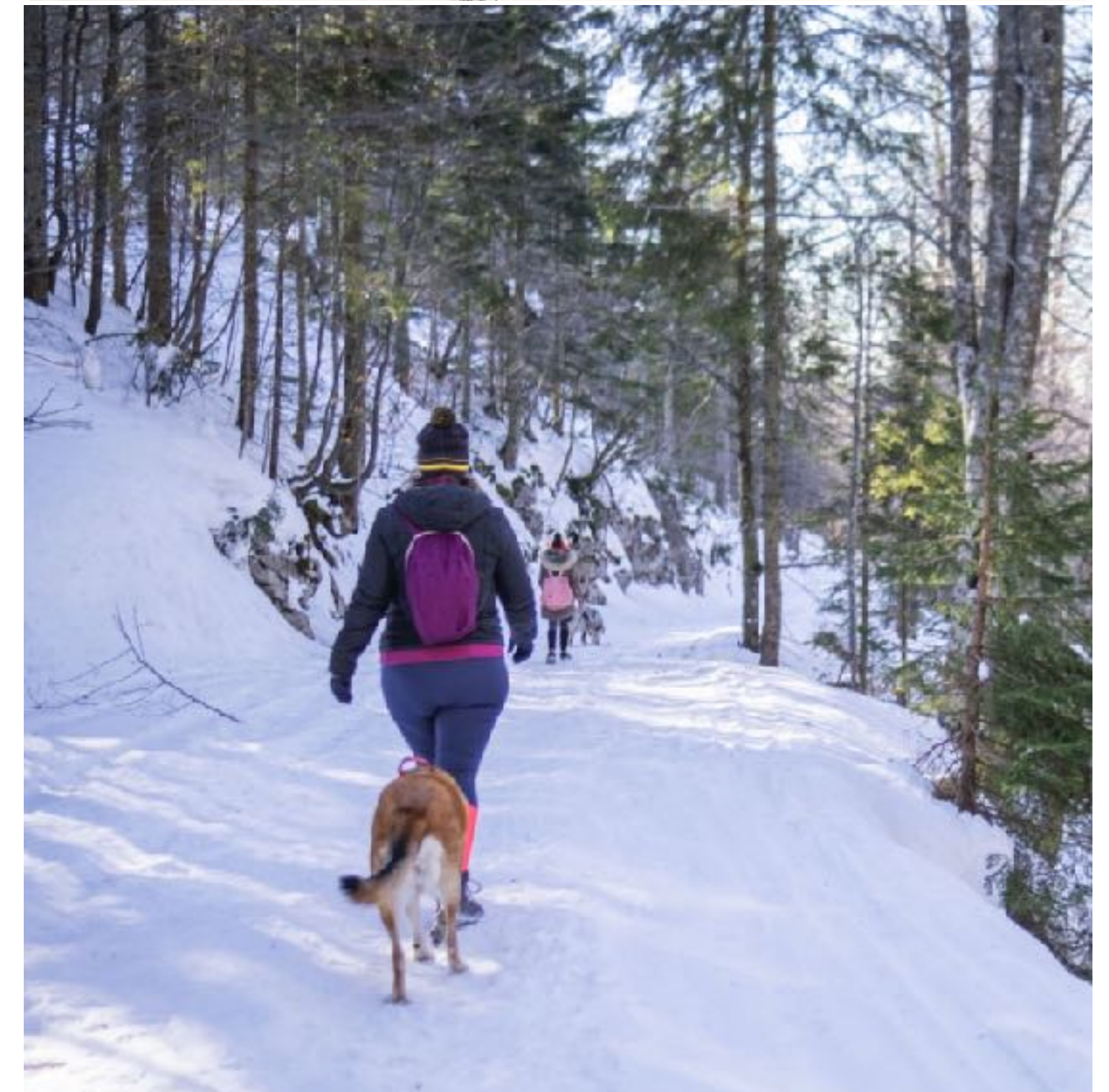
Incorporates existing logging corridors to minimize impact on the forest.

Highlights Sawyer County's heritage with historical points of interest.

