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Subject: OHRV Bills up for vote

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Hello, As a resident of Gorham NH and an avid outdoors person, I am writing to express my opinion on upcoming bills.

<u>HB 1165</u> - Which will prohibit OHRVs on the rail trail in Gorham. I live up the road from the rail trail and its presence if one of the reasons we bought our house 14 years ago . I do not utilize the rail trail during OHRV season. There is no reason to perpetuate the nuisance in a residential neighborhood. This would end the Gorham lawsuit, which as a Gorham taxpayer I am paying for this. The residents along the rail trail have suffered enough I could not imagine haveing to deal with this day after day. Please pass this bill.

HB<u>1426</u> requires OHRV clubs to test rail trails for toxins and hazard dust before opening to OHRVs This seems like a no-brainer, public health must be protected first and foremost. Please pass this bill.

<u>HB 1688</u> My understanding of this bill is that OHRV on-road traffic violations will have the same consequences as speeding in a car - it will attach points to the speeder's license. This would be real consequences and help control speeding etc which would hopefully lead to less accidents. Please pass this bill.

<u>HB 1427</u> Removing authorization for OHRV use from certain sections of state highway. Please pass this bill.

<u>HB 1316</u> Please vote no on this bill. I do not think more trails should be opened in the Nash Stream forest to more ATV trails.

<u>HB 1156</u> Create committee to study minimizing use of public roads in Ride the Wilds. Property owners are excluded on this committee, you will have OHRV representation but no Property owers? Road use doesn't need to be "minimized" it needs to be ended, these are Off Road Vehicles. It's not safe and a public nuisance. HB 660 was signed by the Governor last year signed a bill requiring several studies but no funding was allocated. Rather than create a new committee - provide funding for the studies that were required last session. Vote No. If this bill passes you should have all parties represented.

HB 1438 to allow all OHRVs "on any non-divided public way of the state" This is simply not safe. I do NOT want OHRV's everywhere. There is a place for them but its not in residential areas, not on all public lands. Vote N0

Please do what is right for all involved.

