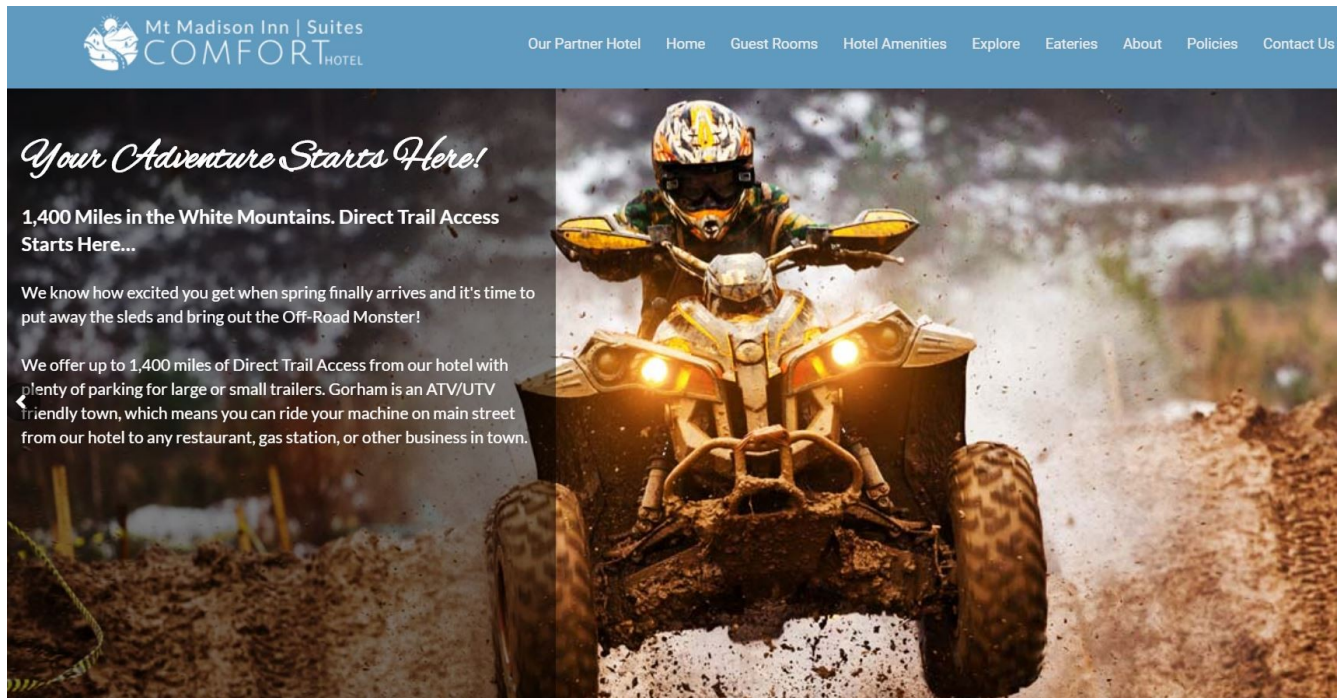


To the 1182 Committee,

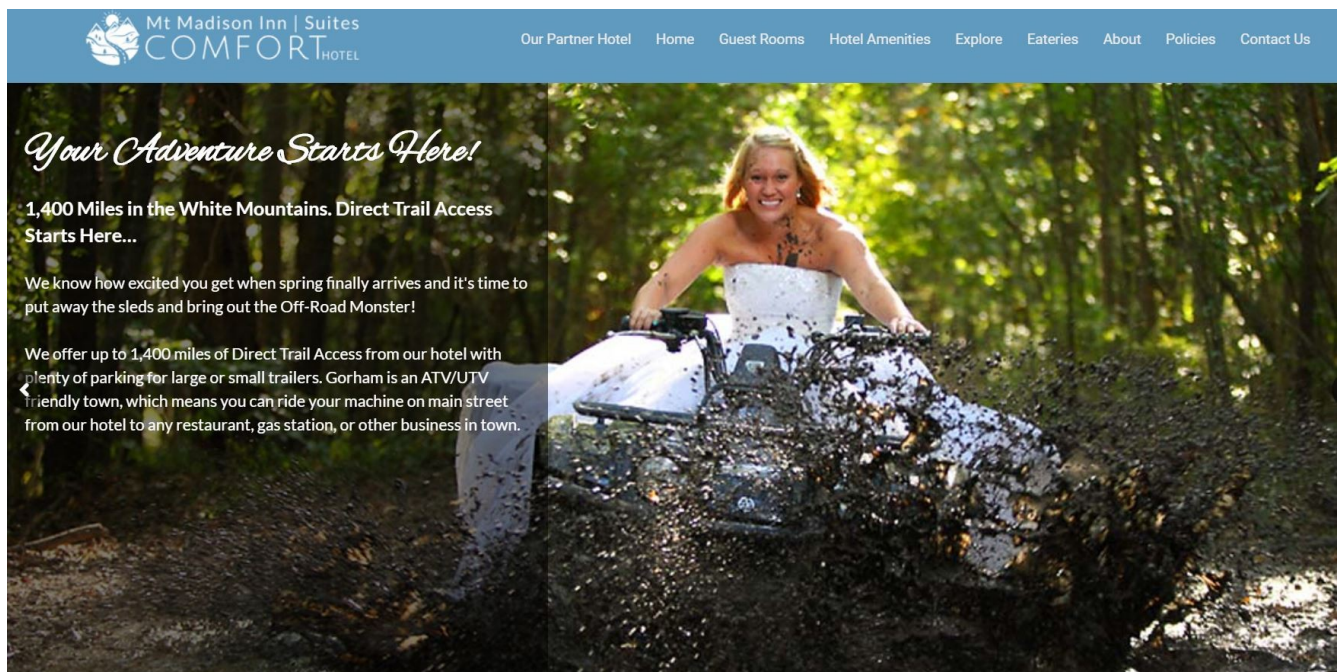
in case last week's submission appeared not relevant to New Hampshire:



The screenshot shows a website banner for Mt Madison Inn | Suites COMFORT HOTEL. The header includes navigation links: Our Partner Hotel, Home, Guest Rooms, Hotel Amenities, Explore, Eateries, About, Policies, and Contact Us. The main content area features the heading "Your Adventure Starts Here!" followed by the sub-heading "1,400 Miles in the White Mountains. Direct Trail Access Starts Here...". Below this is a paragraph: "We know how excited you get when spring finally arrives and it's time to put away the sleds and bring out the Off-Road Monster!". A second paragraph states: "We offer up to 1,400 miles of Direct Trail Access from our hotel with plenty of parking for large or small trailers. Gorham is an ATV/UTV friendly town, which means you can ride your machine on main street from our hotel to any restaurant, gas station, or other business in town." The background image shows a person in full gear riding a yellow and black ATV through a muddy trail.

"We know how excited you get when spring finally arrives and its time to put away the sleds and bring out the Off-Road Monster!"

"Gorham is an ATV/UTV friendly town..." (How is the Mt. Madison Inn allowed to speak for the residents of Gorham?)



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Ride the “Wilds”

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VIDEOS

Take a closer look at what makes the Ride the Wilds Trail network so special.

On road ATV access enables the whole Ride the “Wilds” system and this kind of advertising which draws in a certain clientele and drives out others. How many couples or families have spent their money elsewhere, after seeing this advertising? Visitor and locals driven out by on and off-road ATVs remain undocumented, unstudied, unconsidered and unacknowledged.

J.T. Horn

Matty Bowman Thanks for sharing this and I am deeply sympathetic to the writer's viewpoint and your dilemma as a business owner. As a frequent visitor to the area for work and pleasure for the past 20+ years, I am saddened and dismayed at how Gorham has changed. I no longer am willing to stay in any of the motels in downtown Gorham due to the noise, dust and general atmosphere. This a loss for these businesses as I have spent dozens and dozens of paid nights while on business travel in Coos County including in the slow times of year. I will still stay at Hub North and I do look forward to dining at White Mountain Cafe and SAALT, but the ATV influence has really overtaken the whole village atmosphere and I am spending more of my time and money in Jackson/Conway area as a result.

J.T. Horn is the Senior Project Manager of the Trust for Public Lands.

The White Mountain Café & Bookstore is owned by Matt Bowman, Jenna Bowman, and Doug Mayer

“Some local business owners who weren’t directly profiting from the off-road industry also expressed doubts about Gorham’s embrace of off-road vehicles — but several declined to speak on-the-record, because the issue has become so sensitive and they worried about offending their neighbors.

‘The machines keep getting bigger and bigger...and the bigger they are, the more noise they make.’

One business owner who was willing to speak up was Liz Jackson, who owns Libby’s Bistro and Saalt Pub, a trendy farm-to-table spot right on Main Street. Like others concerned about ATV use in Gorham, she says she isn’t against these vehicles altogether — but she worries their ubiquitous presence, especially during high-traffic weekends, was forcing away other long time visitors.

“I have asked at meetings, ‘How would you feel?’” Jackson says. “If you had a quiet little town that you escaped to, and you went there during a big noisy festival, how would you feel about that little town that was your getaway?”...

Jackson knows she has lost customers who came to Gorham initially seeking a peaceful weekend escape — only to be startled by the sight and sounds of so many ATVs revving outside their hotel room and along the main roads.

“And, yeah, I filled those reservations,” Jackson says. “The point isn’t that I lost them. It’s that the whole town lost them... And another town gained them.”

<https://www.boston.com/news/local-news/2017/11/04/atv-tourists-in-northern-new-hampshire-clash-with-locals>



Above: Ride the Wilds or ATV Club Facebook post. Below, another method for dealing with the same “problem.”



In its 2018 report DNCR listed “Challenges Facing the Parks System.” These include:

- “Addressing the pressures on facilities, operations, abutters and communities from the increased volume of visitors.
- Conflicts between trail users types and concerns over conflicts between trail users, communities and the environment.”