Unleash Your Summer Adventure



Embrace the Magic of Winter

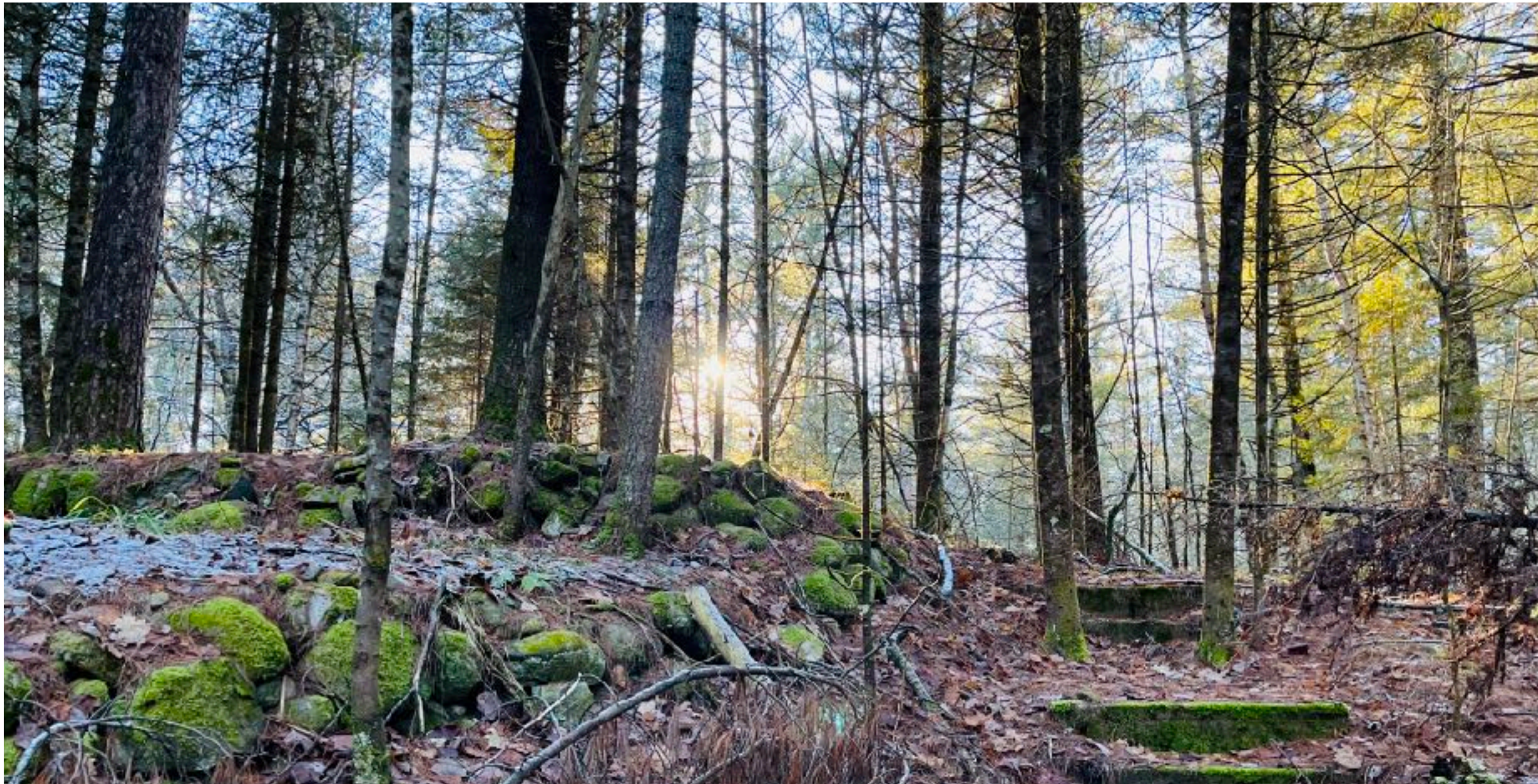


Inclusive Users with Disabilities



Celebrate Sawyer County's Heritage

On-Trail Points of Interest —
