



# MnDRA I

May 3th & 4th, 2014

SAND DUNES STATE FOREST  
 Sherburne County, MN near Orrock

Sponsored by: Minnesota Distance Riding Association

Sanctioned by: AERC...UMECRA...MnDRA...AHA

(Local AHA sanctioned 50 mile Endurance ride on Saturday, Local AHA Competitive 25 mile ride on Sat & Sun.  
 \$5 additional fee per entry for those riding sweepstakes nominated horses enrolled in the payout program.)

**TRAIL:** Most trails are sandy, and fairly level. All checks in camp.

Horses should be traffic safe.

**ALL RIDERS REQUIRED TO WEAR HELMETS!**

**CAMP:** DNR State Forest camping fees apply  
 Be prepared to share designated campsites  
 Primitive Camp

**ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH!**  
 Fines and Rider DQ if dogs are off leash.

*Send Pre-entries to:*

*Theresa Meyer*

*3028 181<sup>st</sup> Ave. NW, Cedar, MN 55011*

*763-753-5236*

**POTLUCK SATURDAY NIGHT:**  
 Management will supply a main dish.  
 Please bring a dish to pass.

<u>Saturday, May 3th:</u>		<u>Start time</u>	<u>Fees</u>
50	mile endurance	6:00 a. m.	\$70.00 Sr.* \$50.00 Jr.*
25	mile Limited Distance	6:30 a. m.	\$55.00 Sr.* \$40.00 Jr.*
25	mile competitive	10:00 a. m.	\$50.00 Sr. \$35.00 Jr.

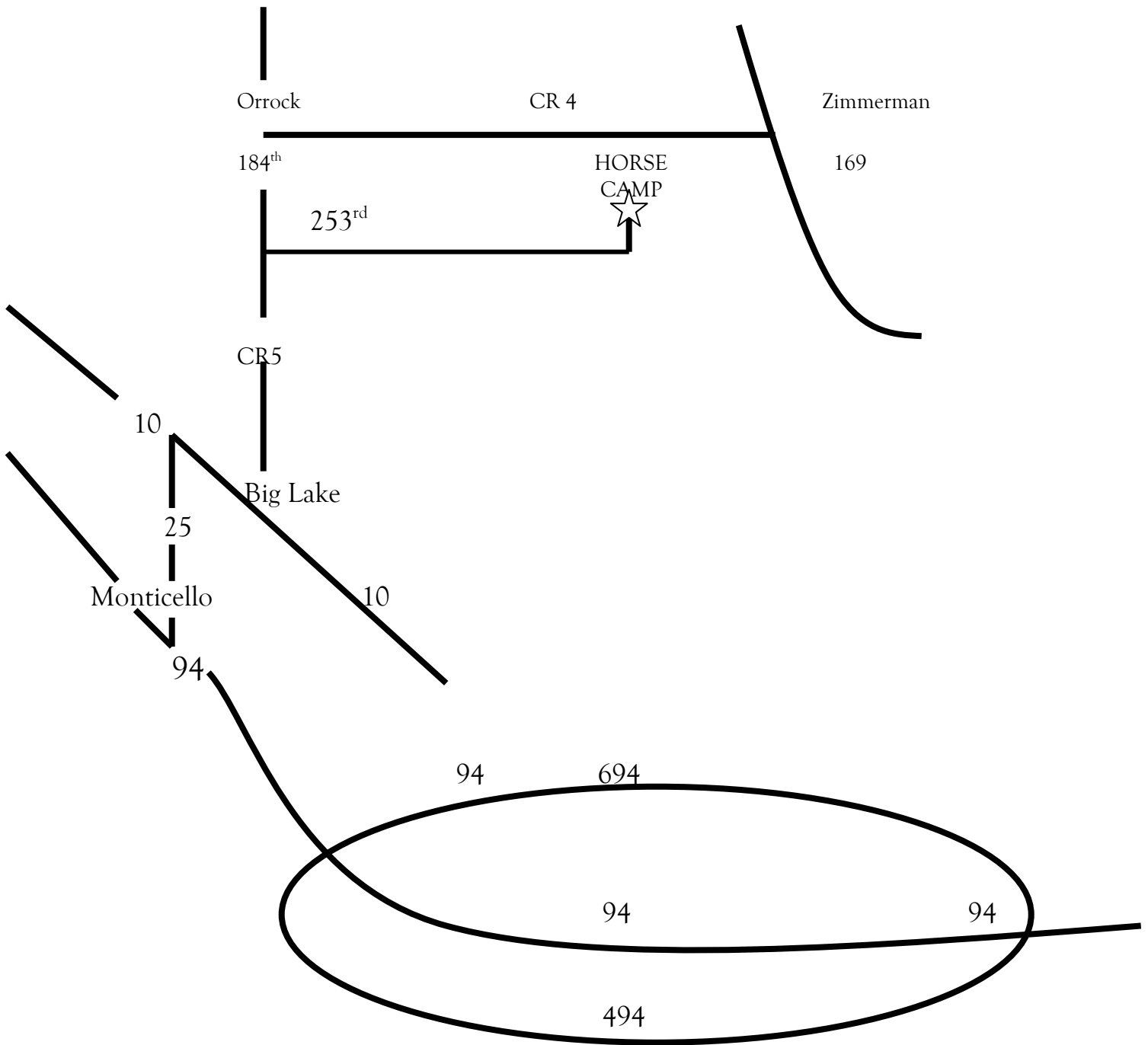
\*\$15.00 Surcharge for non-AERC members for 50 end. & LD\*

