

S-44 Vilas Trail 10 near Firefly Lake

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**Motorized Recreation Grant Application**

**For:** (choose all that apply) Form 8700-159 (R 02/2024) Page 1 of 5  
 ATV/UTV Trail Aid  
 Snowmobile Trail Aid

**Due Date: April 15**

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**Instructions:** Applications may combine more than one source of funds. They may be submitted for consideration of traditional ATV, UTV, Snowmobile and Motorized Stewardship funding. Submit one copy of all forms and attachments. See Page 2 for necessary attachments. Send applications to your [Community Services Specialist](#).

DNR Use Only	
Category	Number

**Section 1: Applicant Information**

Applicant / Organization Name			Check Recipient: Individual other than authorized individual to act on behalf of the applicant. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Select if the same as applicant.		
Vilas County					
Individual Authorized to Act on Behalf of Applicant per Resolution			Check Recipient Name (Name to Appear on Check)		
Todd Bierman			Todd Bierman		
Title			Title		
Park and Recreation Supervisor			Park and Recreation Supervisor		
Address			Address		
330 Court Street			330 Court Street		
City	State	ZIP Code	City	State	ZIP Code
Eagle River	WI	54554	Eagle River	WI	54554
Telephone Number		Email Address			
(715) 479-5160		tobier@vilascountywi.gov			

**Section 2: Project Information Required for all Projects**

Project Title					Current Funded Miles	New Miles (if applicable)
Sayner Firefly Trail Rehab					497.8	
County	Township	Range	Section	1/4 1/4	1/4	GPS Coordinates: Lat. _____ Long. _____
Vilas	42 N	7 <input checked="" type="radio"/> E <input type="radio"/> W	32			

**Project Description Summary**

Vilas County is proposing to rehab approximately 2.4 miles of Corridor Trail 10 From TIN # 353 to TIN # 359. This trail has been used as a snowmobile trail for 30+ years. The project will consist of improving tight corners with limited sight distances and improve slopes on the hills. There is a developmental cost and there are no bridges on this trail section. Maintenance of this trail has been and will be done by the Sayner Barnstormers snowmobile club. This trail will be groomed with AAA-2 grooming equipment.

I certify that all maintenance land use agreements are on file.

**Estimated Cost**

Maintenance	Acquisition	Insurance	Development	Bridge Rehab.	Trail Rehab.	Total Estimated Cost
					\$55,182.48	\$55,182.48
Leave Blank – DNR Use Only						

**Applicant Certification**

Printed Name of Authorized Official	Official's Title
Todd Bierman	Park and Recreation Supervisor

As the applicant's authorized official, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct.

  
 Signature of Authorized Official

  
 Date Prepared

**Appendix B – Required for Trail/Qualified Trout Rehab, Reroute, or Development**

Trail Rehab     Qualified Trout     New Trail     Trail Reroute (Mandatory or Discretionary)

County Vilas	Township 42 N	Range 7	<input checked="" type="radio"/> E <input type="radio"/> W	Section 32	¼ ¼	¼	GPS Coordinates: Lat. Long.
Funded Trail Name or Number (SNARS if applicable) Corridor Trail 10				Has this trail ever received development or rehabilitation funds in the past? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No    Year: _____ \$ _____			
Trail is located on: <input type="radio"/> Private property <input checked="" type="radio"/> Public property			Length of Easement or Landowner Use Agreement 3 years			Expiration Date 10/31/2027	
Landowner Where Trail is Located Northern Highland American Legion State Froest						Telephone Number (715) 356-3668	

What other recreational trail uses are planned for this trail?

None at this time

If there are other Recreational uses planned, how much of the trail development/rehab. cost will be paid for by other users?

