## DNR Seeks Nominations for Off-Road Vehicle Trails Advisory Board

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking the nomination of two individual(s), one to represent the public at large, and the other to represent natural resource, conservation, or environmental groups on the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trails Advisory Board.

The ORV Trails Advisory Board is a seven-member public body whose members are appointed by the Director of the DNR for three-year terms. The ORV Trails Advisory Board serves as a valuable liaison between the DNR and ORV enthusiasts and interest groups. The ORV Trails Advisory Board advises the DNR regarding program issues, including:

- Evaluating ORV policy, rules, regulations and standards.
- Developing criteria for grants.
- Preparing statewide ORV plan.
- Identifying forest trails, routes and areas that should be designated by the Department.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the ORV Safety Education and Training Program.
- Identifying land areas needing restoration.
- Evaluating effectiveness of the "closed unless posted open" rule.
- Expanding options for long-term restoration and maintenance of the ORV system.

Meetings are held quarterly during the evening and are normally located in Lansing.

Interested individuals should send a nomination letter and brief biography to the address below by April 15, 2005.

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For more information about the ORV Trails Advisory Board click on the link below <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10366\_22654---,00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10366\_22654---,00.html</a>