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- ♦ promotion, development, and maintenance of trails
- ♦ distribution of trail riding information
- ♦ coordination of, and cooperation with, government agencies and private individuals

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June 18-20 MTRA Summer Round-Up Ride
Beaver Falls County Park
Morton, MN

June 27 - July 3 MTRA Adventure Ride
Circle K Horse Camp
Custer, SD

July 23-25 Minnesota Horse Expo
St. Paul, MN

September 17-19 MTRA Fall Round-Up Ride
(corrected dates) Pillsbury State Forest
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MTRA would like to thank all the past officers and Board members who have worked so hard for our organization and for trail riders.

Welcome to our new Board members. So glad you have joined us!

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Greetings Trail Riders!

We are continuing with up and down weather as far as temperatures—we set high records, then back to frost and freeze. In southeast Minnesota and other areas, we really need rain. The MTRA Board made the decision on which projects to fund with the \$40,000 we had to spend this year. There are a couple parks this year that hadn't applied for help from MTRA in several years (7 Mile Creek and Crow-Hassan) so we were pleased to be able to fund their requests. A new manager in Nicollet County 7 Mile Creek was enthusiastic to get funding for a couple projects that the park really needed completed. We awarded \$4,000 for aggregate to resurface almost 10 miles of equestrian trails and \$1,778 to refurbish 10 picnic tables. Also due to a bike trail coming through Crow-Hassan (detailed in our February/March newsletter), more signage and posts were needed as well as aggregate for trails and a new manure bunker at Bluestem Camp. MTRA had worked with a couple other groups and the park's design team on the trail signage so we were pleased to award \$5,350 for these projects. Beltrami County/Grant Creek Horse Camp has a new county manager who is working with the Friends of Grant Creek to make improvements for riders. We were happy to award \$3,000 for improvements and they are getting the \$745 left from the 2018 grant award to immediately get gravel to fill in holes in the campground road and remove accumulated manure piles.

In the past couple months, MTRA has been contacted by several friends groups who want to collaborate with us to improve their individual parks/facilities/trails. The Friends of Maplewood have funds and exciting ideas for improvements in Maplewood State Park's campground. Maplewood's manager has spent \$750 of MTRA funds for resting benches on horse trails and is spending \$1,500 from MTRA on wheelbarrows, fire rings and rehabbing tie line sites. Horse Trail Pass funds in the last few years have funded \$5,250 for culverts, hitching rails, manure bunkers; \$5,000 for handicapped ramp; \$7,000 in sustainable trail work and currently have \$10,000 for pre-design and design of horse campground expansion to the north. Working together with the Friends of Maplewood

and MTRA, riders are going to be seeing some new exciting additions to Maplewood's camping facilities.

Minnesota Distance Riding Association (MnDRA) also contacted MTRA about working together on projects. They are donating some money to St Croix State Park for camp improvements and signage. MTRA has awarded \$2,500 for signage and posts and \$5,000 for gravel in the past year. This year we are funding \$2,000 for picnic tables, tie lines, fire rings in four locations out on trails. In the future the two groups may be able to work together on more projects.

Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Rides Association (UMECRA) is one of the groups we worked with during the development of the Crow-Hassan master plan. They funded some of the new signage for Crow-Hassan. MTRA funded \$5,350 toward signage and the projects mentioned above at Crow-Hassan.

The Friends of Grant Creek Horse Camp contacted us about funding for this Beltrami County facility. We answered with help as was detailed above.

Friends of Cut Foot Sioux Horse Camp in the Chippewa National Forest contacted us about having no water in camp due to solar panels needing replacement. We are happy to report that the manager used \$5,000 donated by MTRA to buy the solar panels and get the well running! We were excited to hear a week ago that Cut Foot Sioux now has water!

On a less happy note, the DNR again raised fees. In forests, camping per night has been raised to \$22 per night. In parks, camping in horse camps with electric has gone to \$35 a night, non-electric sites are now \$25 a night. This is with no increase in services offered. The money does not stay with the park or forest but goes into a DNR account. Also annual and daily park entry fees may also be going up to \$45 and \$10 if legislators give the OK. This would be easier to accept if the money stayed in the facility that collected it, but it does not.