Dynamite Shack, CCC Camp Smith



User-Friendly Access

ACCESS

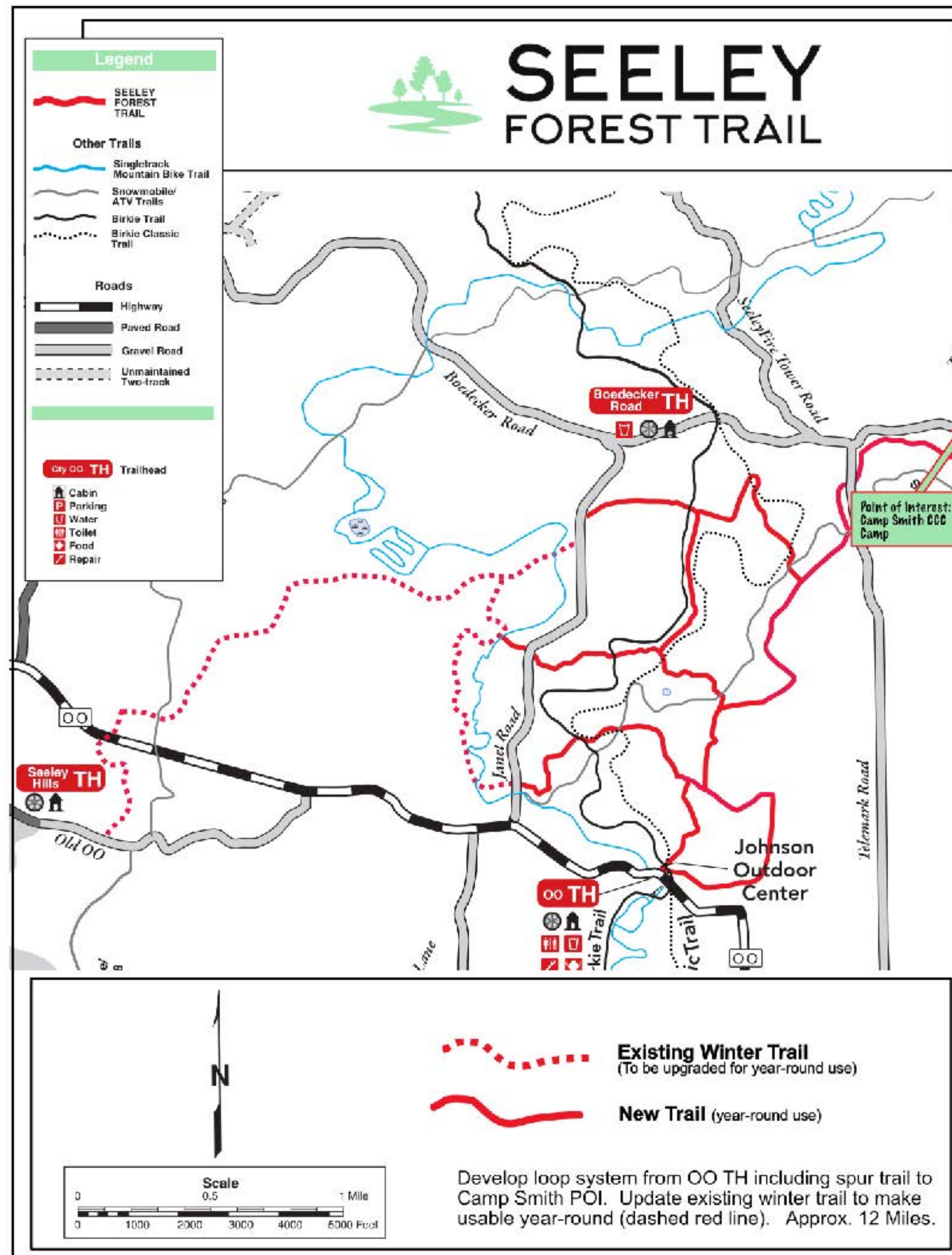
Three miles from two State Highways
Mid-way between Hayward/Cable
Popular Trailhead



