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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 36TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Assembly Bill 369 – Off Highway Vehicles

Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage

By Representative Jeff Mursau

September 25, 2013

Chairman Ott and Committee Members,

Thank you for scheduling a hearing on AB 369, a bill creating a registration and funding system for recreational off-highway vehicle trails.

In 2010, the Off Highway Vehicle Association (OHVA) requested legislation to create a registration and trail funding program substantially similar to Wisconsin's All-Terrain Vehicle registration and trail funding system. Working with bill drafters over the past two and a half years, OHVA and I have drafted a responsible and limited bill to authorize and promote outdoor vehicle recreation in Wisconsin.

There is an absence of available areas in Wisconsin for local and visiting OHV owners to recreate. I believe there to be a significant potential economic impact.

In Crandon, Wisconsin already attracts a significant OHV draw in a Jeep Jamboree. This event alone is estimated to be responsible for \$1.2 million economic impact in Wisconsin every July. If Wisconsin can create a funding source for regular opportunities, I think the impact can only increase.

If there is any confusion as to the types of vehicles covered by OHVs, I would like to clarify it. OHVs are typically defined by Jeeps, but also include other 4 similar wheel drive vehicles often seen on state and local roads. Providing people a place to legally recreate in an outdoor activity that has come to be recognized and encouraged in other states.

Unlike ATVs, though, this program will be directed at operators who can legally operate such vehicles on Wisconsin roadways. The size and impact of these larger vehicles necessitate training and experience. In order to travel on OHV trails, AB 369 requires operators:

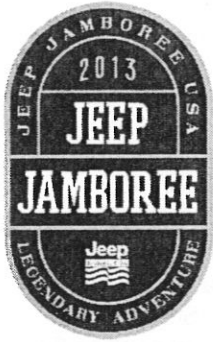
1. Be at least 16 years old
2. Be accompanied by an adult if under 18 years old
3. Obtain a DOT driver license
4. Travel on trails at a speed of 20 miles per hour or slower
5. Pass a training course if born after 1993
6. Be sober (abstain from the influence of an intoxicant)
7. Obtain consent of private property owners to travel private land
8. Submit to intoxicant screening tests by law enforcement

AB 369 creates two sticker registrations, one for vehicles traveling on state roads and one for those that don't.

The bill also requires DNR to establish:

1. An OHV safety program;
2. An OHV council;
3. A trail grant program for the use of registration fees; and
4. A damage claim program to pay landowners of property damaged by unauthorized OHV operation

Thank you again for hearing this bill today, I am happy to take any questions you might have.



18th Northwoods - Mole Lake Jeep Jamboree

Crandon, Wisconsin

July 18 - 20, 2013

Trail Rating 3 - 7

EVENT SCHEDULE

This Jamboree is a "Classic" – catered meals include breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday.

THURSDAY, July 18, 2013

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Vehicle check held at the ball field, approximately ¼ mile behind the Mole Lake Lodge, look for signs. You must have your Jeep checked **prior** to registration and trail sign-ups, which will be held in the foyer outside of the Grand Ballroom of the Mole Lake Lodge & Casino located at 3084 State Highway 55, Crandon, WI 54520, 877-478-5772. Please refer to "How Do I Get There?" for driving directions. Trail sign-ups will take place during registration and are on a **first come, first served basis**. Vehicle check is **MANDATORY PRIOR TO** trail sign-ups. **NO LATE REGISTRATION on Friday morning**. Make sure you have a full tank of gas prior to the general attendance meeting.

FRIDAY, July 19, 2013

6:30 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

Breakfast in the Grand Ballroom at the Mole Lake Lodge & Casino, same hallway as Registration

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

Mandatory General Attendance meeting at the ball field

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Trail ride

11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Lunch buffet served alfresco along the shores of beautiful Oak Lake. Groups will arrive at staggered times

1:00 P.M - 4:00 P.M.

Trail ride

5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Dinner in the Grand Ballroom at the Mole Lake Lodge & Casino. After dinner there will be a demonstration on the 2013 Grand Cherokee Overland in the back parking lot. Air-lift and other exciting available options will be discussed as well as a great Q & A time with dealer and our Coordinator, John Lewins

SATURDAY, July 20, 2013

6:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.

