From: Rennie, Craig
To: Jamie Sayen

Cc: <u>Hackley, Patrick; Savage, Clinton</u>

Subject: RE: Request for copy of DNCR OHRV Strategic Vision report

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Hi Jamie,

Thanks for reaching out. Our OHRV strategic vision at Nash Stream has been to continue to monitor and maintain existing OHRV trails on the property and identify issues related to OHRV trail use. This information will ultimately help resource/agency managers determine the future of these trails once the two year study is concluded. The Trails Bureau has been open to alternative route proposals outside of Nash Stream Forest that still accomplish trail connectivity goals. Commissioner Stewart has consistently stated that our goal will be to continue to solve problems as they arise regarding OHRV trails, and to continue dialogue with all those concerned about the management of this highly valued public forest. In addition, DNCR has been actively participating in a 5 year study committee that was enacted under HB1188 last session relative to studying the use of OHRVs in NH (RSA attached for reference). Our hope is that this commission will help to identify the pros and cons of OHRV use in NH that will help guide our future management decisions. One such recommendation that recently came out of the study committee is to require OHRV safety training for operators, and I believe a LSR will be proposed in the upcoming legislative session to enact this recommendation.

It's also worth mentioning that part of our strategic vision for managing trails state-wide is to create a comprehensive online GIS based mapping tool that will assist us and other state agencies in overall land use planning and decision making associated with trail management. To accomplish this goal, we submitted a proposal for American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) funding to allow us to create this very important management tool. Ideally this tool would include important trail information such as spatial location, ownership, trail manager ID, ROW widths, access points, and infrastructure structure locations such as culverts and bridges. Additionally, many other environmental layers could also be added to this tool to avoid sensitive resource areas, exemplary natural communities or conservation properties. I'm pleased to report that we were approved for funding and are hopeful to create a world class mapping tool that will assist in our future planning, maintenance and management efforts of NH's trails (see attached G&C letter).

I hope this helps, but feel free to call if you have any other questions. Thanks,
Craig

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Dear Director Rennie,

Will Guinn advised me to resend my email regarding DNCR's OHRV Strategic Vision. I have pasted it below. Thank you for your attention.

Jamie Sayen

The minutes for the January 14, 2021 CORD meeting state:

"DNCR is also figuring out the strategic vision of OHRV use in New Hampshire over the next two years."

In the March 9, 2021 minutes: "Commissioner Stewart said the extra time to evaluate the impact and usage of the Kelsey Notch Trail will provide additional time for DNCR to work with stakeholder groups over the next two years...."

These comments before CORD were made in the discussion about extending the Kelsey Notch trial period until January 2023, so I assume the Strategic Vision was intended to be delivered to CORD by January 2023.

Could you please forward me a copy of the DNCR OHRV Strategic Vision report?