

A big thank you to all who donated for ATV signs

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In my September 4, 2024 column, I wrote about the ATV route signing enhancements I was working on throughout Sawyer County. The county opened all county roads outside of LCO to ATV use in June of 2024, and as a signing option, they chose to install the 'all roads open' signs at the county boundaries instead of signing each individual county road. We wanted to clarify the roads that are legal to ride with small route reassurance markers, and other signage to direct riders.

North County Riders ATV club put up the initial \$1000 for the reassurance markers, and I got to work installing them throughout the county. It became apparent that some additional signage could really improve our route system, so I asked readers in my September 4th column for more donations.

I was surprised that within a few days, we received \$1710 in donations for additional signs, and a few others who have indicated they still intend to send in donations.

A huge thank you to the following businesses, groups, and individuals who generously donated to help to make our route system clear and well-marked for riders. Every single dollar makes a big difference for us, especially since state funding for ATV route signs is not possible.



New ATV route signs.

Hayward Power Sports \$500
 Jeremy Crawford & Family, Nelson Lake \$500
 Nelson Lake Wine on the Water group \$500
 Doug Ruckdaschel, Hayward \$100
 Chris & Jenny Larson, Nelson Lake \$60
 Scott & Holly Bradford \$50

Recently I received the sign order that I put in from these donations- and I now have all the different directional arrow signs I need, plus some special order ATV rider warning signs and ATV speed limit signs for a few roads in the town of Lenroot, special order

signs for the county road routes that dead end at the LCO boundaries, and an array of other routes signs needed to enhance the county roads.

It is getting late in the season for sign work, but I'll get as much done as I can before the temperatures plummet. Anything I don't finish this year will be completed come early spring, so we are ready for the next ATV season.

Again, the outpouring of support from this community and other ATV enthusiasts is so appreciated- we cannot do this work without you! Thank you.