

Division of Forest Management  
Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Conservation

## North Country ATV Club Nash Stream Pilot Trail Year End Report-Calendar year 2002

The Nash Stream Forest Pilot ATV Trail opened for public ATV use, on August 1, 2002. Since it opened the North Country ATV Club has performed 87 hours of Volunteer Trail Patrol through the forest, encountering an average of 4 users/day. Trail users encountered included (ATV, hikers, horseback, etc?).

Duties performed by the club, on the Nash Stream Trail, included trail sign maintenance, education outreach to other trail users, removal of debris from trail and reporting conditions of trail and concerns.

Next year the club plans on applying for Grant-In-Aid funds to add fill and harden the approaches to many of the bridges.

*This trail has made a great new loop in our trail system and our club is grateful for the chance to enjoy the views of Percy Peaks and the Nash Stream valley.*

*As we expected, our trail patrol have encountered very little traffic either ATV or other user groups on the West Side Trail. Historically this trail has very little summer use and or attention. With the exception of snowmobilers and a very select few camp owners, very few people have used this area.*

*It will be interesting to see just what impact the spring run off will have on the trail work that was performed last summer. Up till now there has been very little impact on this trail from atv traffic. The wildlife that we have encountered has included moose, deer, bear and numerous small game and they are far more curious than frightened by our machines. It has been noted by trail patrol that these animals of all sizes are far wearier of our folks when they shut their machines off to observe them or when people get off their machines.*

The trail closed for ATV use on December 15, 2002 and will open again on May 23, 2003 for the summer season.

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