

EXHIBIT B

The Huron Shores Ranger Station in cooperation with the Alcona County Board of Commissioners and through their Alcona County Parks and Recreation Commission have proposed an ATV Trail System on National Forest System lands in Alcona County to allow unlicensed ATV riding opportunity between Barton City and to the existing ATV trail in Oscoda County.

The Alcona County to Oscoda County ATV Trail Project Proposal was published in the Oscoda Press "Paper of Record" on February 6, 2008. Ninety (90) letters describing the proposed project were mailed to the Forest's list of people that have requested notice of Forest projects and to interested publics such as adjacent landowners on February 1, 2008.

In response to the legal notice and notification letters the Forest has received 7 individual letters of opposition, 2 letters of opposition proposing a compromise, 2 letters of support proposing a compromise, 24 individual letters of support, a petition with 438 names supporting the trail designation, 2 letters of support from ORV user groups and a neutral response from a Native American Group offering support should Native American remains or artifacts be discovered during trail construction.

In addition to the formal responses, a Millen Township meeting was conducted to discuss the community concerns with this proposal.

The following summarizes the responses to notification of the proposed project and public meeting comments.

Support 04/15/08 letter from Alcona County Board of Commissioners by motion passed on 03/19/2008 to support Alcona County Parks and Recreation Commission in their location of a Walker Road ORV Trailhead on SE Corner of Stout and Walker Roads.

Support 04/15/2008 letter from Alcona County Parks and Recreation Commission proposing the site for the ORV Trailhead to be located on the south east corner of Stout and Walker Road (Section 8 T26N R7E). Second choice would place a trailhead where the existing snowmobile trail crosses Stout Road approximately 1 mile south of M72 on the west side of Stout Road (Section 18 T26N R7E).

Neutral 03/19/2008 letter from William Johnson of Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan that there is no information concerning the presence of any Indian Traditional Cultural Properties, Sacred Sites, or other Significant Properties to the projected project area. During construction if the Forest were to find signs of Native American remains or objects to contact them for assistance.

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Support 03/07/2008 petition with 438 names from primarily Alcona County received to voice support for the creation of an ORV trail in Alcona County with a proposed trailhead in or around Barton City area. Trail would create a new recreational activity in the county, boost the economy and meet the needs of ORV enthusiasts.

Support 03/07/2008 letter from Jessica Grimshaw of Spruce, MI supporting a new recreational opportunity for Alcona County and boost to economy.

Support 03/07/2008 letters from Maureen and Gary Somers (2 letters) of Barton City supporting a trail system in Alcona County. Believes the National Forest should meet the recreational needs of all the people and as surrounding counties have ATV trails feels that Alcona County should be able to support an ATV Trail. As a business owner the trail would bring business to the entire area and use of ATV on National Forest is desirable activity.

Support 03/06/2008 letter from James Ward supporting proposed ATV trails and would like to see gas services returned to Barton City.

Support 03/06/2008 letters from Dan, Joe, Robert (3 letters) supports a trail system and would like to see gas available in Barton City. Last names unreadable and no return addresses.

Support 03/06/2008 letter from Eric Myers to encourage the creation of an ATV Trail to encourage tourism and tourism dollars and the opportunity for ATV riders to enjoy the National Forest.

Support 03/06/2008 letter from Susan Flora to encourage the creation of an ATV Trail to encourage tourism and tourism dollars and the opportunity for ATV riders to enjoy the National Forest.

Support 03/05/2008 letter from Craig Ichman (sp) supporting trails as a resident of Alcona County he would like to be able to ride in the county with his 2 boys who also ride ATVs

Compromise 03/05/2008 email from Gwen Cox of Millen Township Board recommending that any future ATV trail head site be placed south of M72 in Millen Township.

Support 03/05/2008 letters of support from Jim Quick, L.J. Quick and Kasey Jo Quick (3 letters). Jim Quick believes that a trail system would be beneficial to the community and residences both economically and the opportunity to enjoy the National Forest. Mr. Quick addresses the accusations and concerns made at Millen Township meeting and disputes trespass claims. The Quick children in their letters support the opportunity to ride trails in Alcona County and have helped with the snowmobile trails, offering to help with ATV trail.

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Support 03/04/2008 letter from David Donaldson of Dearborn, MI whose mother and father live in Alcona County and would love to be able to ride 4-wheelers during their visits to the area several times per year.