<u>Sunday, May 4th:</u>		<u>Start time</u>	<u>Fees</u>
25	mile Limited Distance	6:00 a. m.	\$55.00 Sr.* \$40.00 Jr.*
25	mile Competitive	7:00 a. m.	\$50.00 Sr. \$35.00 Jr.
12	mile Novice Competitive	9:00 a. m.	\$25.00

\*\*\*Copy of NEGATIVE COGGINS paper required to leave with management\*\*\*

\*\* PENS MUST BE APPROVED BY RIDE MANAGEMENT ~ Thanks. \*\*

Sand Dunes State Forest is located  
about 8 miles west of Zimmerman and 5 miles north of Big Lake.  
For Emergency Service - Dial 911  
Sherburne County Sheriff  
Non-emergency (763)241-2522 or 1-800-433-5245



The Sand Dunes Horse Camp is reached by taking Interstate 94 to MN Hwy 25. Exit east to downtown Monticello. Continue on MN Hwy. 25 to Big Lake, and take US Hwy 10 east (turn right). About two tenths of a mile later turn left on County Road 5 North (Eagle Lake Rd. N) in Big Lake. Continue on Cty 5 to 253rd. Turn right (east), then one and half miles down the road turn left into the Horse Camp.

# MnDRA Ride Manager's Questionnaire

**1. Is your ride held in a public or private campground? Are sites available for reservation? If so, how? Cost?**

State Forest primitive campground. Sites are not reservable. Ride manager grabs a bunch of sites Friday morning- so please take a site with a green tag and pay ride management for your nights.

**2. Campground amenities? Showers/Electricity/Corrals/Potable Water?**

None of those things. But it's better than the campground used to be 10 years ago, we are thankful for that

**3. Closest town for food/water/gas?**

Two (2) miles for all those things plus a bar.

**4. If your ride offers an endurance event(50 miles or more) in general, how many loops are the 50 miler?**

Four loop 50 miles.

**5. Vet checks in camp or out? If out, will there be a crew truck to take rider's gear out to the check? Water available at out check?**

All checks in camp.

**6. Terrain - hilly/sandy/rocky/water crossings? Hoof protection recommendations?**

It's held at Sand Dunes State Forest - it's sandy! There is some gravel road, and about a mile and a half on paved shoulder. Great all weather trail. Trail is better in a wet spring. Can be ridden barefoot.

**7. If your ride is a multi-day ride, are there folks for hire to move rigs? Cost?**

No multi-day - too early in the season.

**8. Does your ride have a potluck meal during the event? Food available for purchase?**

Potluck - main dish provided.

**9. Maps of trail available online or on site?**

You will get a trail map at ride meeting. Ride meetings on Saturday morning and Sunday morning

**10. Mentors (folks who have regularly ridden your ride) who would be willing to offer advice.**

Yup - lots of folks condition there in the spring: Linda Goddard, Suzy Warren, Bev Specht, Diane Merz, Holly Egerer, beside Ken & me.