

Trail News - 10/18/2010

1. Next State Trails Council Meeting – October 29, 2010

The next meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council will be held Friday, October 29, 2010 in the Lussier Heritage Center at Capital Springs State Recreation Area, 3101 Lake Farm Rd., Madison, WI. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Center and is expected to conclude by 2:30 p.m.

The State Trails Council (STC) is appointed by the Governor under the authority of statute 15.347(16) to provide state trail user groups and individuals a voice in the statewide trails program. The STC also provides a forum for dealing with solutions to conflicts between and within trail user groups and trail providers. Additionally, the STC provides advice and consultation to the Department of Natural Resources regarding the planning, acquisition, development, and management of trails in Wisconsin. Additional information about the Governor's State Trails Council, is available on the internet: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/trails/council/index.html>.

Lunch will be provided for State Trails Council members, DNR staff and presenters. A draft agenda for the upcoming meeting will be available on the Internet address above. Please send correspondence regarding this October 2010 State Trails Council meeting to Joseph Warren (josephc.warren@wisconsin.gov). Please let Joe know by October 25, 2010 if you are planning to attend the October 29 meeting.

2. New Administrative Rules Proposed for the Ice Age and North Country Trails

The Department of Natural Resources is proposing new rules to help manage lands for the Ice Age and North Country Trails in Wisconsin. **A public hearing on these rules will take place on November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Glacier Room of the DNR South Central Region Hdqrs., 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI.** Written public comments are also being accepted through November 5. The proposed rules address: construction of the Ice Age and North Country trails, dispersed camping, vegetative management, recreational uses (other than Ice Age and North Country Trails), and the development of facilities such as gravel parking lots. Complete language of the proposed rules are available on the state's administrative code changes website: <https://health.wisconsin.gov/admrules/public/Rmo?nRmold=9323#>. Additional information, including how to submit public comments, is also available on the website.

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