Please support our horse trails and camping facilities. Pack it in, pack it out. Please clean up your campsites and horse manure. Buy a Minnesota Horse Pass! By law, all money raised by the horse pass goes to DNR horse camps and trails. Please join MTRA where your dues and donations are used for improvements to horse trails and camps both DNR and county/city/federal facilities. Since 1979, MTRA has used your dues and donations (often matched with Federal funds) to support over \$480,000 of trail and campground improvements.

I hope to see you on the trails this year, at our booth at the Minnesota Horse Expo, July 23-24-25, and join in the scavenger hunt at Minnesota parks (see page 16)!

RIDES & EVENTS

Exciting news!
The MTRA Adventure Ride
will be in SD this year.
Sunday, June 27, 2021 through
Saturday, July 3, 2021

JUNE 18-20
MTRA SUMMER ROUND-UP RIDE
BEAVER FALLS COUNTY PARK, RENVILLE, MN
 Nice, easy trails. Some hills and creek crossings. Campground has tie lines and water, also restrooms. Ride out Friday 6 pm, Saturday 10 am and Sunday 10 am. Potluck supper Saturday 6 pm. MTRA has reserved the campground, so please call DeeAnn Houck at 612-232-8159 if you plan to attend. For reservations call me NOT the campground.

JUNE 27 - JULY 3
MTRA ADVENTURE RIDE
CIRCLE K HORSE CAMP, CUSTER, SD
 See info on page 5

SEPTEMBER 17-19 (corrected dates)
MTRA FALL ROUND-UP RIDE
PILLSBURY STATE FOREST, PILLAGER, MN
 Trail pass required. Tie lines at all sites and water and restrooms available. Friday ride 6 pm, Saturday 10 am and Sunday 10 am. This is our last ride of the season and our annual fundraiser with a raffle and silent auction following the Saturday eve potluck supper which will start at 6 pm. Call DeeAnn Houck at 612-232-8159.

Information about all of the parks can be found on their websites.

FOR MTRA RIDES, PLEASE RSVP TO DeeAnn Houck @ 612-232-8159
 This will help the ride leader know how many people to expect and who to contact in case of weather or other changes.



If you have never ridden the Black Hills or just want to go back, please consider joining us on our next MTRA Adventure Ride to be held at Circle K Horse Camp in Custer, SD.

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Why Should I Buy a Horse Trail Pass in Minnesota?

The Minnesota Horse Trail Pass was voted into legislation in 2007. Approximately \$100,000-\$110,000 is collected every year. By law every dollar is dedicated for DNR forests, parks and horse trails. So let's look at what your horse pass money funded for improvements in 2020. Because of Covid 19, the DNR was not allowed to hire temps, summer interns, seasonals, or replace staff so these projects are just being started in 2021.

DNR managers respond to a request for what is needed in their areas. The requests are grouped into four regions of the state and something from every region is funded (as equally as possible per region). A meeting of the Equine Advisory Board is called and projects are decided upon with input from eight equestrians who represent different areas of the state.

In 2020, Region 1 Huntersville State Forest was awarded \$1,300 to replace and improve existing trail signage on the 24 miles of horse trails. Wanted are weather-proof, vandal resistant, with improved readability, signs. Huntersville State Forest was also awarded \$5,000 for Shell City Horse Camp to replace existing tie lines, add footing materials under tie lines and corrals and finally to construct an on-site manure bunker.

Also in Region 1, Beltrami Island State Forest/Bemis Campground was awarded \$15,000 to purchase materials to construct three covered manure bunkers and three new high tie lines.

The final Region 2 awards went to Maplewood State Park. \$5,000 to build an accessible mounting ramp for riders. \$7,000 for sustainable trail work to redesign trouble spots on existing trails, and \$10,000 for pre-design and design of the horse campground expansion to the north. Region 2 St Croix State Forest was awarded \$25,000 to begin work on numerous repairs on the Mallard Lake trail to replace steps, culverts, repair low water crossings and logging damage.

