



KAWISHIWI RIVER SNOWMOBILE |  
ATV BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
Lake County, MN

# A Collaborative Effort to Strengthen This Vital Trail Connection

## WHY?

This bridge is an integral link in the heavily used, year-round trail system that connects users throughout northeast Minnesota. The Ely Igloo Snowmobile Club is responsible for maintaining over 125 miles of these trails.

Without this project:

- Trail grooming and safety services will be compromised
- A segment of Minnesota's snowmobile and ATV network could become inaccessible

## PROJECT COST

**\$2,000,000**  
with local contributions of  
\$1,000,000

The existing 132-foot steel truss bridge over the Kawishiwi River no longer meets weight requirements of modern grooming equipment. Designed for 10,000-pound loads, it cannot support the Ely Igloo Snowmobile Club's new 17,000-pound groomer. A bridge with a larger load rating is required.



## THE PROJECT:

A new 30,000-pound-rated steel bridge over the Kawishiwi River will include:

- Two scenic overlooks
- A design supported by the US Forest Service, the City of Ely, Lake County, and the Ely Igloo Snowmobile Club
- Repurposing of the current bridge for nearby ATV use

## THE COST:

**We are seeking \$1,000,000 in bonding bill funds—**  
half the cost of the project.

## THE IMPACT:

The new bridge will ensure safe a reliable access for recreation, maintenance, and emergency services—supporting tourism, local economies, and the long-term vision of a fully connected northeast Minnesota trail network.

*Thank you for considering the Kawishiwi River Snowmobile |  
ATV Bridge Replacement Project for bonding bill funds.*

