

WILDERNESS LAKES TRAILS



June 28, 1012

Dear Friends,

In 2011 and 2012, we have made great progress achieved through hundreds of hours of volunteer time, the invaluable support of partners, and generous contributions of donors. Since its inception in 2008, Wilderness Lakes Trails Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, has raised almost \$2 Million of the estimated \$2,500,000 needed to complete the Trail System. Four miles of trail and 30 miles of shared routes were completed in 2012. Ten miles of trail construction are funded and planned for 2012 and 2013.

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund recently awarded a \$276,800 grant to Watersmeet Township to develop the southern section of the Agonikak National Recreation Trail in the Ottawa National Forest. The MNRTF was impressed with the quality of our project and they have been giving us encouragement that we will continue to receive grant funds as we apply. Site and project quality were among the most significant factors. Other factors included strong local support, as well as plans for an interstate connection with Wisconsin.

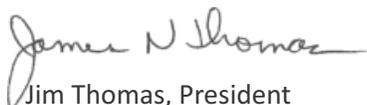
To meet our goals and finish the 40 mile trail around the Sylvania Wilderness, we still need to raise a significant amount of matching funds.

This is where you come in. We want to keep up the momentum and apply for grants every year. We are only limited by the amount of matching funds we can raise. We need your financial support in one of two ways. The first is to donate any amount that you feel comfortable with. The second is to participate in the Milestone Program for larger donations. We would like to recognize these donors by including their names on trail head signs, which will be positioned prominently at entrances to the trail. Since the trail will be 40 miles long we decided to ask donors to sponsor this number of milestones. We will have ten milestones for each of four levels of support. These 40 donors would provide at least \$180,000 in matching funds. The levels are:

Platinum Milestone -	\$10,000 and above
Gold Milestone -	\$5,000
Silver Milestone-	\$2,000
Bronze Milestone	\$1,000

Either option you chose, or any amount you give, will help this trail become a reality.

Best regards,


Jim Thomas, President

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- Platinum Milestone \$10,000 and above
- Gold Milestone \$5,000
- Silver Milestone \$2,000
- Bronze Milestone \$1,000
- Member \$100
- Other _____

Please mail your tax-deductible contribution to:

**Wilderness Lakes Trails
PO Box 363
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Thank you for your support !