George Washington State Forest/Togo/Stony Brook received \$3,300 to replace 12 tie lines.

North Shore Trail: \$2,200 for trail head improvements hitching posts and two mounting blocks, \$4,000 to replace rusted out culverts and repair washed out culverts for horse use, \$8,000 to replace two bridge decks where horses ride near Knife River and French River.

Region 3 Luce Line State Trail received \$20,000 to rehab the trail were it is underwater near McCulley Road.

Mille Lacs Kathio State Park received \$5,000 to buy materials to fix trail from camp to Black Bass Lake.

Afton State Park received \$5,000 for ongoing trail rehab.

Wild River State Park received \$8,000 to build two hand-icapped ramps for riders.

Forestville State Park received \$10,000 to reconstruct hitching rail pads (harden and crown) and \$15,000 for rehab to damaged, eroded trails.

Lake Maria State Park received \$15,000 for trail rehab and to upgrade eroded sections.

Lake Louise State Park received \$9,400 to regrade and resurface severely damaged Upper Ia trail.

Region 4 Sibley State Park received \$20,000 to build a new 2-mile horse loop to connect to Glacial Lakes State Trail.

Upper Sioux Agency State Park received \$10,000 for Burr Oak and Spring Trails rehab, labor, material and culverts.

You can see from the projects funded how important the Horse Pass funds are to our trails and facilities. The next newsletter will detail our 2021 funded projects. Please buy your Trail Pass and support Minnesota trails!



MTRA is looking for volunteers to help out in our booth at the Minnesota Horse Expo, July 23-24-25, 2021. Experience is not needed. If you're able to help 1-2 hours, please contact Kris at pattenkl@frontiernet.net or call 952-469-2851.

2021 Surveys/Projects for Minnesota Trail Riders Association

Take a look at the exciting projects MTRA is funding thanks to your dues and donations! We haven't had requests from some of these parks in several years. We are always happy to improve facilities and trails!

DNR PROJECTS

Forestville State Park manager Nick Schwaegerl requests funds for solar motion lights to mount inside the six vault toilets at the horse camp. \$300

St Croix State Forest manager Rick Dunkley requests funds to add picnic tables, fire rings, and tie posts in four locations: below Pine Point but on the west side of the river, at Pine Point itself, another on the overlook on the north end of the system on the east side of the Lower Tamarack River and ,near Mallard Lake. \$2,000

CITY, COUNTY, FEDERAL PROJECTS

Beltrami County—Grant Creek Horse Camp manager Lori Clark requests funds for signage to mark 42 miles of existing and new multi-use trails, contract manure pile removal, replace/repair tie lines in horse camp, sand/gravel for under tie lines and to fix pot holes in campground. \$3,000

Lac qui Parle County Park commissioner Bernice Oellien requests funds toward a \$25,000 project to build a toilet for horseback riders (needed especially for during the benefit ride for St Jude's Hospital) but also would be useful for the school children who run the horse trails while practicing for track/cross country events. \$8,472

Olmsted County—Chester Woods Park manager Tom Eckdahl requests funds for aggregate for horse trail maintenance/hardening – trails are also used for hiking and winter cross country skiing. \$2,500

Nicollet County—7 Mile Creek Park manager Mike Suska requests funds to purchase 500 tons of crushed limestone for resurfacing 9.8 miles of multi-use/equestrian trails (city will haul and place). \$4,100

Refurbish 10 picnic tables with new wood and bolts \$177.80 per table (county to provide labor & tools) \$1,778

Renville County Parks—Beaver Falls Park—Skalbekken Park manager Jesse Diehn requests funds to replace the steel doors and upgrade restroom facilities at both horse camps \$5,000

Three Rivers Park District—Crow-Hassan Park—Lake Rebecca Park—Baker Park manager Bri Koch requests trail signage (\$500), signage posts (\$650), building a manure pit at Bluestem camp (Crow-Hassan), aggregate to harden equestrian trails. \$5,350

