

Motorized Recreation Grant Application

For: (choose all that apply)

Form 8700-159 (R 02/2024)

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☐ ATV/UTV Trail Aid

☒ Snowmobile Trail Aid

Due Date: April 15

Notice: Completion of this form is required under Wisconsin Statutes 23.09(26) and 23.33. Failure to complete this form will result in denial of financial assistance. Personally identifiable information found on this form is not intended to be used for any other purpose. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may provide this information to requesters as required by Wisconsin's Public Records law {ss. 19.31 – 19.39, Wis. Stats.}.

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 | |
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| Category | Number |

Section 1: Applicant Information

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|--|-------|----------------------------|--|-------|----------|
| 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. | | |
| Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks | | | | | |
| Individual Authorized to Act on Behalf of Applicant per Resolution | | | Check Recipient Name (Name to Appear on Check) | | |
| Dean Bowe | | | Dean Bowe | | |
| Title | | | Title | | |
| County Forest Administrator | | | County Forest Administrator | | |
| Address | | | Address | | |
| 801 North Sales Street | | | 801 North Sales Street | | |
| City | State | ZIP Code | City | State | ZIP Code |
| Merrill | WI | 54452 | Merrill | WI | 54452 |
| Telephone Number | | Email Address | | | |
| (715) 539-1034 | | dean.bowe@co.lincoln.wi.us | | | |

Section 2: Project Information Required for all Projects

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|----------------------------|----------|--|---------|---------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Project Title | | | | | Current Funded Miles | New Miles (if applicable) |
| 39 Trail Mandatory Reroute | | | | | 335.8 | |
| County | Township | Range | Section | 1/4 1/4 | 1/4 | GPS Coordinates: |
| Lincoln | 32 N | 6 <input checked="" type="radio"/> E <input type="radio"/> W | 24 | SE | SE | Lat. 45.238 Long. -89.676 |

Project Description Summary

Lincoln County is requesting funding to complete a mandatory reroute for a segment of our 39 Snowmobile Trail. A recent loss of a private land easement will cause the trail to close if the trail is not relocated. The 39 Trail is a very important trail that travels between the two largest cities in Lincoln County, Merrill and Tomahawk. The segment in question parallels the west side of Hwy 51 near the boundary of the state right of way (ROW) and private land. Most of the trail is located on the state ROW, but it deviates slightly onto the private property in a few locations due to difficult topography and utility poles. Since the private landowner who pulled the easement owns 1 mile of frontage at this location rerouting options are limited. The best solution is to relocate the trail so that all of it is located on the state ROW. This reroute will have no effect on the total miles of funded trail. The funds being applied for will help to pay for grading work, fill material, a culvert, and moving the ROW fence in a few locations. We are currently working out the details of this project with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT). The cost estimate is a rough estimate that we are hoping to refine as the project details are worked out with WDOT.

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

Estimated Cost

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Maintenance | Acquisition | Insurance | Development | Bridge Rehab. | Trail Rehab. | Total Estimated Cost |
| | | | \$10,000.00 | | | \$10,000.00 |
| Leave Blank – DNR Use Only | | | | | | |
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Applicant Certification

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| Printed Name of Authorized Official | Official's Title |
| Dean Bowe | County Forest Administrator |

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

Prepared by *Lee T. Miller*

4/10/25

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

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

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|---|-------------------------|-------------------|--|--|------------------|---|--|
| County Lincoln | Township 32 N | Range 6 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> E <input type="radio"/> W | Section 24 | ¼ ¼ SE | ¼ SE | GPS Coordinates: Lat. 45.238 Long. -89.676 |
| Funded Trail Name or Number (SNARS if applicable) 39 | | | | Has this trail ever received development or rehabilitation funds in the past? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Year: 2016 \$ 81,200.00 | | | |
| Trail is located on: <input type="radio"/> Private property <input checked="" type="radio"/> Public property | | | Length of Easement or Landowner Use Agreement WI DOT years | | | Expiration Date | |
| Landowner Where Trail is Located State of WI DOT | | | | | | Telephone Number (715) 365-3490 | |

What other recreational trail uses are planned for this trail?

None

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

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| How many miles would be affected if this project is not funded? 9 | Will this result in closure of a trail? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Is this a critical section to the overall trail system? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Is there a reasonable alternative? This is the best, safest, and most cost effective option. |
| Does any section of this trail contain a bridge? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input 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? 15,000 lbs. | |

- ☐ 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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| Project Name: | | Prepared By: | Date |
| 39 Snowmobile Trail Mandatory Relocation | | Lee Rahlf | 04/08/2025 |
| County | Project Applicant: | Landowner Name | <input checked="checked" type="radio"/> Public |
| Lincoln | Lincoln County | WI DOT | <input type="radio"/> Private |

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NOTE:

- For development projects, contingency and indirect costs are not eligible expenses.
- For acquisition projects, complete the Acquisition Project Cost Estimate Section of this form.