BASED AT POPULAR COUNTY OO TRAILHEAD



Trail Map

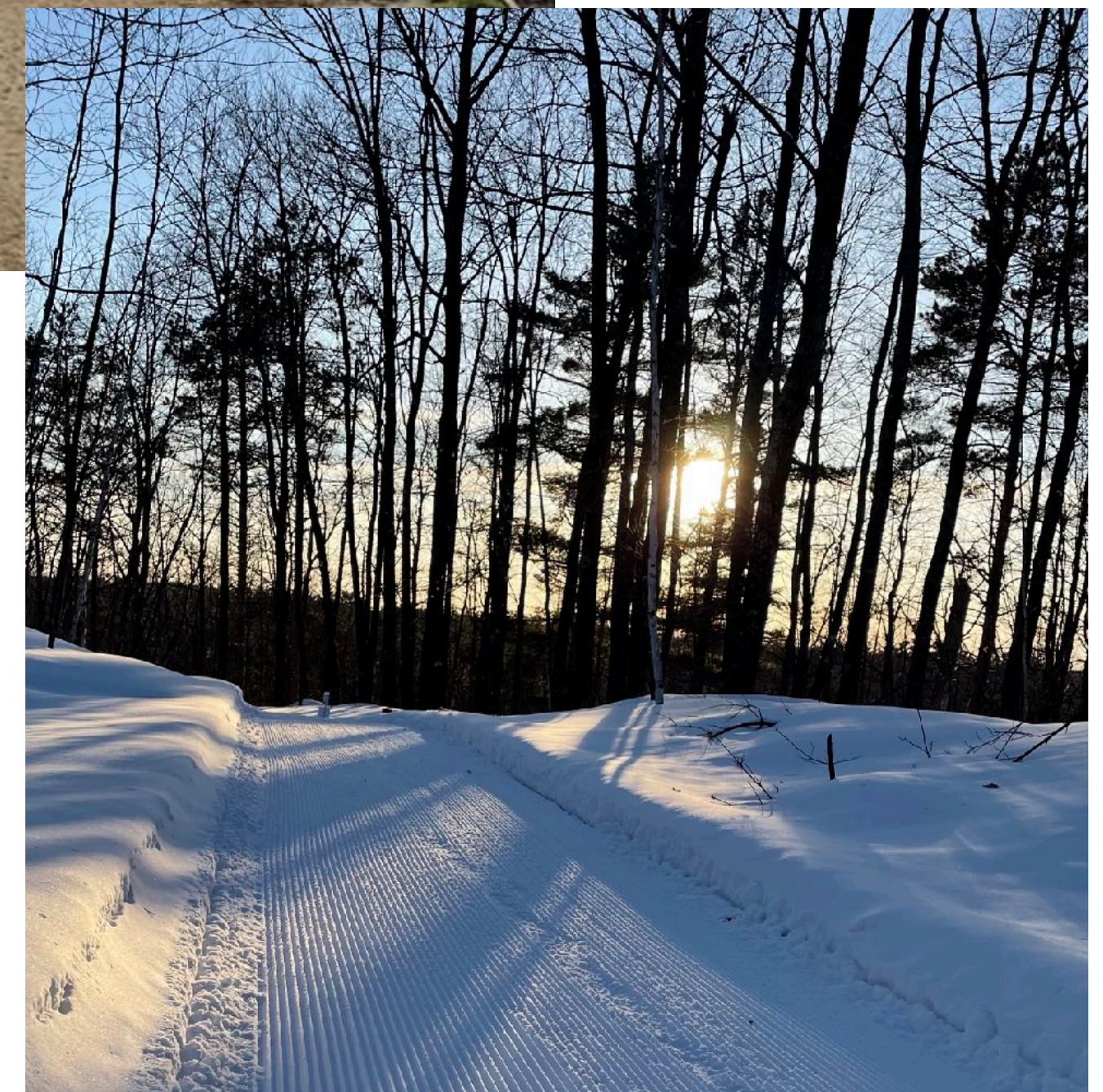
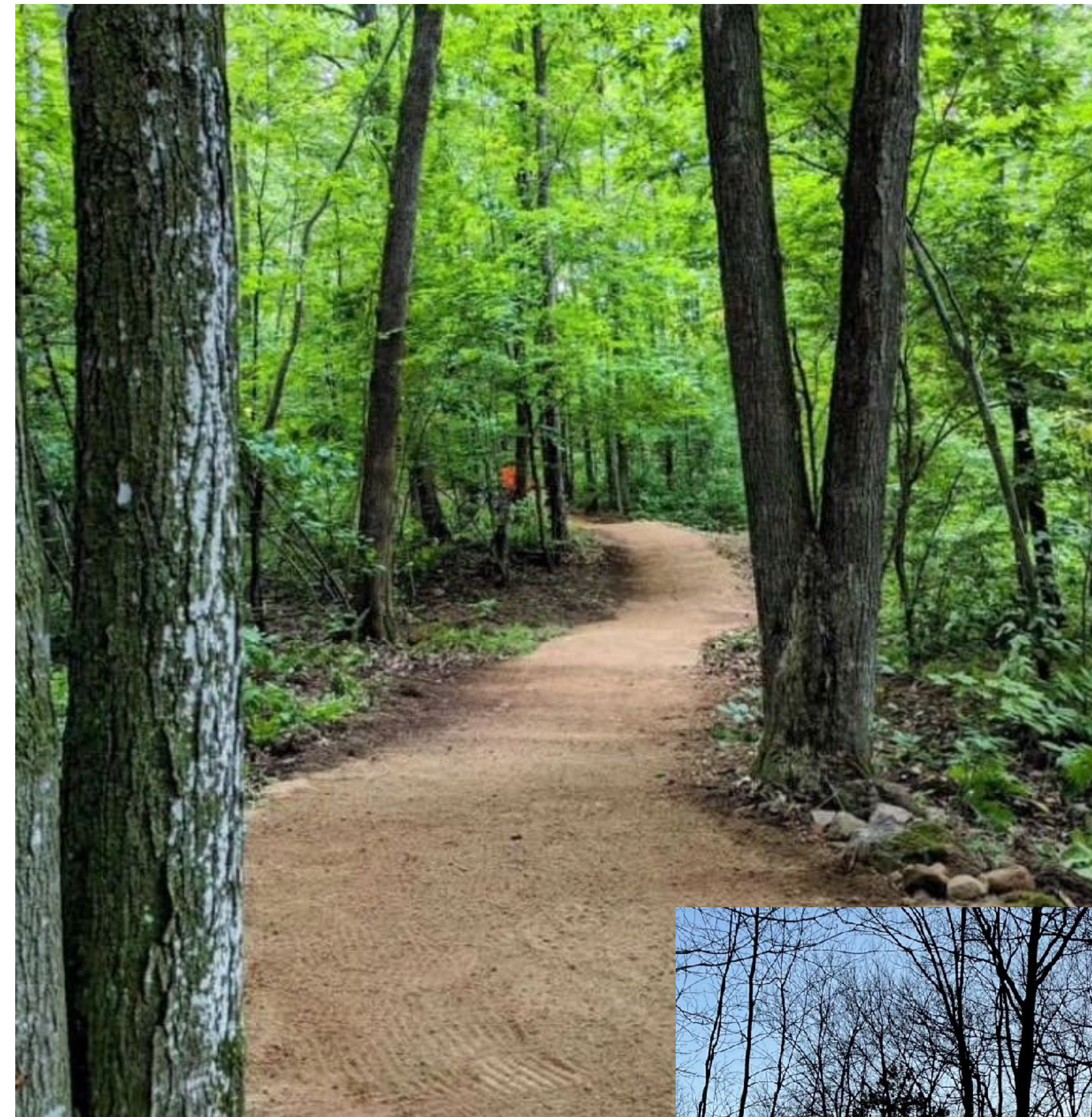