City of Becker—Red Poullet/city park manager Bartt Gevens requests funds for signage. \$2,500

City of Duluth—Ely's Peak loop within Magney-Snively Forest Preserve/West Duluth manager Matt Andrews requests aggregate for trail surfaces plus breaker run rock for some areas. \$5,000

Total \$40,000



MTRA WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR

MTRA is looking for an administrator of our website. If you are interested in becoming more involved with our everyday activities, here is your chance to do just that. This is a volunteer position and involves just a few hours of work each month. Training on Word Press will be provided; you do not need experience, just a desire to learn. If you have a creative side, that is a big bonus. If you are interested in learning more of this position, please email Kris at pattenkl@frontiernet.net.



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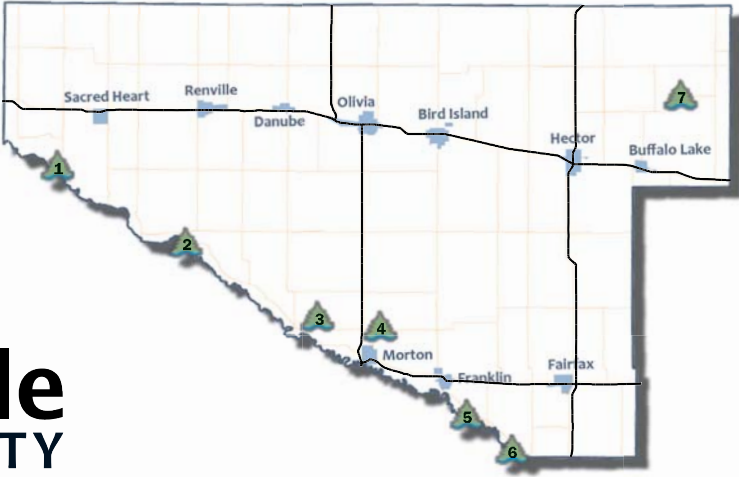
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- 3 - Beaver Falls
- 4 - Birch Coulee
- 5 - Anderson Lake
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Grazing Muzzles

Grazing muzzles can reduce a horse's pasture intake by about 30 percent, regardless of grass species. They also appear to be a simple, effective tool to restrict forage intakes of grazing horses and may help reduce obesity in horses.

Obesity continues to increase in the horse population. About 40 percent of the horse population is considered obese with a body condition score (BSC) greater than or equal to 7. Obese and overweight horses are at risk for the following:

- Laminitis
- Insulin Resistance (IR)
- Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS)
- Poor thermoregulation: unable to maintain body temperature
- Poor performance

Horse owners have tried to manage weight by restricting forage intake such as decreasing pasture time. Researchers found that horses with restricted pasture time can increase their intake rates. As a result, owners need a simple, affordable way to restrict pasture intake while maintaining their horse's natural environment.



What are grazing muzzles?

Grazing muzzles are muzzles that restrict a horse's intake but still allows them to graze and exhibit natural behavior. In turn, grazing muzzles may be a useful tool when considering weight management options for your horse. However, horses are selective grazers and prefer some forages over others. Researchers have found that plant growth type can affect livestock preference. As a result, we studied whether or not preference and plant growth type impact the effectiveness of grazing muzzles.



Are grazing muzzles effective?

Grazing muzzle

- Grazing muzzles were effective in decreasing forage intake by an average of 30 percent, regardless of the forage species grazed.
- During the second year of the study, species did affect the horses' forage intakes.
 - The horses ate more Kentucky bluegrass compared to reed canarygrass both with and without grazing muzzles.
 - This result provides further support to previous research showing horses prefer Kentucky bluegrass over reed canarygrass.

Overall, these results suggest that grazing muzzles could play a key role in bodyweight loss for overweight or obese horses.