Guidelines for Applicant

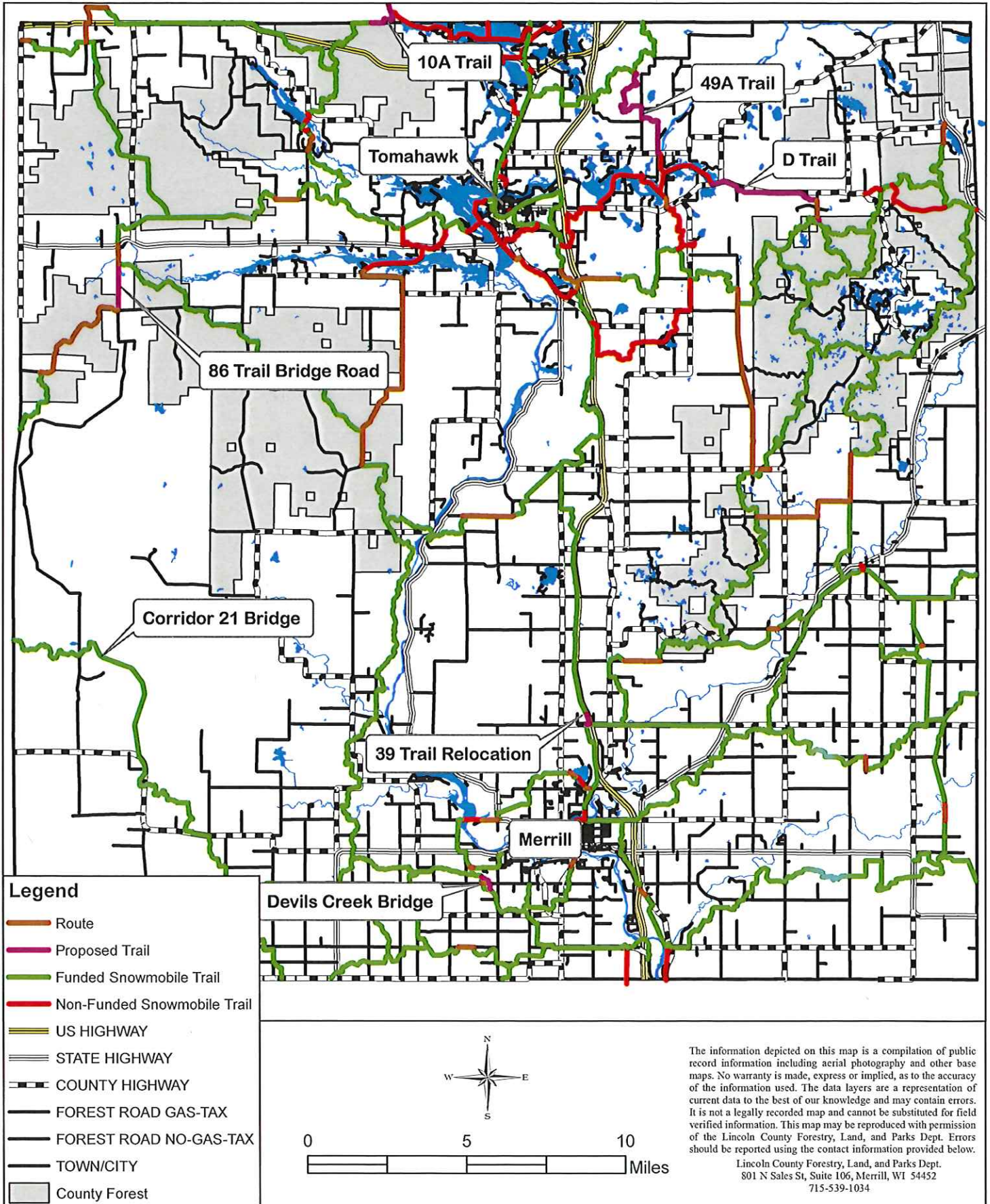
Complete this form for each relocation you are submitting a grant application for. Provide any additional documents not requested on application checklist to substantiate your points, including actual deeded easements.

