

AGENDA

RUSK COUNTY PUBLIC TRAIL AD-HOC COMMITTEE

Date: March 9, 2026

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: Rusk County Government Center – LEC – Board Room

MEETING WILL BE ACCESSIBLE BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

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Committee Members

- Jay Waeltz
- Bob Grunseth
- Michael Lynch
- Rod Ellwanger
- Ross Ellwanger
- Brent Fagerlin
- Andy Winiarczyk

1. Call the Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2025
3. Public Comment – Limited to five minutes per person
4. Discussion and Possible Motion
 - a. Updates to any ongoing trail projects, trail improvements, or grant applications
 - b. Updates on the new Ice Age Trail and Felsemeer Trail
 - c. Any trail requests from public or trail projects for the coming year.
 - d. Discuss trail conditions, any repairs or improvements, signage updates, and any inspection updates or changes to classification
 - e. Field verified trails ready for acceptance or status verification
5. Set Next Meeting Date
6. Adjourn

“Virtual attendees requesting public comment may submit their public comment in writing to the chair prior to the meeting and it will be read aloud by the chair in the meeting.”

At any time, a quorum of another County Committee or of the County Board may be present at the meeting to observe the proceedings, but no action will be taken except by those Committee Members for the stated Committee meeting and only on noticed agenda items.

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RUSK COUNTY PUBLIC TRAILS AD COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 8, 2025

Ad Hoc Committee Present: Rod Ellwanger, Jay Waeltz, Ross Ellwanger, A. Winiarczyk, and B. Fagerlin.
Others Present: Matt Andersen, L Strop, Phil Unterschuetz

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Ellwanger at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 10, 2025

Motion by Ross Ellwanger, seconded by Jay Waeltz, to approve the November 10, 2025, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Matt Andersen from Cameron is seeking extended access to a trail to use his ATV for hunting purposes, (he refers to the map handout) The Public Trail Committee will need to inspect the trail. If they cross wetland it could be an issue. The Public Trails Committee can make a suggest but ultimately the Forestry Committee will make the final decision.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Updates to any ongoing trail projects, trail improvements, or grant applications-The ATV Club is using funds to work on the State trails. The Forestry Committee approved the use of the Owen's Bridge for Trails End.

Discuss parking at the Trail Head of Closed Trails - None

Discuss proposed new Red Canyon Trail Loop, the proposed new Ice Age Trail and Felsemeer Trail -The ATV Club are using monies to work on the Red Canyon Trail Loop.

Discuss Trail Conditions, any repairs or improvements, signage updates, and my inspection updates or changes to classification- Jerrad has ordered stickers for big yellow signs and will change website to reflect a change in wording for red diamond trails from "Dead End" to "Closed Trail".

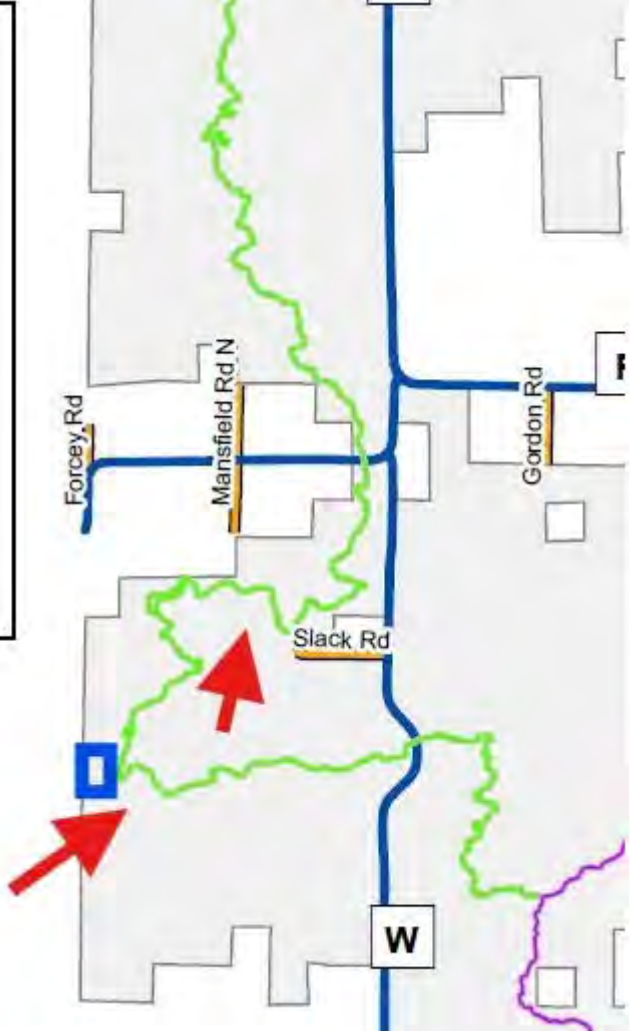
Field verified trails ready for acceptance or status verification – No trails at this time.