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Trip questions contact Erin Lara: erin@jeepjam.com / 530-333-4777 x11

Vehicle questions contact Glenda Gau: glenda@jeepjam.com / 530-333-4777 x12

Registration questions, adding or changing passengers contact Joelle Seibel: register@jeepjam.com / 530-333-4777 x18

A NOTE FROM YOUR COORDINATOR

On behalf of the Northwoods-Mole Lake Jeep Jamboree USA trail guides, helpers and the Sokaogon Chippewa Community, we would like to thank you for joining us at Mole Lake this year.

Before the French made contact with them the Ojibwa were spreading out into Wisconsin in small groups in search of food and furs. Clan chiefs sent runners to find the right spot for their people. The resulting settlements later came to be called "bands." Today the Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe is made up of a number of smaller bands of Ojibwa living in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan. In Wisconsin there are six bands of Lake Superior Chippewa. Mole Lake is the home to the Sokaogon (Mole Lake) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

The Northwoods-Mole Lake Jeep Jamboree has numerous trails which explore the Mole Lake Indian Reservation in and around Mole Lake. This land is available to motorized recreation on a very limited basis. The trails range from mild to wild as they run through the heart of over 4000 acres of northern Wisconsin forest. By attending the Northwoods-Mole Lake you'll become one of a select group that can say they have actually traveled within the boundaries of the Reservation.

The Reservation is separated into two distinct parcels divided by U. S Highway 55. The area to the East is known as Spirit Mountain and is best known as the site of the controversial Exxon Copper Mine. Though never mined the land is still home of a huge copper and zinc deposit.

The western half of the Reservation is home to Little Rice Lake. This area is demarked by the Battle of Mole Lake Monument. In 1806, the Sokaogon Chippewa battled the Sioux for control of the area and the wild rice (manomin) which was bountiful. Together, these two parcels make up some of the most beautiful forests in Northern Wisconsin.

While you're in Mole Lake enjoying the trails be sure to visit the sites of historical interest. These include the Battle of Mole Lake Historical Marker and the Denisen House Historical Log Cabin. Both of these are located on U.S. Highway 55, listed as a Wisconsin Scenic Highway.

Again, welcome to Mole Lake and happy trails!

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

The Northwoods Jeep Jamboree crew has selected a wide variety of trails and terrain to accommodate your individual vehicle's capabilities, specifications and your preference.

101 Trail – Rated 2, CB Channel 2

This is a trail designed for the first time Jeep off-road enthusiast or Jeepers who are just looking for a pleasant drive through the woods. Jeeps with 30" tires and no lift should do just fine. The trail will traverse the Mole Lake Indian Reservation and will give you an appreciation for the beauty of the Wisconsin Northwoods. This trail will only be offered on Friday and is designed for the first time off-road enthusiast to become familiar with his/her vehicle while generally just having a fun day in the woods. Some minor challenges are to be expected. You may even find a need for your tow strap.

Green Trail, Rated 2-3, CB Channel 4

This trail contains mild traversing of hills, rocks and uneven terrain. Also between trees, but limited to few tight turns and never a loss of challenges. Tire sizes are 30" to 32", modifications helpful but not needed. All terrain or mud terrain tires are recommended.

This trail is offered Saturday only.

Blue trail Rated 3-4 CB Channel 6

This trail contains slightly above mild to wild terrain with more up graded challenges including off camber on hills, climbing rocks and maneuvering between the trees in the woods. Tire sizes are from 31"-33", all terrain and mud terrain recommended. This is also a good fit for longer and wider wheel base jeeps.

Red Trail, Rated 4-5, CB Channel 8

This trail contains intermediate to wild terrain including hills, tight turns between trees, off camber on the side of hills to log climbing and rock crawling with never ending challenges to keep you on the edge of your seat. Tire sizes of 32" to 35", with all terrain or mud terrain tread pattern recommend. Also lift, lockers and other modifications recommended to accommodate never ending articulation.

Orange Trail, Rated 5-6, CB Channel 10

This trail contains several rock crawl and climb challenges as well as off camber hill accents and deccents, tight turns between trees with a never ending articulation. Lift kit, lockers and modifications recommended along with all terrain or mud terrain tires. Tire sizes of 33"- 35" required to limit under carriage damage.