| Mandatory or Discretionary? (no points) | |
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| A) Trail is already closed or will be closed for the upcoming season. = Mandatory | A |
| B) Trail won't be closed for the coming season, but relocation is preferable for landowner request to avoid road use, etc = Discretionary | |

| Category | | Possible Points | Actual Points |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Maintenance Increase Only | | |
| | New trail footprint has already been cleared/constructed, application is requesting only a maintenance increase | 2 | 0 |
| 2 | Dedicated Highway Rec Wing | | |
| | An opportunity to develop a dedicated rec wing on a highway will allow for increased safety of trail users by getting them off of a shared highway bridge. | 2 | 0 |
| 3 | Funding (maximum points 2) Are other funds already committed? | | |
| | 50% or greater from other funding source(s)? | 2 | |
| | 11% - 49% from other funding source(s)? | 1 | |
| | 0% - 10% from other funding source(s)? | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Length of Written Easements or Land Use Agreement (max points 4) (ch. 23.09(26)(am)1 WI Stats) | | |
| | On public land (County, State, Federal) | 4 | 4 |
| | 10 or more year deeded easement on private land or other public land, for all portions of that trail segment to the nearest road on each side | 3 | |
| | 3-9 year deeded easement on private land or other public land, for all portions of that trail to the nearest road on each side | 2 | |
| | 10 or more year land use agreement (LUA, not deeded) on private land or other public land | 1 | |
| | 3-9 year land use agreement (LUA, not deeded) on private land or other public land | 0 | |
| 5 | Miles Impacted – How many miles will need to rerouted if the trail is shut down? Measured from nearest intersection on both sides of lost segment. (max 4 points) | | |
| | Less than 20 miles | 1 | 1 |
| | 20 miles or more | 3 | |
| | No other snowmobile trails connect. Explain: | 4 | |
| | DEDUCTIONS | | |
| 8 | County Active Project Deduction (maximum deduction 1 point) A snowmobile active project is one that has exceeded it's initial grant period. | | |
| | Two or more active projects - deduct 1 point None | -1 | |
| GRAND TOTAL | | | 5 |

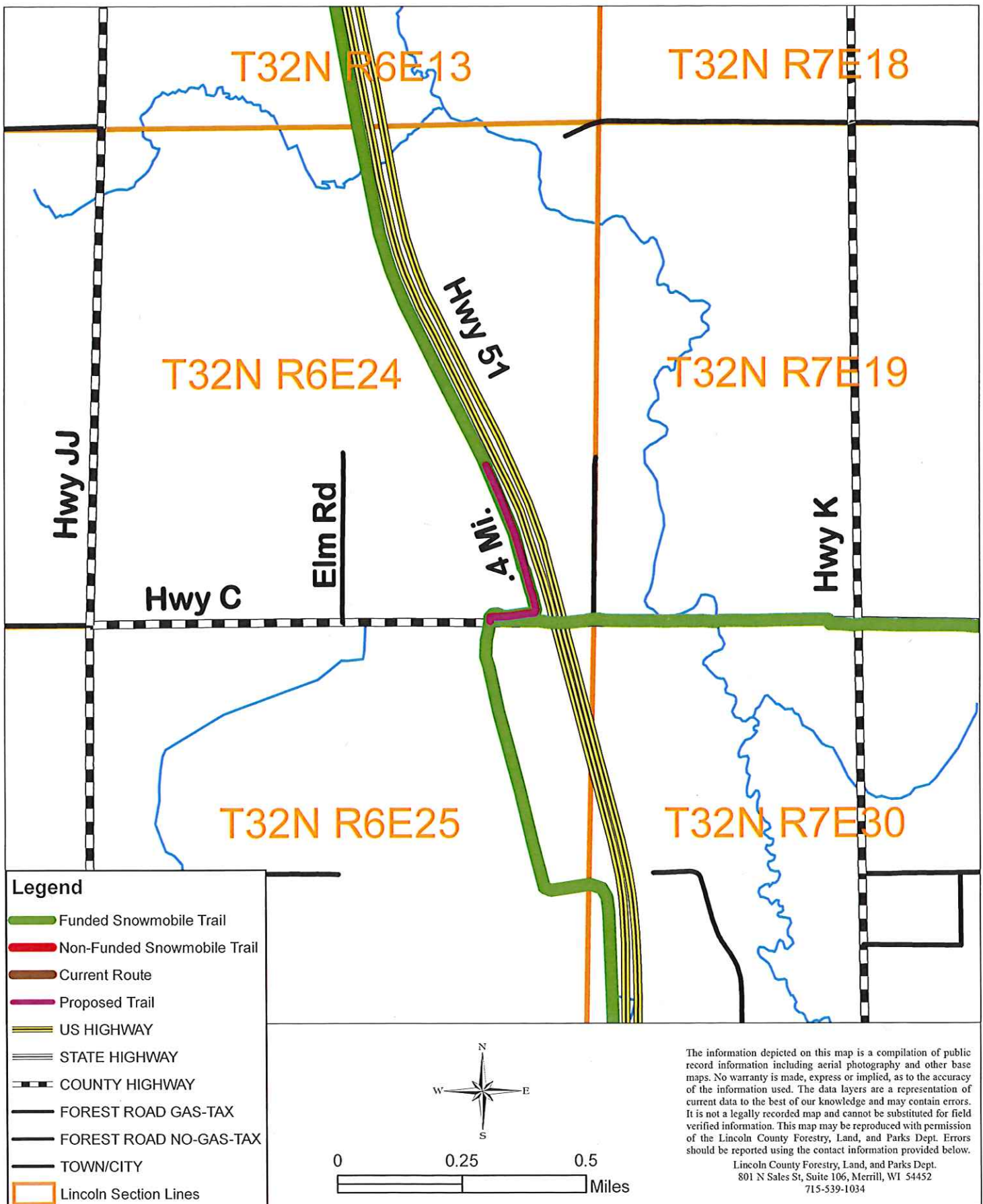
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Funded and Non-Funded Snowmobile Trails with New Miles and Projects



