

New Trail Ranking and Certification Worksheet

County: ASHLAND Segment Name/Trail #: 9A
 Date of Application: 3.16.2022 Miles Requested: 3.35

Qualifications – All items in this worksheet must be completed for new miles request, and submitted with a copy of the Motorized Recreation Grant Application 8700-159 for each new trail. Each trail must be submitted separately. All items in this section must be completed for valid new trail maintenance funding request – incomplete applications will be denied.

Any rehabilitation funding requests should be included at this time on form 8700-159. Trails must be in the funded system for at least 10 years before they are eligible to receive rehab grants, so it is important to include rehabilitation needs now. (NR 50.09 (4) (g))

Gateways questions: Provide justification for selection below.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Trail provides primary access route through a county and connects with another county's trails. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Trail provides access from population centers to main access trail(s). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Trail supports a high volume of use. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Trail is separate from the road surface, marked and groomed as a snowmobile trail. Plowed roads do not qualify as a funded off-road trail. (s. 350.01 (16) and (17) Wis. Stats.)	
Maps attached <i>(All are required)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide GIS file (shapefile, etc) of county trail system with the requested trail segments included. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide countywide trail system map (printed/PDF) with the requested trail segments identified. <i>(Map should show how the requested new mile segment fits into the trail system, and what it connects to.)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide aerial/topographical map (printed/PDF) for each segment. <i>(Map should show a more detailed view of the trail, but still clear on trail location and connections).</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I certify that this trail meets or will meet all trail requirements in chs. 23 & 350, Wis. Stats. and ch. NR 50, Wis. Admin. Code <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimum graded width for one-way trails is 6 feet and maximum 8 feet. 2. Minimum graded width for two-way trails is 10 feet and maximum 12 feet. 3. Minimum turning radius is 25 feet. 4. Minimum cleared height above trail is 10 feet. 5. Sustained grades and slopes will be a maximum of 25%. 6. Approved, fully reflectorized snowmobile signs must be used. 7. Snowmobile trails shall not be routed over bodies of water. If stream crossings make bridging necessary, bridges should be at least 8 feet wide. If the bridge is located on an abandoned railroad grade, the bridge shall be a minimum of 10 feet wide free from obstruction. 	
Justification <i>(Required)</i> – Provide narrative description of the new trail with explanation for gateway qualification checked (#1, 2 or 3 above). <u>TRAIL IS USED TO ACCESS THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN CLAM LAKE. ANYONE ENTERING ASHLAND COUNTY FROM THE SOUTH, WHO NEEDS FUEL, WILL USE THIS TRAIL TO GET TO CLAM LAKE.</u>	

Water Crossings (**Required**) - Does the requested trail segment include any bridges, culverts or water crossings? If so, Describe. If not, indicate none. *Bridge structures should be added to the county's snowmobile bridge inventory if not already included.* **NONE**

Ranking

	Category	Possible Points	Actual Points
1.	Trail Longevity (<i>If multiple scenarios along the trail, lowest point situation applies. County must provide copy of easements/LUAs with application if >0 pnts, if not on public land.</i>)	Max points: 3	
	Trail segment is located on public land or private land with permanent deeded easement.	3	3
	Trail segment on private lands with land-use agreement (LUA) of 10 years or more.	2	
	Trail segment is on private lands with LUA of 5 to 9 years.	1	
	LUA of less than 5 years.	0	
2.	Trail System (<i>choose one</i>)	Max points: 3	
	Trail segment connects <u>directly</u> to one or more neighboring county or state trails.	3	
	Trail closes a gap between two existing funded trail segments, or extends existing funded trail 10 or more miles – excludes routes.	2	2
	Trail segment is a part of the basic county trail system.	1	1
3.	The trail segment is in the following area of mean annual snowfall <u>Mean Snowfall Map per County</u> (Source: Midwestern Climate Center)	Max points: 3	
	Greater than 60 inches	3	3
	48 – 60 inches	2	
	Less than 48 inches	1	
4.	The ratio of miles of trail to total square miles of land within the county: <u>Snowmobile Trail Area Ratio per County</u>	Max points: 3	
	The ratio is within the grouping 01% - 30%	3	3
	The ratio is within the grouping 31% - 40%	2	
	The ratio is within the grouping 41% - 50%	1	
5.	Trail segment will be groomed with the following equipment. (<i>choose one</i>)	Max points: 2	
	Class A-1, A-2 includes AAA and AA	2	2
	Class A-3, A-4 includes AAA and AA	1	
	Class B or C	0	
6.	County snowmobile trail coordinator priority points. Note: County is allowed 2 points maximum for ALL trail segments submitted.	Max points: 2	
	High priority.	2	2
	Medium priority.	1	
	No priority.	0	
7.	Deductions if trail segment contains any of the following: (<i>check all that apply</i>)	Max deduction: -8	
	New bridge, major bridge rehab or major trail rehab	-3	
	Trail segment is parallel (within 5 miles) to another funded segment	-3	-3
	Trail runs to a body of water. (<i>no deduction for use of a bridge to cross</i>)	-2	
(Maximum Points: 16) TOTAL			15

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Please verify that all sections of this form have been completed, and all required attachments included prior to submittal. Incomplete applications will be denied.

Appendix B – Required for Trail/Qualified Trout Rehab, Reroute, or Development

Trail Rehab Qualified Trout New Trail Trail Reroute (Mandatory or Discretionary)

County	Township	Range	Section	1/4	1/4	GPS Coordinates:
Ashland	42 N	4	4,5	SE		Lat. 46.145508 Long. -90.863843

Funded Trail Name or Number (SNARS if applicable) **9A** Has this trail ever received development or rehabilitation funds in the past? Yes No Year: _____ \$ _____

Trail is located on: Private property Public property Length of Easement or Landowner Use Agreement _____ years Expiration Date _____

Landowner Where Trail is Located **United States Forest Service** Telephone Number _____

What other recreational trail uses are planned for this trail?

None

If there are other Recreational uses planned, how much of the trail development/rehab. cost will be paid for by other users?

How many miles would be affected if this project is not funded? **3.35** Will this result in closure of a trail? Yes No

Is this a critical section to the overall trail system? Yes No Is there a reasonable alternative? **Trail 9 serves Clam Lake but the trail miles into Clam Lake cause people to bypass it and it's services.**

Does any section of this trail contain a bridge? Yes No Will this bridge require rehabilitation now or in the next few years? Yes No What is the weight of your puller & drag/grading equipment? _____ lbs.

- Yes No Have you contacted your local DNR Water Management Specialist (WMS) regarding a permit?
- Yes No Is a permit needed? (Please provide any written correspondence from WMS.)
- Yes No Will this project be located near or cross any intermittent or perennial waterway? Surface Water Data Viewer
- Yes No Will this project be located near or cross any wetland?
- Yes No Will this project involve land disturbance – including clearing and grubbing – of 1 acre or more of land? (Less than 4/10th mile for a typical trail) DNR Storm Water Contact List

Trail Project Detailed Description

Trail 9A serves to bring snowmobilers into Clam Lake in a more direct fashion so they can access the services provided before they run out of fuel. Trail 9A runs along existing logging roads and has been maintained locally when there are people and funding available to groom it. This would bring it into the county sytem so grooming and maintanence would be consistent and ongoing.





