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1999 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2002

FINAL REPORT

TITLE: 004C Kabetogama / Ash River Community Trail System

PROJECT MANAGER: Lee Herseth

ORGANIZATION: Kabetogama Lake Association

ADDRESS: 10078 Gappa Road, Lake Kabetogama, MN 56669

FUND:

LEGAL CITATION: ML 1999, Ch. 231, Sec. 16, Subd. 4(c).

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$100,000

Overall Project Outcome and Results

4.8 miles of biking trail, 1.5 miles of hiking/cross-country ski trail, and four trail head parking lots were completed. The bicycle treadway is in and awaiting gravel for a final grading. Gravel has been purchased, but further funding is needed to finish grading.

Two short loop trails, a bridge and 11,000 feet of boardwalk were also constructed. Trailhead signing and directional trail signing is complete.

This trail system now connects two gateway communities, Ash River and Lake Kabetogama, of Voyageurs National Park. The system consists of 23.5 miles hiking, 4.8 miles biking, and 19.6 miles cross country ski trails. The combination of multi-purpose trails provides diverse tourism opportunities annually for over 250,000 visitors and educational programs for over 3,000 students.

The hike/ski/bike trail alignments were approved by the DNR, Voyageurs National Park and the Kabetogama Lake Association. The trail met federal NEPA requirements and all necessary permits were obtained. The majority of funding was used for trail development.

An August 24, 2002 grand opening celebrated the project. Participants included Senator Mark Dayton, National Park Service and DNR staff, Kabetogama Lake Association, volunteers and friends.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

A multi-recreational trail system that incorporates hiking, biking, cross country skiing, and snowmobiling trails that link two gateway resort communities of Voyageurs National Park. Most work was accomplished using young adult Minnesota Conservation Corps employees. Additional labor was provided by the National Park Service, volunteers and Friends of Voyageurs National Park.

The trail is being publicized through through trail signage, trailhead bulletin boards, and brochures to be inserted in park service information requests. These multiple-use trails create a complete and diversified recreational trail system and increased opportunities for tourism development. By creating a seamless system of multiple-use trails on federal, state and county land, it provides connectivity between two resort communities in a region of the state where none previously existed.

Senators: Ellen Anderson, Charles A. Berg, Dennis Frederickson, Linda Higgins,
David J. Tomassoni, Jane Krentz, James Metzen, Leonard Price, Martha Robertson, Jim Vickerman.

Representatives: Dennis Ozment, Chair; Irv Anderson, Ron Erhardt, Doug Fuller, Mark Holsten,
Mark Olson, Tom Osthoff, Leslie Schumacher, Howard Swenson, Kathy Tingelstad.

LCMR WORK PROGRAM - 1999

004C Kabetogama to Ash River Community Trail System

Date of Report: July 1, 2002

LCMR FINAL WORK PROGRAM REPORT

PROJECT TITLE: 004C Kabetogama/Ash River Community Trail System Contract # A-02346

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I. TOTAL BIENNIAL PROJECT BUDGET:

\$ LCMR:	\$100,000	Required Match:	\$100,000
-\$ LCMR Dollars	\$ 99,998.64	- \$ Match Amount Spent	\$168,550
Spent:			
=\$ LCMR Balance	\$ 1.36	- \$ Match Balance:	\$ 0

A. Legal Citation: ML 1999, Chap.231, Sec.16, Subd. 4(c)

Kabetogama to Ash River Community Trail System \$100,000

Appropriation Language:

\$100,000 is from the future resources fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Kabetogama lake Association in cooperation with the National Park Service for trail construction linking Lake Kabetogama, Ash River, and Voyageurs National Park. This appropriation must be matched by at least \$100,000 of nonstate money. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2002, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program.

B. Status of Match Requirement:

National Park Service - \$ 100,000 was committed December 28, 1999.

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VI. CONTEXT:

Partnership projects such as this have been occurring in this area for many years, but have recently gained momentum. County and state money has been used in construction of boat ramps and docks in the gateway communities of Voyageurs National Park. Also, funding has been commingled on tourism projects, combining state, federal, local, and private funds to provide for a higher quality project. This project replicates these strategies to accomplish a large project utilizing multiple resources.

VII. COOPERATION:

National Park Service - Project Manager, other subject matter specialists, day labor, and land use and fund source.

Department of Natural Resources - Technical assistance and land use.

St. Louis County - Potential fund source.

Minnesota Conservation Corp - Primary day labor resource.

Kabetogama Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Club - Trail right of way.

Friends of Voyageurs - Potential fund source, volunteer labor

Local Communities - Potential fund source, volunteer labor

REI Coop - Potential fund source, volunteer labor

VIII. LOCATION:

The project is located in the following areas:

Lake Kabetogama Township

Ash River Community.

St. Louis County

Map of completed project attached.