Net profits for Jericho State Park in 2018 were \$14,230, a pittance which does not include the externalized costs of social and environmental damage inflicted on the Park as well as Berlin and Gorham. For comparison, Echo Lake in North Conway had a net income of \$59, 970., while generating no internal pollution, noise or dust. If ATVs were no longer allowed in Jericho State Park, perhaps Jericho Lake would become a profitable and pleasant destination.

And if the Jericho Event Area Dump stations and septic field cost \$400,000.00 (Concept Specs and Bid) that will negate 28 years of the “profit” from Jericho that is really externalized costs unpaid to the future.

What is this all for?

A faster, funner (for some) ride to global uninhabitability?

Two recent posts by Harry Brown (Ride the “Wilds” Facebook:) Below, a video perhaps aimed at reducing the dumping expenses of the porta-potty recently placed on a trail as a means of persuading a landowner to change her mind about closing her land to ATVs because riders were defecating on it.



Harry Brown shared a post.

Yesterday at 6:37 AM · 🌐

Maybe everyone should have 1 of these So they don't leave their "shit" in the woods!

“POOPING” OUTDOORS



SUCKS AND IS EMBARRASSING!



Harry Brown

November 1 at 5:21 AM · 🌐

UTV REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL COMMERCIAL PLATES/ROAD USE

Cheat Sheet

Requirements:

- Must be in use for farming, agricultural, or light industrial uses (RSA 259:2-a)
- limited to ways or portions of ways where such vehicles are allowed and having **posted speed limits of 40 miles per hour or less** (RSA 259:2-a)
- Can only be operated **within a 10 mile radius from an entrance to land used by the farm** (RSA 259:2-a)
- Can only be operated **within 2 mile radius from the entrance to the light industrial complex or construction site** (RSA 259:2-a)
- Any person operating or in actual physical control of such a vehicle upon a way shall **hold a valid driver's license** (RSA 261:41-a)
- **Can only be used as an OHRV when it has a valid OHRV registration in place** (261:41-a)
- **Shall be subject to inspection by a law enforcement officer at any time when being operated on a way** (RSA 261:41-a)

Required Equipment (RSA 261:41-a):

- shall be equipped with at least one red reflex reflector on the left rear if operated during the hours of darkness
- an interior or exterior mirror
- a vehicle identification number that conforms to federal requirements
- seatbelts installed at each designated seating position if originally so equipped
- an intact windshield if originally so equipped
- Tires inflated to cold inflation pressure not more than the maximum permissible pressure molded on the sidewall.
- **Such vehicle shall also be equipped with a slow moving vehicle emblem to the rear and may be equipped in addition with an amber flashing or rotating light.**

Penalty:

262:41 General Penalty. – Unless otherwise provided in statute, any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this title, or of any rule made under authority thereof, shall be fined \$50 plus penalty assessment for a first offense. For any subsequent offense committed during any calendar year such person shall be fined \$100 plus penalty assessment.

1st offense- \$62.00

Does the ATV community, and its supporting lobbyists and corporations, have plans to allow ATVs, with minor modifications, on all NH roads with speed limits under 40 mph, without DOT or municipal approval needed?

If so, why hasn't DOT been consulted?



Scott Descheneau Jr.

NH just needs to get off their asses and legalize sxs use on public road ways with approved DOT equipment (tires, blinkers, horn etc..) there is so much revenue that could be collected that they just are not seeing to potential of. Its border line stupid that a moped that doesnt top 28mph is considered "safe for the road" but a \$30,000 sxs with proper equipment is considered a "safety hazard" like, give me a friggin break

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Harry Brown

Scott Descheneau Jr. Be careful what you want because when Federal DOT mandates that these are just another form of a motor vehicle, with four wheels, they will be mandated to have all the safety items that all four wheel vehicles do like airbags. the manufacturers don't want this to happen. You think they are expensive now, hold on!

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Harry Brown often posts links to various articles on Ride the "Wilds" Facebook and remains silent while others respond intemperately. This allies the group against opposition and discourages any members from expressing consideration for the views of those critical of ATV activity. Permitted are comments on those "few bad apples" who are pointed to frequently to obscure the fact that ATVs are inherently damaging no matter how "responsibly" they are ridden.

In this case he may be responding disingenuously.



Scott Descheneau Jr.

Already dropping 20-35k on a stripped out machine. I dont think price could get much worse.

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What does this Committee envision as the best future for New Hampshire, and Coos County, which so far has been the main location for ATV exploitation, an economic injustice imposed as an economic benefit?

Kids and families
hiking cleanly and quietly
through the woods, able to
hear birds and rivers...

or 1,000+ miles of damaged, dusty, muddy
noisy roads and trails, hostile to rivers, wildlife, soils,
hikers, equestrians, hunters, fisherman and abutters, cyclists.



The experiment of shared use has been a failure.

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