Northern Region: Winter Trail Markings | **FY2010 Request: $200,000** | **Reference No: 36443**

AP/AL: Allocation
Project Type: Life / Health / Safety
Category: Transportation
Location: Statewide
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2014
Appropriation: Surface Transportation Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:
Mark overland winter trails in Northern Region with permanent trail markers. Trail markers will ensure winter travelers can safely journey by snowmobile and dogsled between communities in the area. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Total
Fed Rcpts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$1,200,000
Total:	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$1,200,000

☑ State Match Required ☐ One-Time Project ☐ Phased - new ☐ Phased - underway ☑ On-Going
9% = Minimum State Match % Required ☐ Amendment ☐ Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:
FY2007 - $300,000; FY2005 - $219,300; FY2004 - $258,500; FY2003 - $380,000.

Project Description/Justification:
The purpose of this project is to identify and mark safe and secure travel routes between remote communities without normal highway access. Winter overland travel between these communities is primarily by snowmachine. Changing weather conditions and low visibility due to darkness and storms can cause travelers to become lost or stranded and is a major safety concern.

Establishing well marked routes significantly improves safety for travelers and reduces search and rescue efforts. The need for this project is identified in the Department's Transportation Area Plans and is a priority of the communities. This is a cooperative project involving Northwest Arctic Borough villages, North Slope Borough villages and villages in the Tanana Chiefs region.