

Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

Designation Application

General Section

Designation Application #: 14-006D Date Submitted: 08/13/2015

Park or Trail Name: Detroit Mountain Recreation Area

District #: 3 Map Coordinates (Latitude and Longitude): Latitude: 46.8155 Longitude: -95.7831

Location Description:

*The Detroit Mountain Recreation Area is a 200 acre site located just east of Detroit Lakes. Detroit Lakes is in the heart of Minnesota Park Region, The new from the top of Detroit Mountain which rises 200+ feet above the surrounding land is breath taking. There is a population of 360,000 people within a 60 mile radius of the site.

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Joint Applicant #1 Organization:

Joint Applicant #2 Organization:

Joint Applicant #3 Organization:

Joint Applicant #4 Organization:

Describe other project supporters:

Description Section

Classification: Special Recreational Feature Park

Total proposed acreage:

Overview/Description of Park or Trail:

The 200 acre Detroit Mountain Recreation Area (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 trails, will benefit from the lodge parking areas and ski lifts that have been constructed at a cost of over 6 million dollars on the DMRA site. The goal of this facility is to draw people to the mountain during the summer through a variety of trail and bike related experiences. The facility will draw many of the 360,000 people that live in the

region within 60 miles of DMRA as well as people from other states. Progressive Trail Designs has conducted an on-site study of the property and identified the amenities to be included in the Detroit Mountain Recreation Area Bike and Trail Facility. The proposed amenities and facilities include: 1) Pumptracks: 1 push bike track and 1 standard pump track; 2) Skills course; 3) Session zone; 4) Bunny downhill flow trail; 5) Signage; 6) Downhill trails; 7) Multi-use trails: 5 miles of cross contour trails and 2.6 miles of multi-use trails 8) ADA hiking trails; The long term plan is to construct trails to connect the DMRA with Mountain View County Park and eventually with the Heartland Trail System. The estimated costs for the bike park improvements is approximately \$1.5 million. To date, local expenditures for the development of DMRA are in excess of 6 million dollars.

What is the Acquisition and Development Status?

- New Park or Trail (no land acquired or developed)
- Existing Park or Trail
 - Land Acquisition
 - Status: Existing park 200 acres
 - Percentage of Land Acquired: N/A
 - Development Status
 - No Development
 - Some Development, but more Proposed
 - New Facilities Proposed
 - Existing Facilities to be Upgraded
 - Fully Development

Facility Listing Section

Classification: Special Recreational Feature Park	
Existing Facility List	Proposed Facility List
Picknicking and picnic shelters, Walking Trails (paved), Hiking Trails (natural), Biking Trails (paved), Mountain Biking Trails (natural), Cross-country Skiing Trails, Visitor Center, Restrooms/sanitation building, Roads and Parking Areas	Picknicking and picnic shelters, Walking Trails (paved), Hiking Trails (natural), Biking trails (paved), Mountain Biking Trails (natural), Cross-country Skiing Trails, Restrooms/sanitation building, Roads and Parking Areas, Land acquisition

Master Plan Status Section

Master Plan Status: Existing Master Plan is Available (but needs to be updated to meet strategic plan)

Describe Other Supportive Information:

The Detroit Mountain Recreation Area has a design-build plan that is attached to this application. An International Mountain Bicycling Association Ride Center Conceptual Report has been prepared for this site and is attached to this application.

Classification Details Section

Classification: Special Recreational Feature Park

Criteria #1 Provides a High-Quality Outdoor Recreation Experience: Detroit Mountain Recreational Area (DMRA) provides 200 acres of outdoor recreational activities in a beautiful and unique natural setting in Minnesota's Park Region. DMRA is a ski resort in the winter with a downhill skiing, cross country skiing, tubing, snowboarding and winter terrain parks. Summer activities will include biking, hiking, Frisbee golf, pump track and skills tract. The amenities will attract visitors from a wide area for four seasons of activity that will bring people back to DMRA for many years. DMRA will provide the following benefits: 1) It connects people to the outdoors with opportunities that extend well beyond summer time use; 2) It expands the park system by 200 acres in a location easily accessible to over 360,000 people; 3) The proposed operation would generate income that will be reinvested as needed to maintain a high quality park, and 4) It takes advantage of local partners willing to invest their resources and leverage Legacy Fund dollars;

Criteria #2 Provides a Natural and Scenic Setting Offering a Compelling Sense of Place: The Detroit Mountain Recreation Area provides a beautiful natural setting with breath taking views of the lakes area in Becker County. This unique 200 acre park will provide four seasons of outdoor recreational activities in a natural wooded area in Minnesota's Park Region. The Detroit Mountain Recreation Area has a significant stand of hardwood forest and with 200 acres there is enough room for ski slopes trails and other features while preserving the natural environment and providing opportunities for outdoor recreation. The oscillating terrain from level to steeply rolling provides an area well suited for non-motorized recreational activities such as hiking and biking. Detroit Mountain is unique and provides excellent terrain for a ski hill as well.

Criteria #3 Well-located to Serve a Regional Need and/or Tourist Destination: The Detroit Mountain Recreation Area is about 2 miles from the City of Detroit Lakes with a population of 8,851. The DMRA will serve a regional population of 360,000 residents within a 60 mile radius. The City of Detroit Lakes and Becker County have plans to connect DMRA and Mountain View County Park to the Heartland Trail and to the City of Detroit Lakes's Trail System.

Criteria #4 Fills a Gap in Recreational Opportunity within the Region: The Detroit Mountain Recreation Area provides a unique year round recreation venue not available in the region. For example, the nearest bike facility is Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Trails located near Crosby Ironton which is 100 miles from Detroit Lakes and 145 miles from Fargo/Moorhead Metropolitan Area. DMRA will fill the trails gap in this region and serves a population of 360,000 people within a 60 mile radius. According to the

Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan and the MN network of parks and trails (a University of Minnesota Study (there is a need for a regional park in Becker County. The Detroit Mountain Recreation Area can fill this need.

Attachment List Section (only lists up to 10 documents)

Type	Description
Master Plan	DMRA Design Build Plans For Bike Facility & Trails IMBA Ride Center Conceptual Report Detroit Lakes
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Resolution	Resolution Of Support City of Detroit Lakes
Location Map	Location Map Detroit Mountain Project
Letters of Support	Letters Of Support
Other	Proposed Winter Recreation Plan, Proposed Summer Recreation Plan, Aerial Map,
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