Trail Design

Uses existing logging roads and corridors to minimize impact on the forest

12' corridor with 8' maintained dirt trail

Routine maintenance done with Harley Rake attached to tractor or skid steer



Created 501(c)(3) Non-profit

Seeley Trails Foundation

(www.SeeleyTrails.org)

Our mission is to build, preserve and protect the natural beauty of local trails, while promoting the benefits of outdoor recreation and physical activity in our community.

We strive to maintain a safe and sustainable trail system for all to enjoy, while encouraging environmental awareness and stewardship.

We aim to enhance the health and well-being of individuals, promote local economic growth, and preserve the natural heritage of our region for generations to come.

501(c)(3)



Benefits to Sawyer County

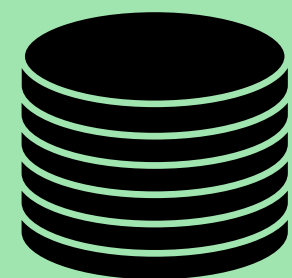


Drives Economics

Per Sawyer County Comprehensive Plan 2021-2041,
Pursue economic development opportunities related to the expansion of recreational ...activities to spur tourism and generate economic activity.



Supports the Sawyer County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2021-2025
Meets 7/9 Objectives



No Cost to Sawyer County
Funded by Seeley Trails Foundation

20250212 – MOTIONS

MOTION 9a – Motion for authorization to draft and send letters of support to:

- (1) American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation Executive Director Ben Popp, and
- (2) Sawyer County Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee, vice chair Steve Kariainen and committee member Kay Wilson in support of the Multi-use trail proposed by Suzann and Mo Mouw

MOTION 9b1 – Move to provide a 3.2% cost of living allowance (COLA) to the following hourly workers: Jim Bauer (Roads), Judy DeTray (Custodial), Don Fogal (Road Supervisor), Mark Burke (Grounds), and Robert Schroeder (Transfer Station), to be retroactively effective from January 1, 2025.

Email correspondence from Quentin Johnson dated February 1, 2025

*Hi Tim. Please use this letter as my resignation from the post of Chairman of the Board of Appeals. As we discussed, I feel it is time to have a new Chairman appointed as I continue to serve as a Supervisor and run for Town Chairman. It has been a pleasure to serve the Town in this capacity for almost 6 years. Thankfully we have had only 21/2 cases over that period. Most of that excellent record should be directed to Sarah and your efforts in the PRC.
Best Regards. Q*

MOTION 9b2 – Recommend Bradley Schmidt to replace Quentin Johnson to serve as the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBOA)

GOVERNMENT LOT 11 OF SECTION 28, T. 42 N.,
R. 5 W., IN THE TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE, SAWYER
COUNTY, WISCONSIN

DOC. NO. 394229

BEARINGS ARE BASED ON THE
WEST LINE OF THE SW 1/4 OF
SECTION 28, BEING N 02°05'16" E

(SEE SHEET 2 FOR TABLES AND NOTES)

TOTAL AREA
1,505,900 SQ.FT.±
34.57 ACRES±
(INCLUDING ROAD R/W)

BOOS LAKE

LOT 1
740,800 SQ.FT.±
17.01 ACRES±
(INCLUDING ROAD R/W)

LOT 2
765,100 SQ.FT.±
17.56 ACRES±
(INCLUDING ROAD R/W)

DOC. NO. 438512

2°59'30" W, 1357.84')
(S 02°43'27" W)

LOT 1 CSM NO. 8224

SCALE: 1 INCH = 200 FEET

PIPE DIMENSIONS ARE OUTSIDE DIAMETER

LEGEND

- LEGEND
- FOUND MONUMENT, AS NOTED
 - ⊙ FOUND 1" IRON PIPE, UNLESS NOTED
 - 1" x 18" IRON PIPE, WEIGHING 1.13 LBS/FT, SET THIS SURVEY
 - () RECORDED INFORMATION

CLIENT: BECKER

JOB NO.: N24/181

DRAFTED BY: P. NELSON
JAN 16 2025

FIELDWORK COMPLETED: 1/14/2025

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NR: 436 PG. 115

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SAWYER COUNTY CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NO. _____

GOVERNMENT LOT 11 OF SECTION 28, T. 42 N., R. 5 W., IN THE TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE, SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN

LINE TABLE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
L1	S 48°42'19" W	255.60'
L2	S 12°37'14" E	285.53'
L3	N 77°41'53" E	166.80'
L4	N 57°28'50" E	486.15'
L5	N 73°44'20" E	617.30'
L6	N 86°38'48" W	582.78'
L7	N 86°38'48" W	392.43'
L8	N 00°53'18" E	133.58'
L9	N 10°45'26" W	920.65'
L10	S 10°45'26" E	624.47'
L11	S 00°53'18" W	126.85'

NOTE:

THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER LINE OF BOOS LAKE AND UNDELINEATED WETLANDS ARE APPROXIMATE AND FOR REFERENCE ONLY.

