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Commissioner Sarah Stewart  
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources:

Much has happened over the past 9 years to destroy once-peaceful neighborhoods and people's lives because of OHRV Trails being placed in neighborhoods. One would think that people in government who have power to correct these wrongs would try to do so. However, the "wrongs" continue.

We are aware that DNCR entered into a Grant-in-Aid agreement with Great North Woods Riders Club in 2020 to build a new trail to reroute OHRV traffic "off" Back Lake Road. However, after the trail was completed, Back Lake Road remains open, simply expanding the club's trail system. The new club trail map lists Back Lake Road as a town road to access the main trail. Old ATV Shared Route signs remain on the road . New signs have not rerouted ATVs.


A tally was done with matching video September 6, 2020 and another May 30, 2021 with matching video. The tally remains the same before and after the new trail was built. This did not change the traffic on Back Lake Road. There are still over 650+ on any weekend day. **You would not allow 650+ ATVs to roar past your home daily.**

Documentation of grants and tallies as well as documentation about the non-transparent process of opening the road in 2012 is available. Please notify me if you would like copies of any data.

Many northern towns are a 3 or 4-hour drive to Concord. For the past 8 years, many of us who are residents from the North Country whose public roads were opened to ATV traffic have made that drive to attend hearings where we listened while the Bureau of Trails, lobbyists, ATV clubs, and a few business owners testified. There appeared to be no state officials there speaking for us. Those of us who are tax-paying homeowners in these "chosen neighborhoods" are the ones that are negatively affected by this intrusion.

Back Lake Road was wrongly opened in 2012 when, unbeknownst to residents, SB 250 was passed into law exempted Back Lake Road from existing criteria RSA215-A:42 and RSA215-A:43 that would have prevented Back Lake Road in Pittsburg from ever having become an OHRV trail. It is wrong today, after having received grant money to finally get ATVs "off" Back Lake Road, to continue the use of it as an OHRV Trail. Please right this wrong.

Respectfully,  
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