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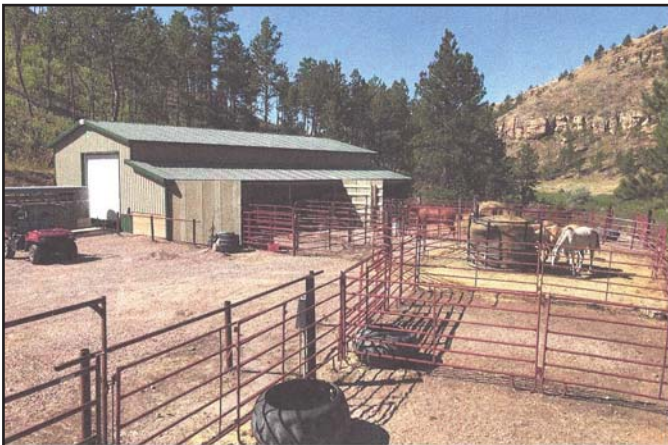
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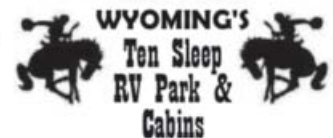
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MTRA Meeting Minutes (phone conference due to COVID) February 19, 2021

Present: Kris Patten, Terry Leary, Diane Monson, Dee Parker, Jim Reisinger, DeeAnn Houck, Ron Hubbard

Absent: Kathy Grindeland, Scott & Karen Dingman, Krissy Schefers, Patty Jones, and Betty White

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Leary at 7:07 PM.

Secretary report: Kris had emailed it out earlier for BOD to review. Motion made by Jim to approve and seconded by DeeAnn. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Financial reports were emailed out earlier for 2020 and 2021. A motion to approve 2020 reports made by Ron and seconded by Jim. Motion approved. Kris asked for a resolution that her 2020 reports were correct and true and would be used to file the annual State filing. Jim made the motion and Dee seconded. Motion passed. Motion to approve 2021 reports made by Dee and seconded by Corky. Motion passed. Kris went over the "outstanding project report" and explained how it tied into the new worth. Jim asked why the DNR parks were not broke down by projects so we could see what was outstanding. Kris explained that she does not see any bills for the State parks that they are sent directly to the DNR. So there is no way for her to track them. The DNR bills us for our portion 2-3 times a year. Terry added that she contacts the State parks to see where they are on projects as she does not always get an update from the DNR.

Dues: It was determined that the dues would remain the same for 2021 since so many people had already sent in their renewal. We will discuss a possible increase for 2022 at the November meeting. Terry suggested we send out an email blast reminding our members to pay their dues. Kris said she will send one out.

Membership: Kris was asked if she would get the membership totals for the last few years so we could do a comparison. Kris said she would do that and email out the results. Ron asked if we had any brochures that we could advertise at horse stables and tack stores to get more memberships. It was decided that a one page flyer with tear-offs at the bottom of the page with our website address would be a good idea.

Website: Terry asked if we could post on our facebook page partial articles from the newsletter which will direct members to our website to finish reading the article. Kris said that is doable and to just forward her the articles.

Expo: Kris asked if we were going to use our same display. If not, we needed to come up with something different. Kris said it is heavy and hard for the ladies to put together and take down. Jim says it is at his house and he will set it up for this year's Expo. Further discussion will be done during our March meeting.

Raffles: Nothing to report

Rides: We have been promoting our rides on facebook, our website and the newsletter.

Grants: Terry said she has already received requests for projects that exceed what we have to spend this year. She is expecting more to come in. We will consider doing more local and county parks this year rather than funding state parks since the DNR is supposed to return the operational funds to the state this year and will be short staffed again. Rather than discussing the surveys that have already come in, Terry will write up a list and present to the BOD before our next meeting. Terry discussed the outstanding projects for the state parks. Due to funding being pulled back and the DNR being short staffed again, some parks will not be able to do their projects. They will purchase aggregate to use up their grant money for later use instead. The DNR will not be able to hire temps or interns this year and are not allowed to use their operational money which will go back to the state. Some of the local parks have requested funds but have not completed their projects or turned in their receipts. Terry has been calling and/or emailing them but some do not respond. Terry received a call from Sherburne County. They are expanding their park and had received a lot of calls/emails asking them to put horse trails in. They were interested in getting more information from Terry on all that was needed and suggestions. Oak Savannah was discussed and Ron said he would be willing to help out with projects at this park. Terry will email Ron's number to the person in charge. They are currently installing a gate to keep OHV off the trails. Terry requested a resolution be made to write the 2021 grant. Jim made the resolution for the grant to be written for \$40,000 (\$10,000 from MTRA). The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion was approved.