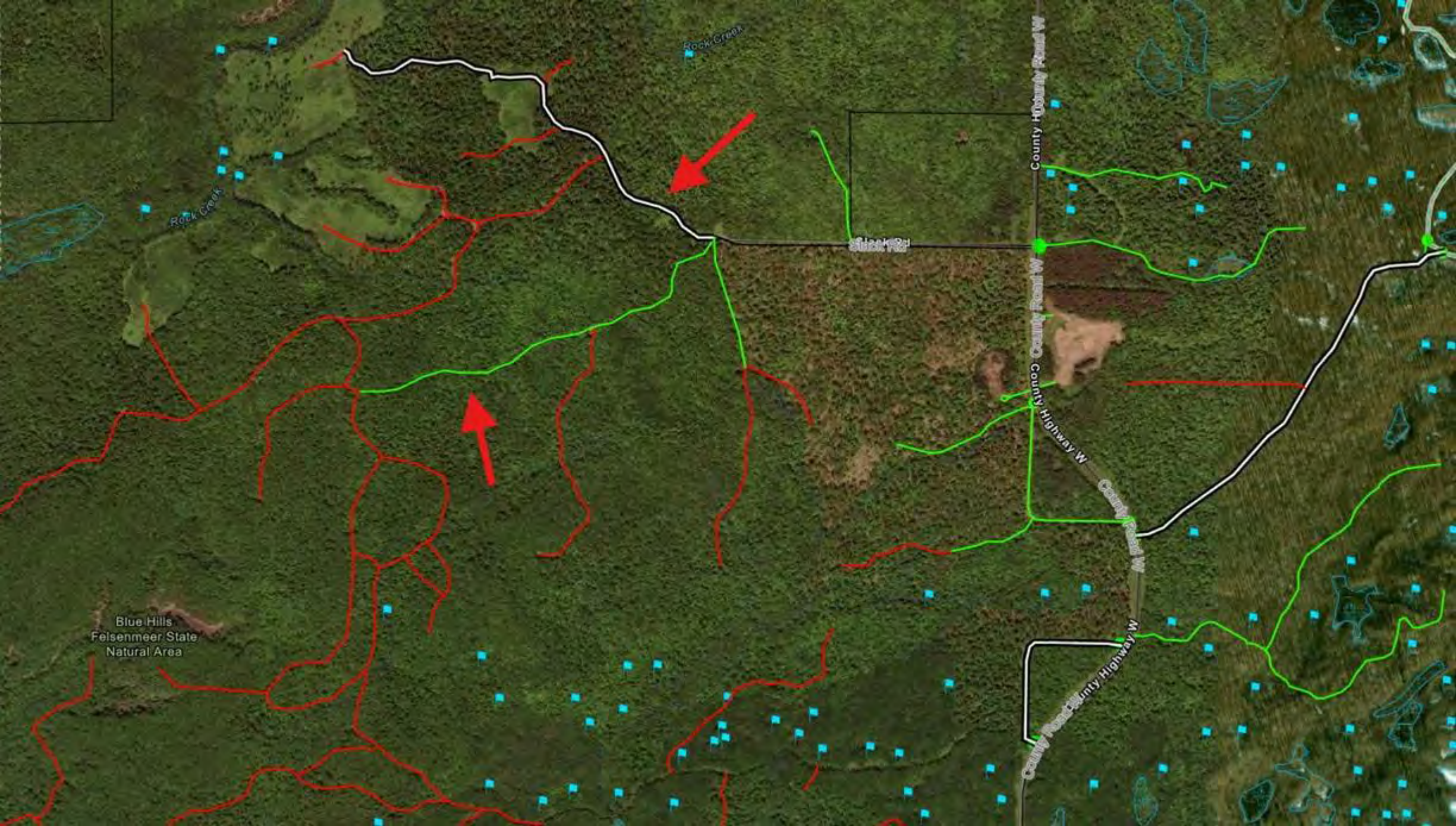
Set Next Meeting Date: March 9, at 4:30 p.m. in the LEC

ADJOURN – Chair adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Legend

- Ice Age Trail - Current Route
- Ice Age Trail - Future Route
- Ice Age Trail - Temporary Route
- Railroad
- US Highway
- County Highway
- County Forest Road
- Town Road
- County Forest Land





Rock Creek

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Blue Hills
Felsenmeer State
Natural Area

State Rd

County Highway W

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