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TRAIL PASSES

Currently the trail passes are sold at a fee of \$35 for a year with the year ending June 30. Families coming to Wisconsin for the weekend with 4 or more machines are facing fees of \$140 or more before they even buy fuel or pay for lodging and meals. This cost does deter large families and groups who are only planning a short visit to our state. I feel that if the trail passes were structured along the same lines as the fishing licenses, (1-day, 4-day, 15-day or annual), we would get more people using the trails and coming back more often. With lower costs on the shorter time periods, the expense would be more manageable and therefore more appealing. The expiration date should also be the same as the fishing licenses, (April 1 to March 31) to include the entire summer for the ATV riders.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Sawyer County on April 9, 2012 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change to allow lower cost and shorter term trail passes.



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