Old Business: Jim brought up that MTRA should do a publication of all trails in Minnesota to have at the Expo which includes county, state and local parks. Kris and Dee had put something together years ago. Dee pointed out that the information was transferred over to our new website and would be a good starting point. Terry is going to update with current phone numbers. We will need to verify that the information is still accurate and add other locations that we are aware of. Who is going to do this?

New Business: EAG will be having its next meeting the early part of March. It is always nice to know ahead of time where their money will be spent before we decide which projects we will finance.

Motion made to adjourn by Dee, seconded by Kris. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kris Patten on February 20, 2021.

MTRA Meeting Minutes (phone conference due to COIVD) March 29, 2021

BOD present: Terry Leary, Kris Patten, Ron Hubbard, Dee Parker, Betty White, Karen & Scott Dingman, and Diane Monson

BOD absent: Patty Jones, Kathy Grindeland, Krissy Schefers, Jim Reisinger and DeeAnn Houck

Meeting called to order by President Terry Leary at 6:35 pm.

Secretary Report: The secretary report had been sent out previously for the February meeting. A motion was made by Dee to approve and seconded by Diane. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Kris read the treasurer report and noted that the numbers did not include a deposit that will be made in the next few days. A motion to accept the report made by Ron and seconded by Betty. Motion passed.

Membership: Kris had sent out an email showing the membership numbers for the last 5 years. The BOD was happy to see that our number for this year was relatively high for so early in the year.

Expo: it was suggested we have extra copies of our newsletter to hand out to new members at the Expo. We will decide on a number at next month's meeting.

Rides: Wild River campground is full. We are hoping that our BOD who planned to attend have their spots. Kris and Terry mentioned they may drive up for the day. Circle K has new owners and the name has been changed to Hell's Canyon. They are hoping to have more sites available by the time our ride happens but cannot guarantee it will be done. Diane mentioned she is third on the waiting list for an electric site to become available and so far has not been contacted. Jesse is working hard to have the Beaver Falls campground ready for our ride. It was noted that he is very easy to work with and very accommodating.

Old Grants: The 2015 grant has been closed. The 2016 grant still has some outstanding projects. Pillsbury plans to use their money for gravel; Grant Creek is doing signage and trail brushing. Chippewa has a bid in for solar panels for the well and are moving ahead with their project. Wild River has not gotten back to Terry after being contacted several times. They have \$4,000 for gravel to be used from the 2017 grant. Ron will be contacting the City of Becker to see where they are on getting their project done. Kris will be contacting Ritter Park to ask about the mounting block and signage. The signage is up so they may have just forgotten to send us the bill. St. Croix is the only state park that has completed their project from the 2018 grant. The non DNR projects for the 2018 grant are almost finished. The state parks have not started their projects for the 2019 grant due to staff shortage and COVID. Most of the non DNR projects have been completed for the 2019 grant. Renville County and Chesterwood still have money to use.

Projects for the 2020 grant. Dee excused herself from the meeting. We have \$40,000 to allocate for the 2020 grants. We had requests of \$41,528. Karen suggested we reduce the amount requested by Nicollet County for the picnic tables by \$1,528 and approve the rest. After discussing among the BOD, it was decided to give Nicollet County all of the money they requested and reduce the amount give to Lac Qui Parle from \$10,000 to \$8472 since they will be soliciting money from other sources for their \$25,000 project to build a toilet for riders. Karen made a motion to approve, Kris seconded, motion passed. Terry stated she will pass on our recommendations to Dan Golner and we should hear back from him in 4-6 weeks if they are allowed.

Our next meeting will be held on April 22, 2021. It will be a conference call again.

Motion made by Kris to adjourn and Karen seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kris Patten on March 31, 2021.



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