How many miles would be affected if this project is not funded? 0	Will this result in closure of a trail? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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Is this a critical section to the overall trail system? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Is there a reasonable alternative? No
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Does any section of this trail contain a bridge? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Will this bridge require rehabilitation now or in the next few years? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	What is the weight of your puller & drag/grading equipment?  lbs.
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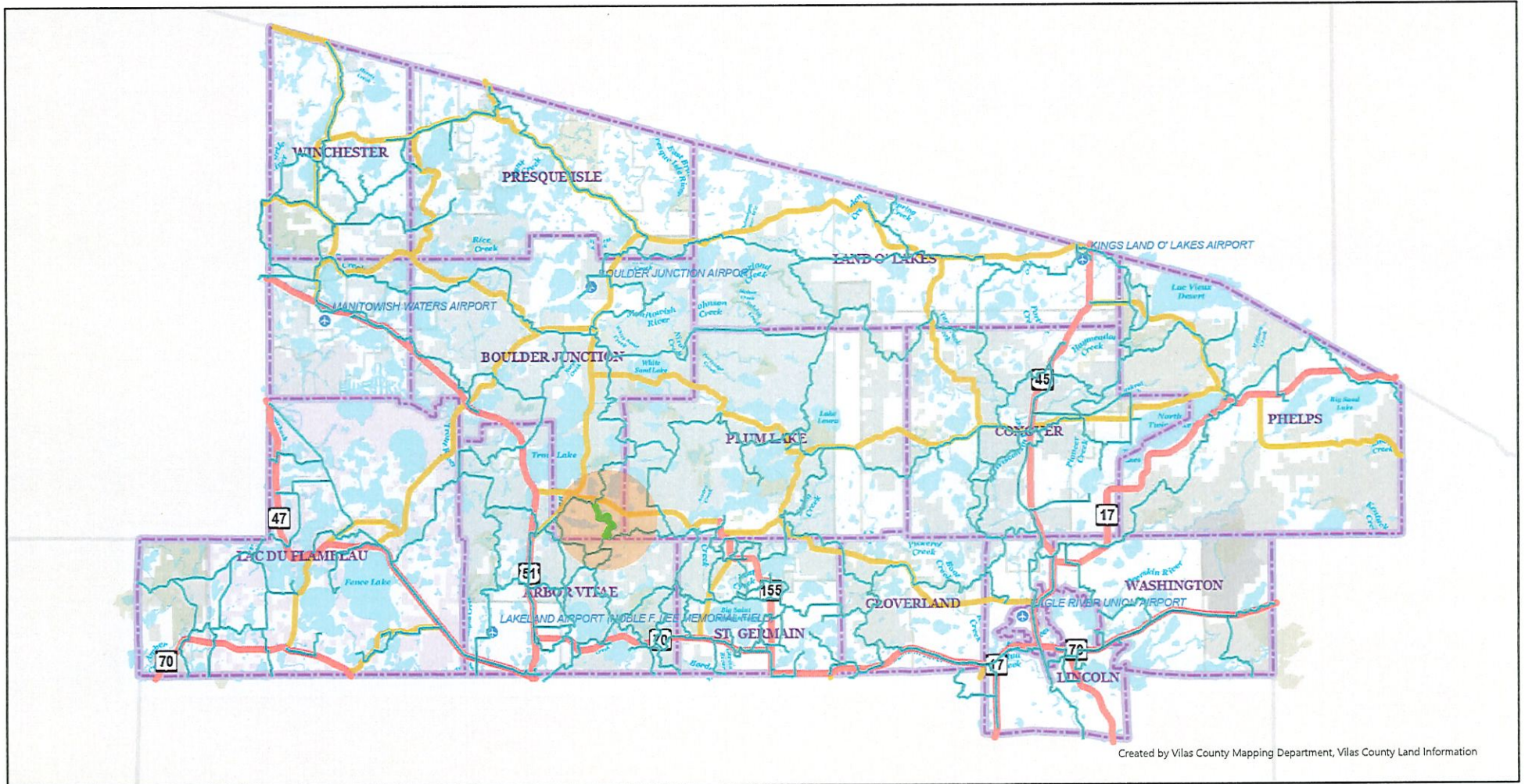
- Yes     No    Have you contacted your local [DNR Water Management Specialist \(WMS\)](#) regarding a permit?
- Yes     No    Is a permit needed? (Please provide any written correspondence from WMS.)
- Yes     No    Will this project be located near or cross any intermittent or perennial waterway? [Surface Water Data Viewer](#)
- Yes     No    Will this project be located near or cross any wetland?
- Yes     No    Will this project involve land disturbance – including clearing and grubbing – of 1 acre or more of land? (Less than 4/10th mile for a typical trail) [DNR Storm Water Contact List](#)

**Trail Project Detailed Description**

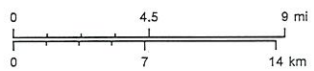
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# Vilas County Snowmobile Trails/Sayner Firefly Trail Rehab



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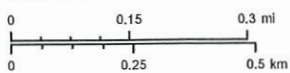
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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Snowmobile Trails (Level 8-10) | Funded Snowmobile Trail | Highways         | County Highway |
| Primary Type                   | Club Snowmobile Trail   | Type             | Airport        |
| Corridor Snowmobile Trail      | Town/City Boundary      | US/State Highway |                |

