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Sen. Frank Barnitz Announces Grant Funding for Trail in Dent County

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Frank Barnitz (D-Lake Spring) today announced that the Flat Nasty Off-Road Park Trail Project in Jadwin has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This project is one of 17 that received funding through the department's Recreational Trails Program.

The Recreational Trails Program is funded by the Federal Highway Administration and administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Recreational Trails Program grants are used for motorized or non-motorized trail development or renovation and preservation. Projects require a minimum match of 20 percent, and all projects must be maintained for a period of 25 years. Grant requests up to \$100,000 are eligible.

The department received 52 applications for the 2008 grants, and 16 projects were selected to receive a total of approximately \$1.2 million in federal grant assistance.

Flat Nasty Off-Roads Park, near Salem, contains a series of trails for ATVs, 4x4s, and other off-road vehicles. The trails range from easy to very difficult and utilize the often hilly and rocky Ozark terrain for the enjoyment of riders.

"Missouri's natural resources provide a variety of opportunities for outdoors recreation," said Sen. Barnitz. "It is important that we support projects like this one, which draw in enthusiasts from throughout the state to our area."

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