

2022 ATV/SNOWMOBILE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



THE PURPOSE OF THIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS TO REVIEW THE ISSUES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF ANY CHANGES THAT CAN BE MADE TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE COMPLAINTS FROM THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE RESULTS OF THIS COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE TURNED OVER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION AFTER THE MASTER PLAN SURVEY RESULTS HAVE ALL BEEN REVIEWED. FURTHER CHANGES AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS MAY COME FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT THAT TIME.

ATV's, ORV's, and snowmobiles are a large part of the tourist industry here in Grand Marais. How can we get the riders to RESPECT the residents and the private property and still welcome them to enjoy the scenery and to patronize our local businesses.

Just a few of the complaints we hear

Noise, Noise, Noise

Constant low roar – even in the middle of the night

SPEED - They all go too fast!

Why can't they stay on the Trail!

Drive on the wrong side of the road! Passing vehicles from both sides

Trespassing - They treat our private road as recreational trail – and it is signed

OFF ROAD VEHICLES ARE FOR OFF ROAD RIDING NOT THROUGH OUR DOWNTOWN

CAN WE STOP THEM FROM PARKING ON THE GREENSPACE

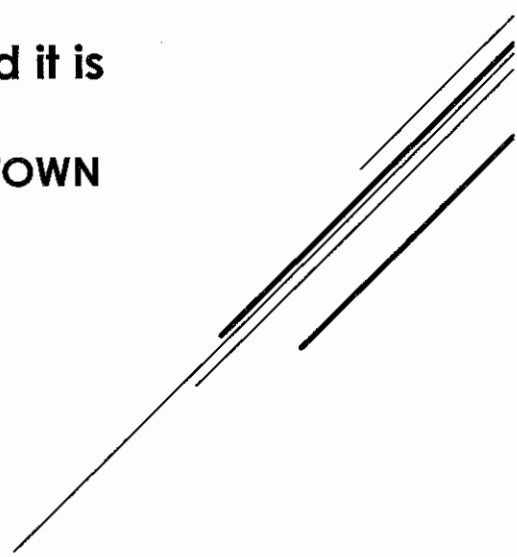
ORV'S AND THE DUST!!

SNOWMOBILES AND THE EXHAUST!

Short term rentals are full of trailers and snowmobiles causing disturbance

Lawlessnesslack of respect for our community

They would not put up with this in their own community, why is it OK here?



A few facebook comments from some on the other side . . .

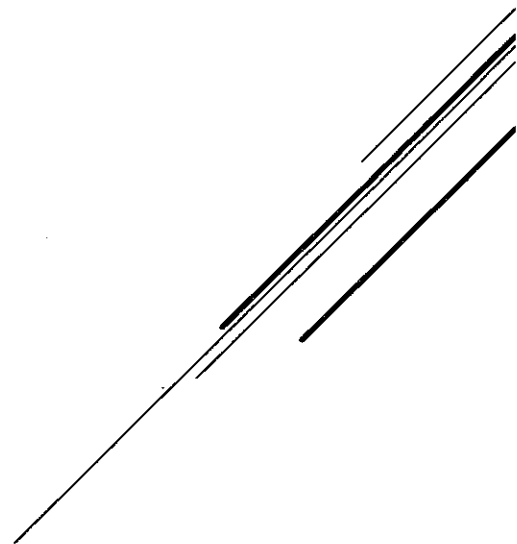
Leave the snowmobiles and ATV's alone – Grand Marais depends on tourism to survive

If I cant drive my ORV everywhere in town I won't come there anymore

It's just a few bad apples

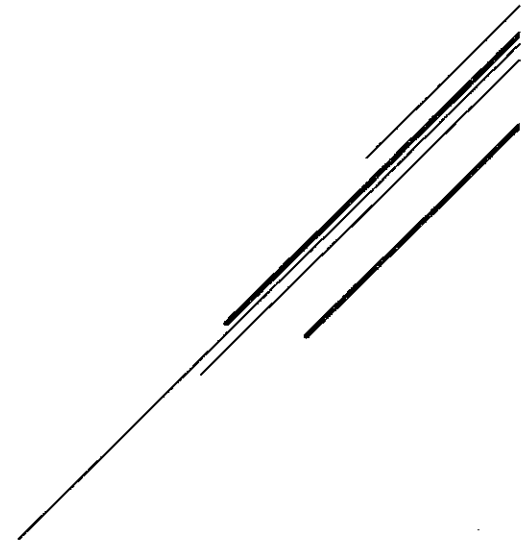
I like to drive my ORV to the post office and town to shop

It is well known in the snowmobile community that Grand Marais is "open"



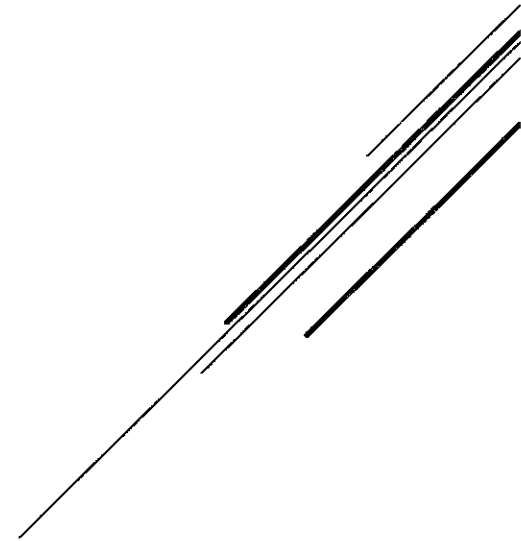
► **Possible changes**

- Staging area outside of town for trailers
- Not allowed on H-58 - MUST STAY ON THE TRAIL
- Staging area within downtown limits for parking/walk through town
- Speed limit reduction
- Higher penalties for infractions
- Look at other communities for ideas and advice
- Curfew
- Pay the sheriff for extra enforcement
- Hotels/Motels/Short term rentals distribute copies of rules
- Businesses in town – Consistently tell them to stay on the trail



COMMUNITY / BUSINESS

ENFORCEMENT



- ▶ Copies attached –
- ▶ Alger County ATV/ORV ordinance
- ▶ Alger County Snowmobile Ordinance

