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From: Abby Evankow [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:14 PM
To: Rodrigue, David
Subject: Re: HB 1182
Attachments: SB 250 2012.pdf

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Would you like me to send you a copy of this map? It is the most comprehensive one I have seen. It is difficult to get a clear picture from the BOT website.

It seems important for the HB 1182 committee to have a clear understanding of the significant mileage of public roads opened to OHRVs in Coos and the resulting problems. The roads were opened after the passage of SB 250,

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds specific exceptions to the evaluation criteria for the establishment of ATV and trail bike trails on state lands, and allows for OHRV operation on certain highways and trail crossings and connectors in Coos county.

Trail connectors,

5 as defined in RSA 215-A:1, in Coos county shall be exempt from the provisions of RSA 215-6 A:42 and RSA 215-A:43.

RSA 215-A :1XVII. "Trail connector" means that specific portion of an OHRV trail or cross country ski trail on which an OHRV trail maintenance vehicle may operate authorized within a state highway right-of-way by the department of transportation.

Because of this exemption, an OHRV rider can leave Jericho State Park and ride almost 30 miles on public road through Berlin, Milan and Stark. None of these abutting property owners were notified that the local OHRV club and town and state was considering turning their roads into an OHRV trail for 100s of OHRVs to ride in a day. It does not seem that the legislature properly understood the implications of this exemption, nor that Coos residents value their quality of life every bit as much as residents in the southern part of the state and deserve equal protections.

-Abby Evankow
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On Nov 12, 2020, at 11:42 AM, Rodrigue, David <David.M.Rodrigue@dot.nh.gov> wrote:

Hi Abby-

Thank you for your question. I am not familiar with the map you reference below. I do not know the actual road mileage used by OHRV's. DNCR does provide a webpage that links to the individual club maps.

<https://www.nhstateparks.org/activities/ohrving/club-trail-information>

Dave

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From: Abby Evankow
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Rodrigue, David
Cc: Bielecki, Elizabeth
Subject: Re: HB 1182

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Thank you, Dave,

Are you familiar with this map by cartographer Edward Rolfe? It seems more comprehensive than the one posted on NH Grand, The committee needs to be aware that both maps are out of date - not reflecting the closure of Paige Hill/Lost Nation Rds in Lancaster/Northumberland, or the land closures north and south of Stratford, that significantly truncate Corridor C.

Will DOT & DOS be able to give an actual road milage used by OHRVs to the committee?

-Abby

On Nov 4, 2020, at 9:19 AM, Rodrigue, David wrote:

Good morning Ms. Evankow-

Thank you for your question. The Ride the Wilds maps I am aware of are provided by the clubs and private entities, an example of which follows:

<https://ridethewilds.nhgrand.com/atv-new-hampshire/ride-wilds-overview-map/>

Best,
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-----Original Message-----

From: Abby Evankow
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Rodrigue, David ; Bielecki, Elizabeth
Subject: HB 1182

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Dear Director Bielecki and Mr. Rodrigue,

I see you are the NH DOT & DOS representatives on the HB 1182 committee to look at Off Road vehicle

use on roads.

Do you have a copy of the Ride the Wilds OHRV Trail map? It seems important for the committee to have a clear understanding of just how many hundreds of miles of public road in Coos are opened as OHRV "trails" and a picture (i.e. map) is worth 1000 words.

I understand that there are approximately 50 miles of state road for OHRV travel w/ DOT/DOS approval, but many more miles of town roads have been opened, contrary to manufacturer recommendations that their machines not be used on paved roads.

I asked DNCR to detail how many miles of their Connector Trails - BOT State Corridors A,C,D- were state road, town road, public land, private land but they could not tell me.

Sincerely,
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