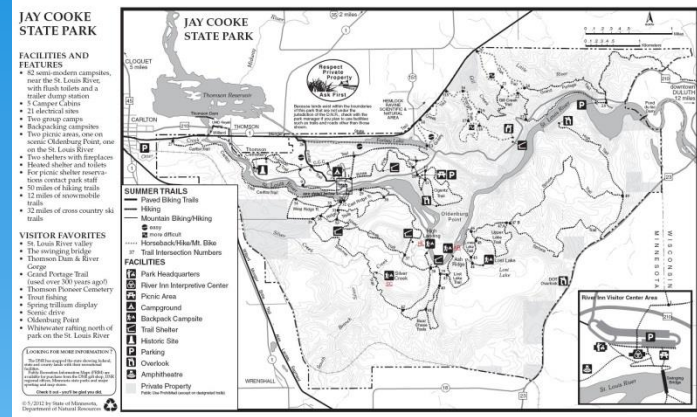


Jay Cook State Park/Highway 210

Public Input Process

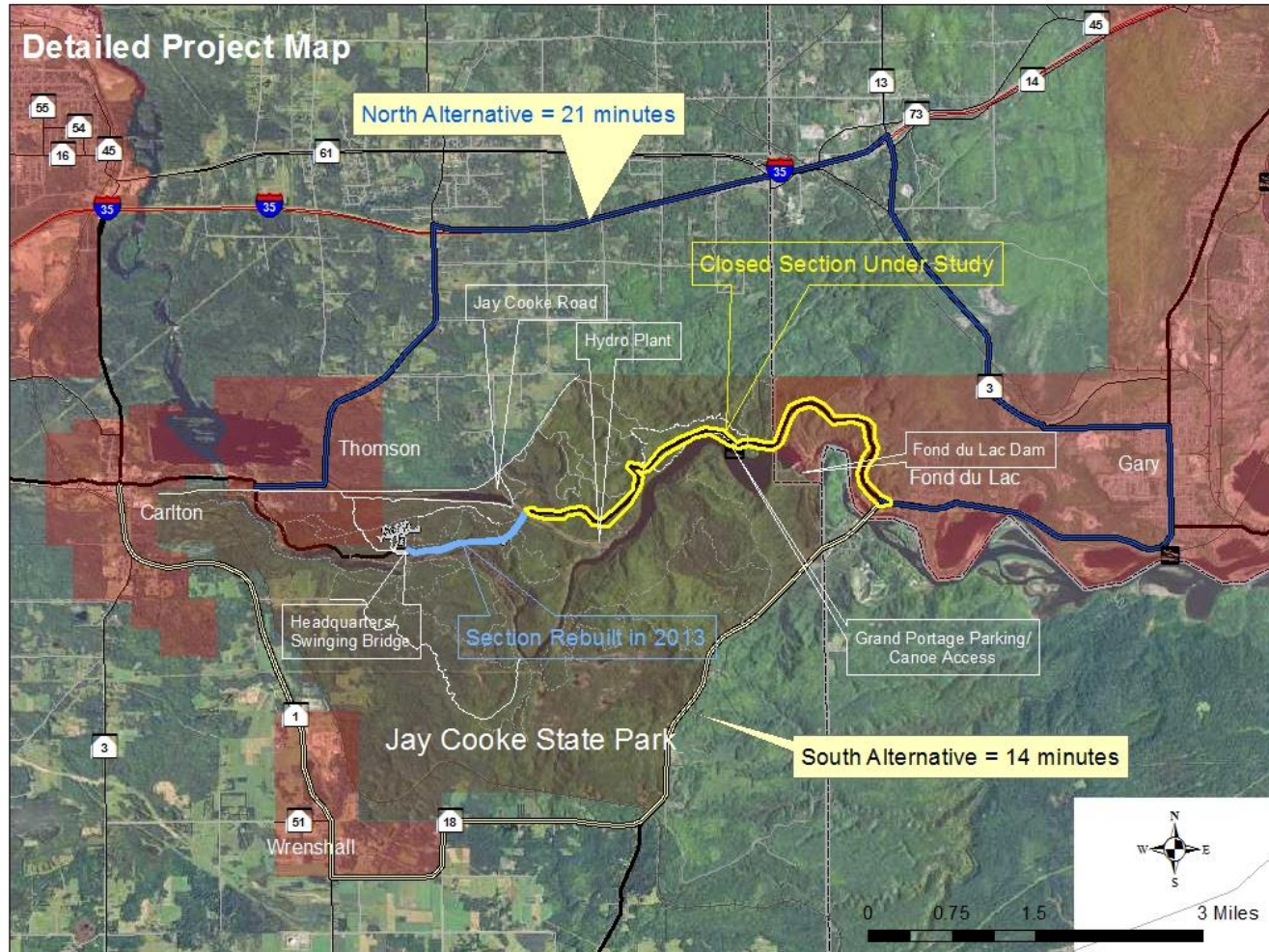


Background

- * **Highway 210 through Jay Cooke State Park**
- * The easternmost section of Minnesota Highway 210 lies between Jay Cooke Road and Highway 23 in northeastern Carlton County and extreme southern St. Louis County.
- * This section of roadway was damaged in the June 20, 2012 major flood event and has remained closed to the public since that time. This section of Highway 210 is almost completely located within the boundaries of Jay Cooke State Park. The roadway has no residences on it, but does have two power generation facilities and multiple State Park recreation facilities. It was known as a scenic road and some sections of the road were not designed for 55 mile per hour speeds. It had narrow shoulders and was very susceptible to landslides and other maintenance issues.



Detailed Project Map



Public Process

* Meetings Held

- * • July 1: City of Thomson Council
- * • July 3: Twin Lakes Township Board
- * • July 9: Carlton County Board, Engineer
- * • July 9: City of Carlton Council
- * • July 16: MnPower, MnDNR, MnDOT
- * • July 18: Thomson Township Board
- * • August 22: Public Meeting
- * • City of Duluth staff and elected officials declined a meeting



Results

- * As a whole, stakeholders want the road reconstructed as a through route, open to the public
- * Safety
- * Scenic
- * Additional scenic amenities
- * Timely snow removal
- * At least 40mph, though 55mph not perceived as critical
- * Wider shoulders for peds and bicyclists
- * State Highway status

Does there need to be a road between Jay Cooke Road and Highway 23 through Jay Cooke State Park? If yes, why?

* **Public**

- * Most feel the road needs to exist
- * Scenic beauty is a valuable community attribute

* **Cities, Township & Co.**

- * Elected officials think road should be rebuilt
- * Benefit to local economies
- * Pressure on local road system
- * Emergency access

* **Minnesota Power**