# Sayner Firefly Trail Rehab Aerial



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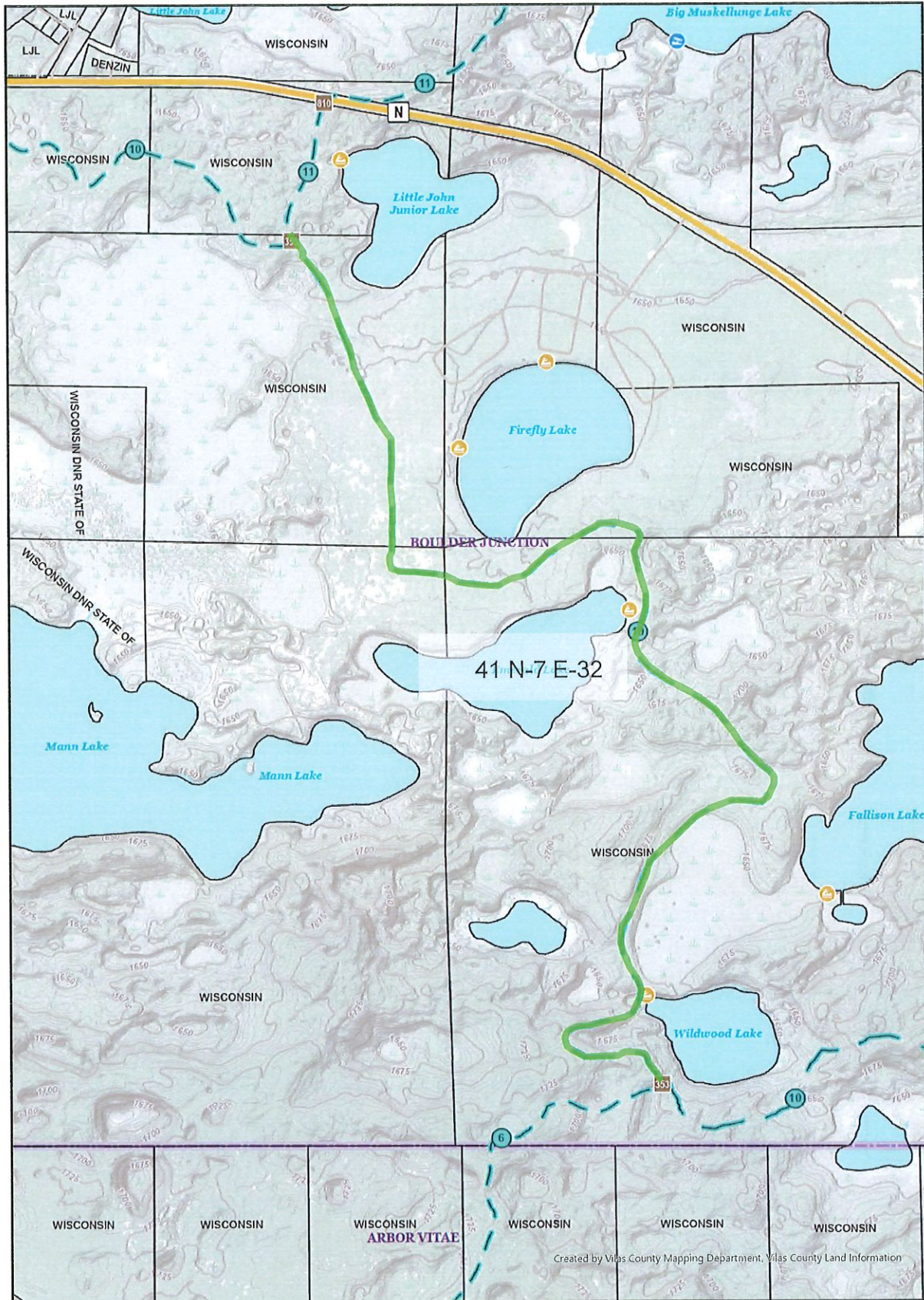
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Snowmobile Trails (Level 4-5)		Tax Parcel Sub Lines	
Primary Type	Type	Type	Type
Corridor Snowmobile Trail	Boundary Line	Right of Way Line	Source or Lot Line
Funded Snowmobile Trail	Meander Line	Natural Feature	
Club Snowmobile Trail			
TINS			
Parcel Boundary			

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Type	Type
Town/City Boundary	Collector Road
Minor Roads	Local Road
Service Road	Resource Road
4WD Road	Runway

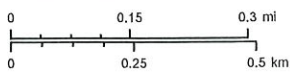
Highways	
Type	Type
US/State Highway	Water Access
County Highway	Feature Code
	Boat Ramp