Support 03/01/2008 letter from Larry Wood of ATVOFFROAD Club of Michigan support additional riding opportunities and connection to Bull Gap Trail. Additional 29 miles of riding opportunity would make increase popularity of ATV system. Trailhead near Barton City would provide economic benefit to local businesses. **Members would be willing to assist in the development of this trail.**

Support 02/27/2008 letter of support from Alcona County Board of Commissioners of trail system proposal presented by Alcona County Parks and Recreation and Forest Service. Recognize economic help for County and additional recreation opportunity not currently provided in Alcona County.

Support 02/27/2008 form letters (4 letters) from Sherri Odell and William Odell of Lincoln, Keith Nedo and Guy Holm of Harrisville describing additional tourist opportunity, boost to local economy for Alcona County and connection to Bull Gap will be a plus for riders.

Compromise 02/27/2008 form letters (2 letters) from Deb and Wayne Odell of Mikado supporting an ATV Trail recognizing more tourist opportunity, bringing ATV Riders to the area and boost to local economy. Attended Millen township public meeting on 02/21 and believes the trailhead location would best be placed south of M72 for the benefit of local residents.

Support 02/27/2008 letter from Cycle Conservation Clubs of Michigan support the trail project to fill a need for ORV Riding opportunity in an area that has no trail and recognizes the positive economic impact and that it will help eliminate illegal ORV use.

Support 02/27/2008 letter from Kevin and Deb Boyat as life long residents of Alcona County support the proposed ORV trail and location bringing recreation opportunities for local and visiting people.

Support 02/27/2008 letter from Richard Simmons of Mikado in support of providing an ORV Trail on the Huron National Forest for citizens of Alcona County.

Opposed 02/26/2008 letter from Joseph Miller of Barton City, property owner off Walker Road believes that this use will bring devastation similar to other areas used by ATVs and values the quiet serenity of this portion of the Huron National Forest. His ownership is adjacent to the existing snowmobile trail and this trail system has brought winter time trespass by snowmobilers damaging some trees on his property. ATV Trail use would bring the same kind of trespass with a greater amount of damage potential to his property. ATV trail proposed goes through some of the finest hunting areas in NE Michigan and would degrade the hunting opportunity as well as threaten hunting dogs that might be used near the trail. Traffic on Walker Road would increase as a result of

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accessing a new trailhead and ATV use on Walker Road at 55 mph would create serious safety hazards. They could live with moving the trailhead south of M72, but feel that there is enough opportunity for ATV riders.

Support 02/26/2008 letter from Connie and David Proctor of Glennie favor the proposal as they support more ATV Trail Riding opportunity for Alcona County to help the economy and their property values.

Support 02/26/2008 letter Larry Elmer of Alcona County. Is an ATV rider and always has to travels out of Alcona County to ride his machine. He rides as a family activity and feels that his activity supports local economies.

Opposed 02/22/2008 letter from Isabella Kerlin of Barton City is a resident of Millen Township and is opposed to ATV use because of the road damage that will result from their use and is opposed to the increased activity that will impact this quiet and serene area. Questions the enforcement ability with the current state of the economy.

02/21/2008 Millen Township Board Meeting – See Attached summary of meeting notes.

Opposed 02/19/2008 letter from James Dorr, Lincoln, MI is opposed to an ATV Trail in Millen Township. These people have no respect for our private lands and the police have their hands full just dealing with snowmobiles on the same trails. Opposed to local taxpayers paying for trash pick-up on these same trails.

Opposed 02/17/08 email from Jerry Ranck of Barton City objects to 4-wheelers use on the snowmobile trails, road shoulders and the Barton City Park for loading and unloading machines for use as snowmobiles have in the past. Mr. Ranck objects to the “harm” that the use would cause on the road shoulders and the noise and carrying on in the Park which is across from his home in Barton City.

Opposed 02/16/2008 letter from Gordon Keller as a landowner in Barton City is opposed to a Trailhead for ATV use on Walker Road due to adverse impact this would have on adjacent “taxpaying” private landowners. Walker Road is already a busy access road for 20 families that own property there. Increased use will damage the quality of life enjoyed by these residents as well as the increased trespass, noise, dust and litter. Increased damage to Walker Road would result from ATV use. Loss of property values due to designation of trailhead. Unfair to ask the local taxpayers in this area to pay for increased road maintenance, law enforcement, trash removal that will result from this designation. Law enforcement is almost non existent in this area when complaints have been filed. Enforcement would be required 24 hours per day to deal with use.

Opposed 02/12/2008 letter from R.W. Cox, Jr., a Walker Road resident is opposed to a 4-wheeled ATV trail and trailhead. Alcona County and Millen Township should remain a quiet area; invest further in non-motorized trail systems. Snowmobile traffic currently allowed adjacent to Walker Road is very dangerous with the snowmobilers

having very little respect for others using the road. Does not appreciate the damage that ATVs are causing in Mio, Grayling, Atlanta and Lewiston.

