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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for acquisition and
1.3 development of state parks and trails; authorizing the sale and issuance of state
1.4 bonds.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. STATE PARKS AND TRAILS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Trails acquisition and development. (a) \$20,950,000 is
1.8 appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of natural resources to
1.9 acquire land for and to construct state trails under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.015.

1.10 This appropriation includes funding for the following trail projects:

1.11 (1) \$500,000 to acquire land for and develop approximately four miles of the
1.12 Blazing Star Trail from Myre-Big Island State Park to Hayward;

1.13 (2) \$750,000 to develop and pave approximately five miles of the Casey Jones
1.14 Trail in Pipestone County from County Road 16 through Woodstock and to improve the
1.15 trailhead in Pipestone and interpretive signs along the existing trail;

1.16 (3) \$2,750,000 is for the Cuyuna Lakes Trail segment from Deerwood to Crosby and
1.17 the Sagamore Unit of the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area, to connect to the Paul
1.18 Bunyan Trail and into Lum Park and then to the airport;

1.19 (4) \$2,000,000 is to acquire land and develop the Gateway Trail from Pine Point
1.20 Park in May Township into William O'Brien State Park;

1.21 (5) \$3,000,000 is to acquire land and develop the Gitchi-Gami Trail from a
1.22 Department of Transportation wayside rest on Trunk Highway 61 at Cutface Creek to the
1.23 existing trail terminus on the west edge of Grand Marais;

2.1 (6) \$1,500,000 is to acquire land and develop an approximately five mile spur from
2.2 the Glacial Lakes Trail through New London and into Sibley State Park, including a
2.3 bridge over Trunk Highway 71;

2.4 (7) \$1,300,000 is to acquire land and develop an approximately five mile segment
2.5 for the Goodhue Pioneer Trail from White Willow into Goodhue;

2.6 (8) \$3,100,000 is to acquire land and develop an approximately nine mile segment
2.7 of the Heartland Trail from Detroit Lakes into Frazee;

2.8 (9) \$2,000,000 is to pave approximately 28.5 miles of the Luce Line Trail from the
2.9 Carver-McLeod County border to Cedar Mills in Meeker County;

2.10 (10) \$550,000 is to acquire land and develop the Mill Towns Trail segment from
2.11 Faribault to Dundas;

2.12 (11) \$2,500,000 is to develop the Minnesota Valley Trail from the Bloomington
2.13 Ferry Bridge to the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center in Bloomington; and

2.14 (12) \$1,000,000 is to acquire land and develop approximately 11 miles of the
2.15 Shooting Star Trail from Rose Creek to Austin.

2.16 (b) For any project listed in this subdivision that the commissioner determines is not
2.17 ready to proceed, the commissioner may reallocate that project's money to another state
2.18 trail project described in this section. The chairs of the house of representatives and senate
2.19 committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources and legislators from
2.20 the affected legislative districts must be notified of any changes.

2.21 Subd. 2. **Regional trails.** \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund
2.22 to the commissioner of natural resources for matching grants under Minnesota Statutes,
2.23 section 85.019.

2.24 Subd. 3. **State parks acquisition and development.** \$8,700,000 is appropriated
2.25 from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of natural resources to develop
2.26 recreational opportunities to meet the needs of key markets, to complete a new
2.27 state-of-the-art campground at Whitewater, to provide sanitary facilities that meet the
2.28 needs of people of all abilities, to purchase key in-holdings, and to develop two new public
2.29 water accesses at Lake Waconia and the Mississippi River in Hennepin County.

2.30 Subd. 4. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the
2.31 bond proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue
2.32 bonds of the state in an amount up to \$32,650,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with
2.33 the effect prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the
2.34 Minnesota Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

3.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.