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Dead Horse Run Trail gets a facelift

Portions of popular trail find a new home

Park Falls, Wisc. – October 6, 2008. Earlier this year, 3.1 miles of new trail were added to the Dead Horse Run ATV and snowmobile trail. The work took place in an area on the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF near Clam Lake and the Stockfarm Campground. The new section of trail replaces one that was poorly constructed and located, creating problems with erosion, high water, and possible damage to watersheds. There was a need to minimize such impacts while at the same time providing a safe riding experience for Forest visitors on this very popular trail. Construction of the new section of trail includes new gravel, surfacing, and culverts, and was designed to resemble a mini high standard road.

This project is part of a comprehensive look at the entire Dead Horse Run ATV and Snowmobile Trail. Additionally, new trails will be added in 3 to 4 mile increments over the next 4 years, for a total of approximately 15 miles of new trail. The goals associated with these new trails also align their location within proper management areas as defined by the Chequamegon-Nicolet Forest Plan, and reduce negative impacts to soil and water, while keeping in mind the desire to provide safe and enjoyable riding experiences for all who use the system.

Funding for the new trail was provided by a grant from the Wisconsin DNR ATV registration fund. Additional funding will also be provided by the DNR, along with cooperating with Sawyer County in future trail work.

