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Dear Chris,

It has been brought to my attention that you are looking for information regarding the use of ATV's and motorcycles on the newly acquired rail corridors in your district. The federal funds that were used by DOT, Bureau of Railroads and Public Transportation to purchase the corridors specifies they cannot be used for motorized recreation with the exception of snowmobiles.

The Bureau of Trails has an agreement with DOT to operate the corridors as trails, but we are held to the above constraint. I have enclosed a copy of the agreement and pertinent DRED rules (Res 8500 & Res 8300) that address the use of OHRVs on DRED properties. More specifically, Res 8501.01(a) states "no person shall operate an OHRV on DRED properties except in areas or trails established by the bureau for OHRV use", and Res 8503.01(c) states "no person shall operate a trail bike or ATV off established bureau trails on DRED properties as listed in Res 8300". These corridors have not been established as OHRV trails and therefore anyone riding on them is operating illegally and should be prosecuted. Our statutory authority is found in RSA 215-A, and in RSA 216-F.

If you need more information or input, feel free to call so we can continue to protect this important state resource.

Sincerely,

E. Paul Gray
Trails Bureau Chief

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