Support 02/12/2008 letter from Ed and Jan Hoorsnstra supporting the trail project. They live within 1000' of where the trail is proposed on Fowler Road, Millen Township.

Opposed 02/11/2008 letter from Andrew and Naomi Cox opposed to allowing any ATVs on any public land in Millen Township. The Cox's land is directly across the road from the proposed Walker Road Trailhead. They purchased the property with the intent of building their retirement home their because of the tranquility and wildlife. Opposed to noise, litter, congestion and destruction of vegetation from ATV use.

Compromise 02/06/2008 letter from Lynn Faultersack, James Barber, James and Arden Basselman Landowners of 120 acres located just east of existing snowmobile trail and south of M-72. Object to noise of snowmobile use but states that at least that it is seasonal. Proposal would devastate dream of building retirement home, alter retirement plans and limit marketability and devalue property. Landowners would no longer be able to enjoy the quiet times on their own property or take quiet summertime walks down the Forest trail. Landowners fears of increased trespass and liability from increase in trail use. Year round use of trail would eliminate private deer hunting area (hunting blinds are on private but can see trail and do hunt along existing Forest Service trail). Propose that the trailhead be moved to west side of Stout Road along existing snowmobile trail one mile south of M72. They would remove their objection if we would move trailhead location and new use of trail along their property.

Compromise 02/06/2008 letter from Robert L. and Lynn A. Basselman, Landowners of 120 acres located just east of the existing snowmobile trail from M72 to $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south along the trail. Landowners are quite aware of snowmobile use when on the property in the winter, but very concerned that summer use by ATVs will not allow them to enjoy their tranquil vacation getaway. Propose to move trailhead and trail use to one mile south of M72 along existing snowmobile trail and construct trailhead on west side of Stout Road, eliminating the road crossing hazards of Stout M72 and Stout/Walker Roads. Basselmans would remove their objection to this project should the Forest move the trailhead as suggested.

Notes from Millen Township meeting:

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02/21/2008
Millen Township

Alcona Co. Board of Commissioners
Alcona Co. Parks&Rec. Commission
Alcona Co. Road Commission
Private Landowners
ATV Trail Proposal Committee
US Forest Service, District Ranger

Meeting opened by Millen Township Officials and District Ranger Andrina

Meeting attended by several local landowners with the following comments:

1) Joseph Miller

Elmer Wohlfeil Road

Fear that local landowners would experience the same trespass problems they have experienced with snowmobilers. Existing snowmobile trail travels along north edge of Walker Road and crosses several landowners' driveways. Snowmobilers have frequently violated private property laws by traveling onto their land and damaging private property (landscaping and trees).

Snowmobile issues would be compounded by adding year-round ATV use on Walker Road. A speeding safety issue and damage to Walker Road by ATVs on this road.

Avid white-tail deer hunter and knows that increased traffic from ATVs will damage deer habitat and affect deer hunting. As well as other wildlife values.

Addressed affect to quietness and serenity of the area. One reason they had purchased in this area. ATV use on nearby trail and allowing use on roads would increase congestion by drawing more people into the area, depleting the quietness and serenity values.

How can FS construct parking lot in Millen Township without Millen Township approval?

Stated that letter was publicized after the Forest had already made the decision to create a trail.

Stated that the map was in error in that it did not show the ATV Trail as it follows the existing Snowmobile Trail into Barton City.

2) Richard Cox

Landowner along Walker Road

Does not want ATV traffic into Barton City to add to congestion/confusion. Explained that the scoping map was in error in that the trail goes into Jewell Lake and Barton City.

Proposes that a trail was supported, but place trailhead south of M72 away from landowners around Jewell Lake and Barton City.

3) Jim Berger

Landowner described being assaulted by snowmobilers near his property.

4) Andy Cox

Landowner directly across from proposed trailhead.

Plans to build just off Walker Road and does not want disruption of a parking lot across from his future home.

5) Jan Hoernstra

Fowler Road Landowners

Supports a trail system for ATVs.

A trail would help to support the community economy.

She presented the issue that her “sport” was of just as much value as opponents “sport”.

6) Millen Board Member

Limit use of trail to not during deer seasons.

Trail supporters comments:

Gary Somers

Jim Quick

Delynn Lovelace

Fred Hepting

John Bernard

Proposal for a trail was brought independently to Alcona County Gov'ts.

ATV use compatible with deer mgmt. and hunting.

ATV use is legitimate use and most riders are respectful of others rights.

Law enforcement issues are being addressed statewide and trail maintenance dollars are available to upkeep for ATV and snowmobile use and road restoration where damage occurs.