# Sayner Firefly Trail Rehab Topo



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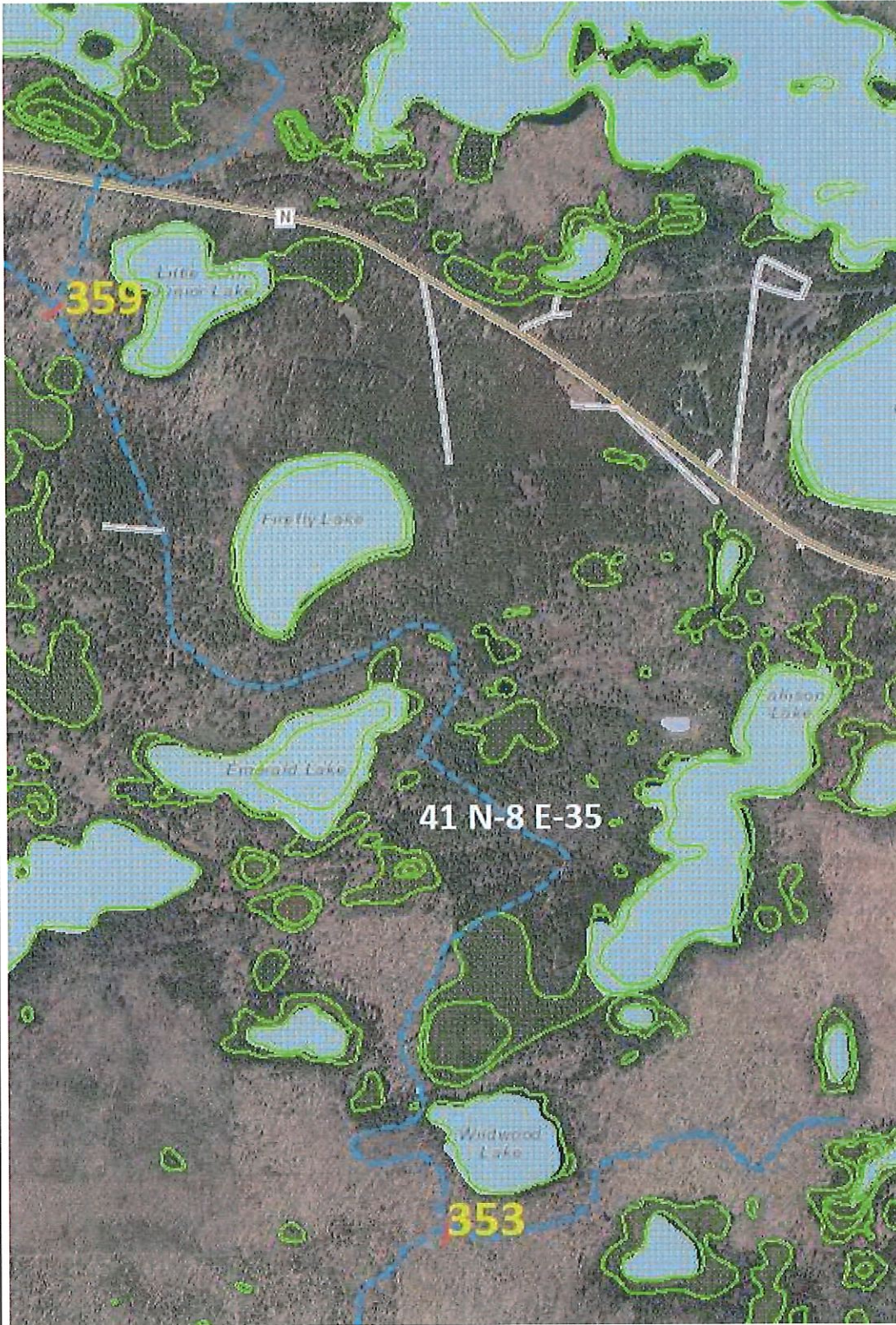
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# Sayner Firefly Trail Rehab Wetland



## Legend

- Wetland Class Areas
- Wetland Class Points
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- Wetland Identifications and Confirmations
- Municipality
- State Boundaries
- County Boundaries
- Major Roads**
  - Interstate Highway
  - State Highway
  - US Highway
- County and Local Roads**
  - County HWY
  - Local Road
- Railroads
- Tribal Lands
- Rivers and Streams
- Intermittent Streams
- Lakes and Open water

0.5 0 0.25 0.5 Miles

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## Notes



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February 9, 2026,

Jeff Pennucci  
DNR Northern Region  
107 Sutliff Avenue  
Rhineland, WI 54501

Subject: Variance from non-statutory requirement

Dear Jeff,

The Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 50.09(4)(g) 1 states: Snowmobile trail segments eligible for rehabilitation assistance shall be a minimum of 3 miles in length and shall be a part of the funded trail system of the county for a minimum of 10 years from the date of application for trail rehabilitation except where a natural event or other circumstances beyond the control of the county adversely affected trail safety prior to this 10-year period.

Based on this requirement, Vilas County is requesting a variance to allow rehabilitation of 2.4 miles of snowmobile trail which needs to have some of the curve's widen and hills cut to improve visibility and safety for the trail users. The variance and possible funding will allow for safer and improved maintenance and improved visibility on this section of trail.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at your convenience.

Thank you,  
Todd Bierman  
Park and Recreation Supervisor







