

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
INTRA-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

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DATE: July 8, 2019
AT (OFFICE): Highway Maintenance D 1

SUBJECT: OHRV use on Class II, III, & III-a Highways in Coos County

TO: Victoria Sheehan
Commissioner

Dave Rodrigue, P.E.
Director of Operations

William Cass, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

The Department of Natural & Cultural Resources (DNCR) has once again requested that several highways within Coos County be open to travel by Off Highway Recreation Vehicles (OHRVs) as allowed under RSA 215-A:10. A field review was conducted on June 11th, 2019 to each of the highways currently requested to allow OHRV use. Present at the field review was Chris Gamache of the DNCR - Trails Bureau, NH State Police Troop F Commander Lt. Gary Prince (DOS) and I.

Based on our observations, the District offers the following information on the requested roads:

- US-3 – Colebrook (0.05 miles) DNCR is proposing to open a short section of US-3 north of the village from Hughes Road (Town maintained) on the east side of US-3, northerly to a field road on the west side of US-3 that accesses the existing rail trail. This section of US-3 has 8ft shoulders and we suggest that OHRVs use the paved shoulders rather than the travel way, if approved. US-3 is posted for 40 mph. The DNCR had originally requested to open from the intersection of Metallak Drive (IGA Access Drive), northerly to the gravel field access. The application was amended by email to request a shorter section of US-3 based on observations from our field review. The amended request shortened the proposed on-highway connector along US-3 by 0.07 miles.
- NH-145 – Colebrook (0.23 miles) DNCR is proposing to open a section of NH-145 from the intersection of Hughes Road on the west side of NH-145, northerly 0.23 miles to the location of a proposed access point on the east side of NH-145. This section of NH-145 is posted for 40 mph with narrow gravel shoulders.

Documents pertinent to these sections are attached. Please give me if you would like to discuss these applications in further detail.

Regards,

Phil

Enclosures: Permit Applications
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