

# AGENDA

## RUSK COUNTY PUBLIC TRAIL AD-HOC COMMITTEE

Date: December 8, 2025

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: Rusk County Government Center – LEC – Board Room

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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 – November 12, 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. Discuss proposed new Red Canyon Trail Loop, the proposed new Ice Age Trail and Felsemeer Trail
  - c. Discuss Trail Conditions, any repairs or improvements, signage updates, and any inspection updates or changes to classification
  - d. 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.”*

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# RUSK COUNTY PUBLIC TRAILS AD COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 10, 2025

**Ad Hoc Committee Present:** Rod Ellwanger, Bob Grunseth, Jay Waeltz, Ross Ellwanger, Mike Lynch, A. Winiarczyk, and B. Fagerlin.

**Others Present:**

## CALL TO ORDER

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 13, 2025

*Motion by Brent, seconded by Andy, to approve the October 13, 2025, minutes as presented. Jay abstained Motion carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Paul would like to request the opening of a trail near Buck Lake Road. Brent and Andy will investigate and bring it back to the next meeting.

## DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Updates to any ongoing trail projects, trail improvements, or grant applications

Discussed actions taken at the last Forestry meeting.

Discuss parking at the Trail Head of Closed Trails

### **Sec. 34-194. - Applicability.**

c. This prohibition shall not apply to any highway licensed vehicle while it is parked or operating on a trail, provided the vehicle is located within 100 feet of the traveled portion of a state or federal highway, county highway, township road, or county forest road, and all of the following conditions are satisfied:

1. Persons must be actively engaged in county forest recreation activities.
2. The operation is for the sole purpose of parking off the traveled portion of an improved roadway.
3. Vehicles parked do not block access to ATV/UTV traffic.

d. This prohibition shall not apply to persons possessing a valid dispersed camping permit while transporting or accessing a licensed camping trailer for use in a hunting or fishing camp.

*Motion by Ross, seconded by Bob, to send the requested changes to the Ordinance section. 34-194 Applicability to Forestry for approval. Motion carried.*

Discuss proposed new Red Canyon Trail Loop, the proposed new Ice Age Trail and Felsemeer Trail

The ATV Club is working on the loop.

Discuss Trail Conditions, any repairs or improvements, signage updates, and any inspection updates or changes to classification – Mike put up signs, discussed verbiage on yellow and red signs.

*Motion by Ross, seconded by Bob, to change wording on Big Yellow signs from “Dead End” for red diamond to “Closed Trail” and also change the verbiage on the website. Motion carried.*

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

**Set Next Meeting Date:** December 8, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the LEC

**ADJOURN** – Chair adjourned at 5:45 p.m.