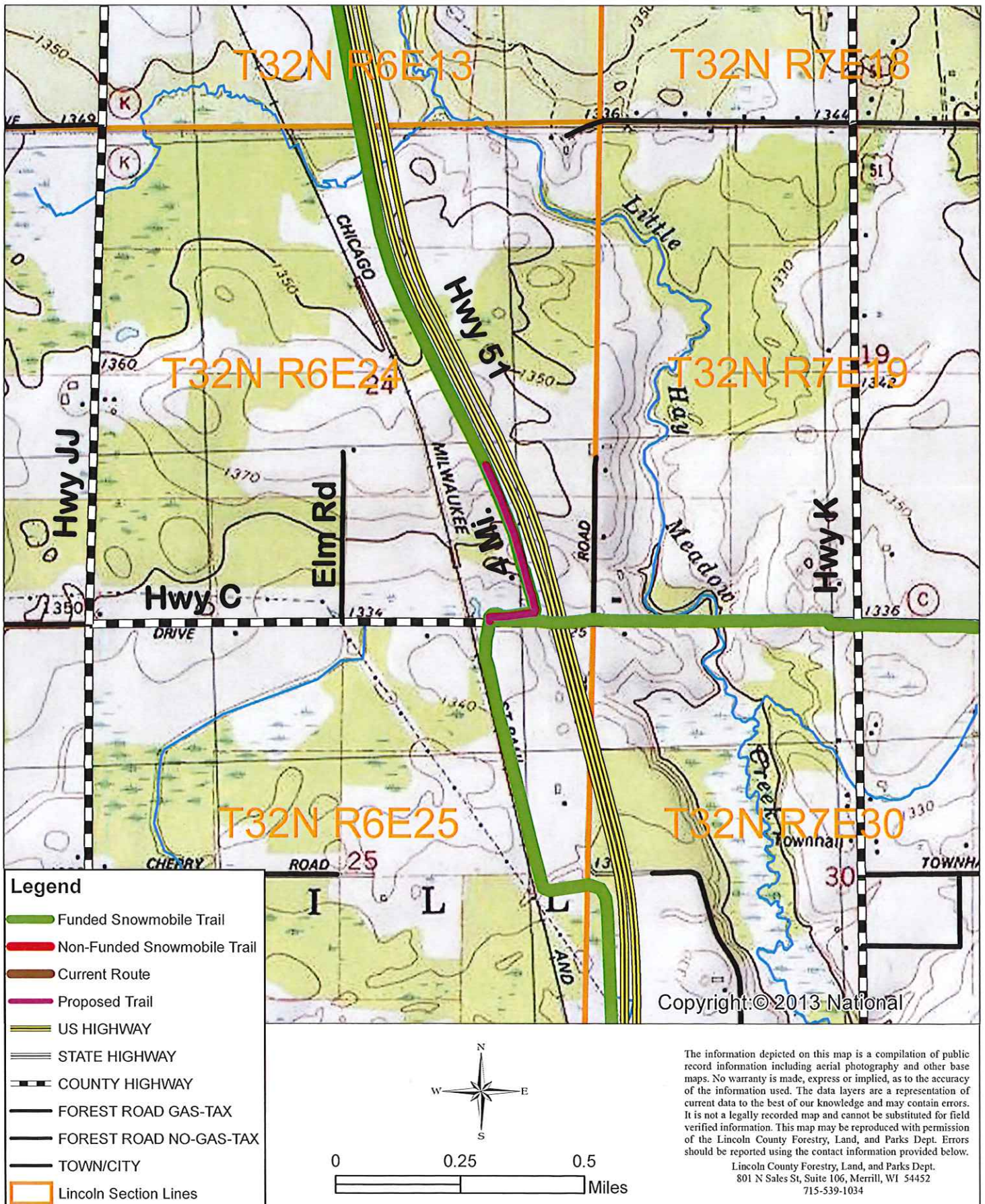
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39 Snowmobile Trail Mandatory Relocation