ANY LAND BELOW THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER LINE OF A LAKE OR NAVIGABLE STREAM IS SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC TRUST IN NAVIGABLE WATERS THAT IS ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 1, SECTION IX, OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

CURVE TABLE

CURVE	ARC	RADIUS	DELTA	CHORD BEARING	CHORD DISTANCE
C1	106.61'	69.63'	87°44'01"	N 42°58'42" W	96.50'
C2	123.07'	135.63'	51°59'28"	S 25°06'26" E	118.89'

SURVEYOR’S NOTE:

THE 1” IRON PIPE AT THE LOCALLY ACCEPTED S 1/16 CORNER ON THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 28, WAS USED TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH LINE OF THE SURVEYED PARCEL. ITS LOCATION WAS INITIALLY FOUND AND ACCEPTED BY DAVID W. TROWBRIDGE (PLS – 1180) IN 1977, AS SHOWN ON CSM NO. 990. IT WAS PERPETUATED BY LYLE L. ELLIOTT (PLS – 1300) IN 1994 ON CSM NO. 4100 AND BY FREDERIC W. ZIETLOW (PLS – 922) IN 2010 ON MAP NO. 6261. REFER TO THE ABOVE REFERENCED CERTIFIED SURVEY MAPS AND PLAT OF SURVEY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

THE EXISTING MONUMENT IS ON THE WEST LINE OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 28 AND FALLS S 02°05’16” W, 17.20 FEET FROM THE THEORETICAL LOCATION FOR THE S 1/16 CORNER.

I ACCEPTED THE EXISTING MONUMENTATION MARKING THE NORTH LINE OF THE SURVEYED PARCEL DUE TO THEIR LONGEVITY, THE ESTABLISHED OCCUPATION BASED ON THOSE MONUMENTS AND THE APPARENT ACQUIESCENCE OF THE PREVIOUS SURVEYORS AND OF THE SURROUNDING OWNERS.

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CERTIFICATES

CLIENT: **BECKER**

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SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, PETER A. NELSON, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, HEREBY CERTIFY:

THAT ON THE ORDER OF DON BECKER, I HAVE SURVEYED, DIVIDED AND MAPPED GOVERNMENT LOT 11, SECTION 28, T. 42 N., R. 5 W., IN THE TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE, SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SW CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28, RUN N 02°05'16" E, 1291.66 FEET ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 28 TO THE NW CORNER OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 11. THENCE LEAVING SAID WEST LINE AND ON THE MONUMENTED NORTH LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 11, S 87°35'11" E, 237.51 FEET TO A MEANDER CORNER THAT IS N 87°35'11" W, 6 FEET, MORE OR LESS, FROM THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER LINE (OHWL) OF BOOS LAKE. THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTH LINE AND ON A MEANDER LINE NEAR SAID OHWL, S 48°42'19" W, 255.60 FEET. THENCE S 12°37'14" E, 285.53 FEET. THENCE N 77°41'53" E, 166.80 FEET. THENCE N 57°28'50" E, 486.15 FEET. THENCE N 73°44'20" E, 617.30 FEET TO A MEANDER CORNER ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 11 THAT IS S 02°59'37" W, 30 FEET FROM SAID OHWL. THENCE LEAVING SAID MEANDER LINE AND ON SAID EAST LINE, S 02°59'37" W, 1358.06 FEET TO THE W 1/16 CORNER ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 28. THENCE LEAVING SAID EAST LINE AND ON SAID SOUTH LINE, N 87°34'18" W, 1250.39 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 1,505,900 SQUARE FEET WHICH IS 34.57 ACRES INCLUDING THAT LAND LYING WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF FOREST ROAD 174 AND THAT LAND LYING BETWEEN THE MEANDER LINE AND THE OHWL OF BOOS LAKE AND THE EXTENSION OF THE LOT LINES TO SAID OHWL.

SAID PARCEL IS SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD OR USE, IF ANY.

THAT THIS MAP IS A TRUE REPRESENTATION OF SAID SURVEY;

THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH SECTION 236.34 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES AND THE TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE IN MAKING SAID SURVEY, SUBDIVISION AND MAP; AND

THAT SAID SURVEY AND MAP ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

PETER A. NELSON PLS - 3071

TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE APPROVAL

THIS SAWYER COUNTY CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP IS HEREBY APPROVED BY THE TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE.

_____ DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.
TIM SHELDON
TOWN CHAIR

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