

# Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

## Funding Report

### General Section

Park or Trail Name: Detroit Mountain Recreation Area

Park ID: 14-006D      Funding Application #: 16-031F

Date Designated: 2015-10-07    District3

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Project Name: Detroit Mountain Recreation Area

### Project Description:

The 200 acre DMRA is a ski resort in the winter and a lift accessed bike park in the summer. The bike and trail facilities with 9.75 miles of trail will benefit from the existing lodge, parking areas and ski lifts that have been constructed at a cost of nearly 10 million dollars. An additional \$1,000,000 expenditure is underway to build a new tubing hill with a tubing lodge/concession building and a beginners terrain park ski hill. Future plans call for the acquisition of 149.9 acres abutting the existing park and additional acreage to the east of DMRA. Detroit Mountain offers a ski angel scholarship program that allows children, families, and adults to participate in winter activities at little to no cost. Although private donations are accepted to support the program Detroit Mountain will not deny access for any requests made. Each application is reviewed by a community panel where need is determined based on information provided by the applicant. In keeping with the mission statement, Detroit Mountain makes every effort not only to provide access to the activity but, to also provide instruction so proper skills are learned to insure safety and reward. In most cases passes are issued with full rental privileges, and free access to lessons and camps. DMRA is also working to achieve International Mountain Bicycle Association (IMBA) Ride Center status and the proposed improvements will be instrumental in achieving this designation. The goal of DMRA is to provide a high quality biking facility that will draw many of the 360,000 people that live within the region within a 60 mile radius of DMRA as well as people from other states. IMBA Ride Center status will let people know that this facility is high quality and destination worthy. The \$1,609,000 GMRPTC Grant along with \$350,000 local matching funds will enable the Detroit Mountain Recreation Area to grow from its current 200 acres to a total of 349.9 acres. Grant funds will also be used for development of an additional 9.15 miles of trails and amenities. Securing IMBA Ride Center status would attract mountain bikers from all over the country to this facility. This also lets people know that this is a high quality mountain biking facility that offers something for every rider from beginner to expert. In addition to the facilities and trails already constructed, the proposed amenities and facilities to be developed at the Detroit Mountain Recreation Area include the following:

1. Skills loop 2. Beginner loop 3. Downhill flow trails 4. Single direction trails 5. Multi-directional multi-use trails 6. ADA hiking trail 7. A multi-use connecting trail between DMRA and Mountain View County Park 8. playground and treehouse 9. Parking lot 10. A restroom facility 11. A picnic shelter 12. trail lighting 13. Land acquisition: This includes a 50 acre tract, a 40 acre tract, and a 57.48 acre tract adjacent to the existing 200 acre Detroit Mountain Recreation Area, plus a 2.42 acre trail corridor. Land acquisition will be based on appraised land values. The goal of these improvements is two-fold: First to provide skiing and a bicycling facility that will serve this region with its population of 360,000 within 60 miles and second to obtain International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) Ride Center status in order to attract users from all over the country. The improved facility will offer users over 20 miles of various types of trails for all users in a beautiful natural setting. This City of Detroit Lakes and Becker County have entered into a cooperative development and improvement agreement for DMRA (City) and Mountain View Recreation Area (County) which will be important for future phases of development of this recreation facility. The winter ski resort along with the summer bicycling make this facility a four season attraction in this region of the State. During the 2014/2015 inaugural winter season, the facility attracted 42,000 guests which is 70% higher than the 25,000 visits that was estimated. The summer season has also been highly successful with over 11,000 visits.

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Project Cost Breakdown: The project will utilize Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Funds of 1,609,000 along with 350,000 in local funds for land acquisition, trail development lighting and other amenities at Detroit Mountain Recreation Area.

DMRA Phase IV Legacy Grant 2106

Trail Development-536,000 Lights and Snowmaking for Nordic-57,000 Paving and Landscaping-150,000 Treehouse-100,000 Playground-150,000

Land Acquisition

Lookout Rock-317,000 Corridor-41,000 Mastin-Virgil Property-218,000 Mastin-Tony Property-152,000 Signage-30,000 1,769,000 Match-350,000 Project Engineering and Design 10% for project engineering and trail design-100,000 Contingency 5% for contingency-50,000 Administration 4% for administration-40,000 Total-1,959,000

Grant Funding Request: \$1,609,000.00

Local Match: 100,000 Funder: City of Detroit Lakes

Local Match: 250,000 Funder: Private contributions

Local Match: 0 Funder:

Local Match: 0 Funder:

Local Match: 0 Funder:

Total Funding: \$1,959,000 Percentage of Local Match: 17.9%

Completion Timeframe: 12-18 months