- * 2 power facilities
- * Allow movement between the two facilities
- * Allow safe deliveries
- * Easy access for employees

* **Minnesota DNR**

- * Administration of Jay Cooke
- * Easy & safe access to park
- * Has not expressed interest in taking the road over

Does the road need to have full public access?

* **Public**

- * Full public access
- * Not restricted by Park Rules, entrance requirements or gates
- * Should be a through route

* **Cities, Township & Co.**

- * Elected officials tended to believe the road should be unrestricted
- * Should be a through route

* **Minnesota Power**

- * Did not address the possibility of restricted access
- * Desire the road to be a through route

* **Minnesota DNR**

- * Would accept increased access restrictions
- * No expressed opinion on the road being a through route.

Does the road need to be paved?

- * **Public**

- * Should be paved to:
 - * Reduce dust, washouts potential, decreased traction

- * **Cities, Township & Co.**

- * Agreed with public

- * **Minnesota Power**

- * Desire a paved road
- * They do have lengthy gravel driveways

- * **Minnesota DNR**

- * Did not weigh in on this question

Does the road need to be a 55mph design speed road?

* **Public**

- * No
- * 30-40mph speed design

* **Cities, Township & Co.**

- * 55mph with fewer curves and hills desired by elected officials
- * Safer and faster than it was before the flood

* **Minnesota Power**

- * Did not address speed
- * Desires a safe road able to handle large delivery trucks

* **Minnesota DNR**

- * Did not weigh in on this question

Does the road need to be open in winter?

* **Public**

- * Yes
- * Ski trail access
- * Access for emergency vehicles

* **Cities, Township & Co.**

- * Elected officials tended to believe the road should be open in winter

* **Minnesota Power**

- * Yes
- * Access to facilities year round

* **Minnesota DNR**

- * Prefer open, through route in winter
- * Trail access could be achieved w/o the road being open

Does the road need to be a MN/DOT Trunk Highway?