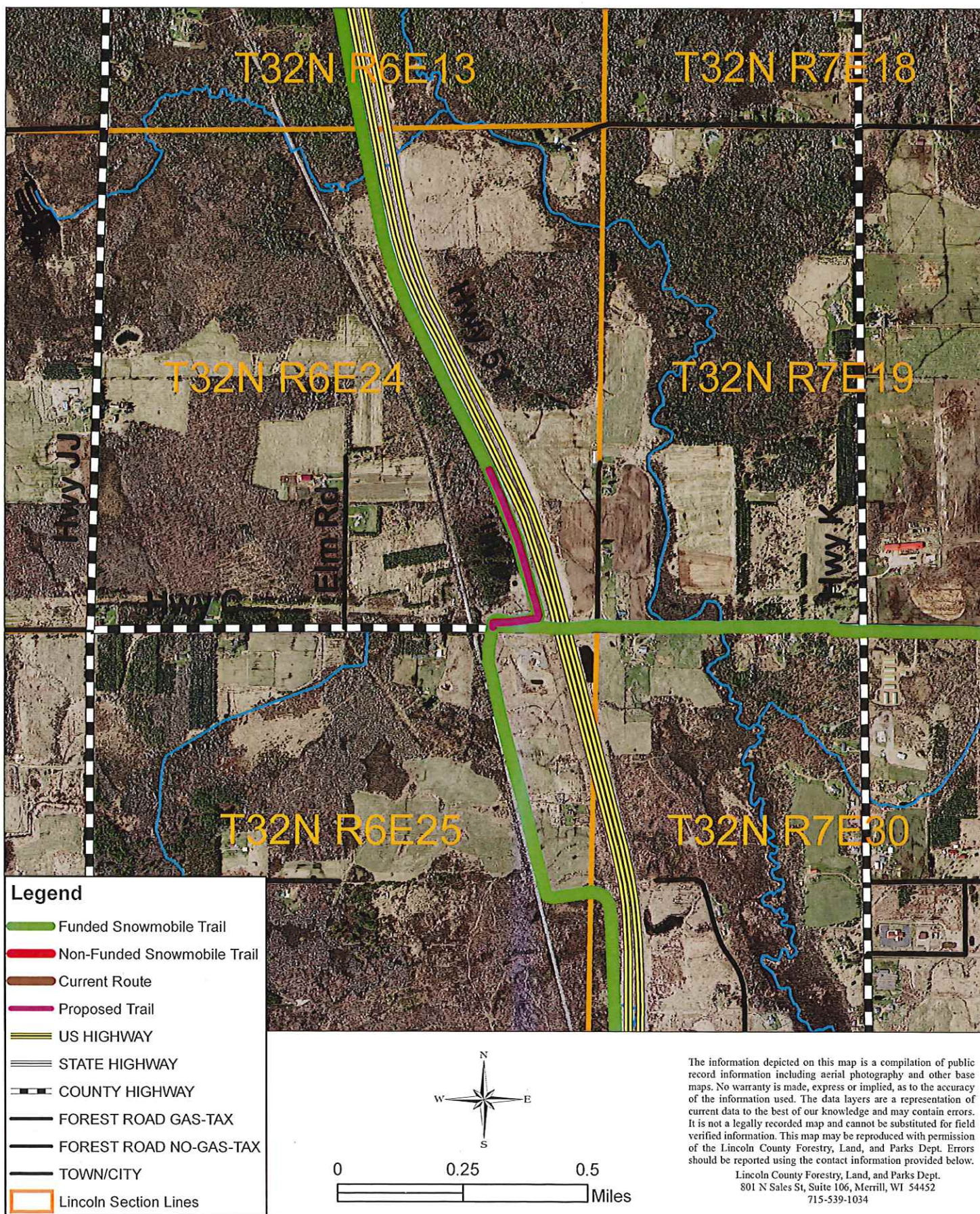
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