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Join us for the 12th annual “Ride With Jim” Congressman Jim Oberstar on the Paul Bunyan State Trail Sunday, June 7th, 2009. Hosted by the Paul Bunyan Trail Association and Brainerd Community Action. This year’s ride co-sponsors include the Cities of Niswaga, Pine River, Pequot Lakes and Jenkins.

The “Ride With Jim” celebrates the commitment of the Congressman’s efforts to provide quality bike trails throughout the nation. As chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives’ Transportation Committee, he is the voice of bicyclists in the nation. We are again honored he could lead us today.

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Route: Meet in Niswaga at City Hall

8:00 – 9:00 AM: Complimentary rolls, juice and coffee and commemorative button provided

9:00 am: Ride begins north to Pine River and returning – 28 miles round trip (more miles if you choose).

Nisswa Mayor Brian Lehman made the following comments, “The Paul Bunyan Trail and the people that it attracts to Nisswa is an economic attraction that has been very good for our businesses. Our resorts, retail shops, and restaurants all benefit from the trail’s lure of tourists, bikers and local residents. It’s an attraction, year round, that individuals benefit from in order to keep physically fit while they are enjoying the beauty of our lakes through the greater Nisswa Lakes Area. Without the diligence, hard work, and leadership of Congressman Jim Oberstar and Terry McGaughey, Paul Bunyan Trail Association, the Nisswa Lakes Area would not have this great amenity to offer our guests each year. We appreciate their leadership abilities in promoting physical fitness and obtaining and keeping our trail system adequately funded. We are very thankful for their foresight and we look forward to hosting this year’s “Ride With Jim” in Nisswa.”

Lunch: Before the Paul Bunyan State Trail opened, just one coffee shop was open year-round in Nisswa. Today, have lunch of your choice at Rafferty’s Pizza, A&W, Dairy Queen, Mickey’s Subs, Sportland Café, or Ganley’s. Bikers are always welcome.

Note: All riders are on their own. There is no sag wagon or shuttle service provided. Free bottled water is provided along the ride.

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