* **Public**

- * Feeling that Mn/DOT should be road administrator
- * Trunk highway would designate the road as a more important route for visitors

* **Cities, Township & Co.**

- * Would not need to be Mn/DOT road
- * Do not wish new administrator to be their own jurisdiction

* **Minnesota Power**

- * Desires Mn/DOT to continue as administrator
- * Best to handle maintenance and snow removal

* **Minnesota DNR**

- * No opinion as to who should be the administrator
- * Does not desire to be the administrator of the road

Does the road need to be in the same location?

* **Public**

- * Okay with new location
 - * Scenic
 - * Safe
 - * Opportunities for more/new amenities

* **Cities, Township & Co.**

- * Elected officials tended to agree with the public

* **Minnesota Power**

- * Desires safe road that connects facilities
- * Does not support a new location that would lengthen their driveways

* **Minnesota DNR**

- * Accepting of new location
 - * Safe
 - * Provides a good visitor experience
- * Same level of lake and trail access as to prior to the flood

Other concerns

- * **Public**

- * Alternate routes- if the road was to remain closed it could cause increased traffic on local roads including Jay Cooke Road and Palkie Road

- * Increased traffic on Carlton County State Aid Highway 18 could have an impact on pedestrian and bicycle safety

Public Survey Results

- * Jay Cooke State Park statistics indicate that a large portion of visitors outside the immediate area.
- * ARDC created a 11 question survey on Survey Monkey
- * News service was used to release the announcement for the survey and its link.
- * Press release sent to 52 Twin Cities area media outlets on September 25, 2013 with the survey scheduled to run until October 17,2013.
- * 1,353 responses were received, the greatest participation approximately 1 week before the close.

Questions 1 & 2

1. Does there need to be a public road through Jay Cooke State Park between Jay Cooke Road and Highway 23?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	89.4%	1193
No	10.6%	141
<i>answered question</i>		1334
<i>skipped question</i>		19

2. Can you provide your reasons for your answer to Question 1?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	1346
<i>answered question</i>	1346
<i>skipped question</i>	7

Question 3

3. Does the road need to have full public access (no park sticker required)?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	78.4%	1035
No	21.6%	285
<i>answered question</i>		1320
<i>skipped question</i>		33

Question 4

4. Does the road have to be a through route (going from Highway 23 through Jay Cooke State Park)?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	86.0%	1137
No	14.0%	185
<i>answered question</i>		1322
<i>skipped question</i>		31

Question 5

5. Does the road need to be paved?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	75.1%	988
No	24.9%	327
	<i>answered question</i>	1315
	<i>skipped question</i>	38

Question 6

What design speed do you think should the road be?			
Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count
55 miles per hour	60	748	808
45 miles per hour	357	547	904
40 miles per hour	584	369	953
35 miles per hour	677	287	964
Other (please specify)			166
		<i>answered question</i>	1266
		<i>skipped question</i>	87

Question 7

7. Does the road need to be open to the public in the winter?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	72.4%	950
No	27.6%	363
<i>answered question</i>		1313
<i>skipped question</i>		40

Question 8

8. Does the road need to have a high level of maintenance such as timely snowplowing, immediate repairs, etc.?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	55.0%	720
No	45.0%	590
<i>answered question</i>		1310
<i>skipped question</i>		43

Questions 9 & 10

9. Does the road need to be in the same location as it was prior to the flood?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	29.4%	385
No	70.6%	925
<i>answered question</i>		1310
<i>skipped question</i>		43

10. Would the road need to be as scenic as the previous road?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	81.7%	1075
No	18.3%	240
<i>answered question</i>		1315
<i>skipped question</i>		38

Question 11

Should the road have paved shoulders?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	43.8%	575
No	56.2%	739
<i>answered question</i>		1314
<i>skipped question</i>		39

Summary of Results

- * People desire the road to be rebuilt as a public road with full access
- * Paved road
- * Speeds appropriate for a scenic design
- * Accessible year round
- * High level of road maintenance
- * Relocation of portions of the roadway acceptable as long as the scenic value is maintained

Final Report Available Here:

- * <http://www.arrowheadplanning.org/Hwy210JayCooke/Report%20%20Jay%20Cooke%20Access%20Plan%20Hwy%20210.pdf>

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What my friends think I do



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What I really do