

# Dept. of Natural Resources: Seeking public comment on master plan variance to add ATV/UTV routes to Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest

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**MADISON, Wis.** – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public comments on a master plan variance that would add additional ATV/UTV routes and trails to Northern Highland – American Legion State Forest. The public comment period is open through Aug. 30, 2023.

A master plan variance is a change in the use or management of an area that is consistent with the area's land management classification and objectives.

The [variance to the Northern Highland – American Legion State Forest Master Plan](#) proposes approximately seven miles of ATV/UTV routes and trails in four segments. The proposed routes and trails contribute to regional ATV/UTV network connectivity and rider safety.

This variance proposal accompanies an [October 2017 amendment](#) to the recreation portion of the [State Forest's 2005 Master Plan](#) and subsequent variances approved in 2018, 2019 and 2021. This proposal is an updated review of the proposed 2023 variance after a natural resource conflict was identified and a route relocated in response.

Spread across three counties near the towns of Woodruff, Minocqua and Boulder Junction, the [Northern Highland – American Legion State Forest](#) provides

opportunities for a variety of outdoor activities on its 236,000 acres and more than 900 lakes within its boundaries.

Please submit questions or comments on the draft variance by Aug. 30, 2023 to:

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