From this point forward, I am setting into motion a Non-Response Initiative to any and all calls that are generated regarding OHRV operation on public ways opened to use by towns or local jurisdictions. Again I reference RSA 215-A:15, I-a. (a) as written above as the basis for this action. That law will be the guiding principle for this decision.

We will continue to address incidents or calls regarding the trails that pass through the woodlands of the county, but public way complaints will have to be handled by local entities.

It is not an easy decision to make, but the changing times have forced me to make cuts in services. I have already been doing so in the search and rescue realm as I have personally denied response on dozens of non-emergency calls over the last couple months.

I am intimately aware of the potential problems this will cause towns, particularly when it comes to OHRV enforcement matters, and I am more than willing to sit down and speak with local officials to assist them in dealing with the rise in OHRV activity and the problems that arise with them, but it will invariably come down to a local enforcement option. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My contact information is as follows: mark.oberjr@wildlife.nh.gov or cell (603) 419-0474.

Sincerely,

Lt. Mark W. Ober, Jr.

District One Chief