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To: Sheehan, Victoria; Quinn, Robert
Cc: Dobbins, Caleb; Rodrigue, David; Player, Andrew; Todd, Michael
Subject: OHRV Law Enforcement Reports, Gorham
Attachments: Gorham PD Dispatch OHRV 2020.pdf; Gorham PD OHRV tallies 2020.pdf

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Dear Commissioner Sheehan and Commissioner Quinn,

As both DOT and DOS are required to sign off on most state roads opened to OHRV traffic, you should be interested in law enforcement data from the 2020 OHRV season.

A 91.A request to Gorham Police Dispatch resulted in 400+ pages of dispatch reports. Here is the resulting spread sheet and tallies.

You can see that once a road is opened to OHRVs - there is no way to control them.

My 91.A request to the Coos County Sheriff's department shows 1113 tickets written during the 2020 OHRV season. (a few documents are missing, so that number is probably higher). The 168 page record shows that 2-3 deputies spent 2-3 days a week on dedicated OHRV duty working 6-12 hour shifts. The Sheriff told me that the patrols started in Gorham and that they were kept so busy they had a hard time leaving to go elsewhere and that most of the tickets were issued in Gorham.

To allow OHRVs on roads and through neighborhoods has created problems that no amount of law enforcement or signage can fix. Please revoke your permits that allow Off Road vehicles to ride on state roads. This experiment has failed. It is a serious safety hazard and nuisance. Riders can trailer to designated riding areas, like Jericho Mountain State Park - bought for exactly that purpose.

Meanwhile the Attorney General's office has spent over \$258,328.07 fighting to keep the OHRV trailhead in the residentially zoned Gorham neighborhood on Rte 2, even though the new trailhead on Rte 16 makes this original trailhead completely redundant. This is an outrageous abuse of tax-payers and our tax-dollars.

If you would like to see the original dispatch reports and sheriff logs - I will send them to you.

Sincerely,
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