Black Trail, Rated 6-7, CB Channel 12

This trail contains very wild to highly challenging areas. You will be traversing over rocks, logs, hills, both off camber and not, varied types of maneuvering between trees, tight turns and rock crawls with seemingly never ending challenges to satisfy the imaginative adventure seeker for sure! 4 inch lift, lockers in both front and rear and long arm type modification, with swaybar disconnects. Tire sizes of 33" minimum mud terrain tires required. Depending on the terrain and each individuals driving experiences, it is important to follow each guides direction to minimize the possibility of damage to your Jeep.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Mole Lake Lodge & Casino Headquarters	877) 478-5772
Best Western Crandon	800-780-7234
Four Seasons Motel	715-478-3377
Country Suites Motel	715-478-2295
Courthouse Square B&B	715-478-2549
Little Pine Motel and Resort	715-649-3431
Main Street Inn	715-478-2423
Rustic Haven Resort	715-478-2255

CAMPING & RV PARKING

Hiles Pine Lake Campground	715-649-3319
Forest County Veteran's Memorial Park	715-478-3950
Casino sub-parking lot for RV'S	877-478-5772

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Mole Lake Lodge & Casino, Headquarters
(877) 478-5772
3084 State Highway 55
Crandon, WI 54520
Latitude: 45.484899 / Longitude: 88.9746

LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

For a current 10-day forecast, please go to www.weather.com. This will assist you in planning and packing for your trip.

VISITOR RESOURCES

Forest County Chamber of Commerce	715-478-3450
Wisconsin Department of Tourism	800-432-8747

WEB SITES

State of Wisconsin	www.wisconsin.gov
WI Department of Tourism	www.travelwisconsin.com
Forest County Chamber of Commerce	www.visitforestcounty.com
Mole Lake Casino	www.molelake.com

SPECIAL THANKS!

John Lewins - Coordinator
Northwoods Mole Lake Trail Guides
Sokaogon/Chippewa Community
Sokaogon/Chippewa Forestry Department
Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association
Forest County Chamber of Commerce
Forest County Sheriff's Department



VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Tow points are MANDATORY! Tow points may include, tow hooks properly mounted to the frame with grade six/ eight bolts according to official Mopar installation procedures, draw bars, receiver hitches, or aftermarket bumpers with manufacturers installed clevis or d-ring anchor. **If you do not have tow points, you may be turned away at registration without a refund.**

- **No body lifts or suspension lifts over 6" combined.**
- **No tires over 37".**
- **No snowplow frames.**
- **We recommend removing running boards and steps both factory and aftermarket if planning to participate in higher rated trails.**
- **All open-topped vehicles, including older models (CJs, Scramblers and Willys), must have mandatory roll bars.**
- **Tow strap recommended (with loops—NO METAL HOOKS).**
- **Full-size spare tire or comparable size mandatory! A space-saver spare (donut) just won't do.**
- **Must be street legal with license plate.**

Please contact Glenda if you have further questions at glenda@jeepjam.com or 530-333-4777 ext. 12.

WHAT TO BRING

- ___ **CB Radio highly recommended!**
- ___ Basic tool kit recommended!
- ___ First aid kit recommended!
- ___ Tire gauge recommended!
- ___ Ice chest full of your favorite non-alcoholic beverages
- ___ **Full tank of gas prior to General Attendance Meeting!**
- ___ Lots of fluids

We HIGHLY recommend that you bring a CB radio!

There are many safety issues regarding upcoming obstacles transmitted over the CB radio by your trail guides. It is important for each vehicle to have a CB radio. Learn interesting facts about the area - history, local plant and wildlife, as well as exciting stories.

Other important items to consider bringing are: drinking water, trail snacks, chair or blanket for lunch stops, flashlight, camera/video camera, binoculars, insect repellent, sun block, hat, hiking boots, toiletries & medications, toilet paper and zip-lock bags for tissue disposal, hand sanitizer, rain jacket and warm clothing.

TRAIL USAGE AND INFORMATION

WATER CROSSINGS

We may have water crossings and water holes. Many of these crossings and holes offer a bypass if you decide to "go around". It is very **IMPORTANT** to watch and listen to your trail guide. Please be sure your air intake is disconnected. Your trail guide can help you with this if needed. When driving in deep water, **GO VERY SLOW!** If your engine gets wet and stalls, **DO NOT** try to start it as you may cause serious engine damage. After the Jamboree, please be sure to reconnect your air intake. For additional tips on water crossings, please refer to your copy of "Mark A. Smith's Guide to Safe, Common Sense Off-Road Driving".

A NOTE ON LAND USAGE

Many Jeep Jamboree USA events are held on private lands with the consent of landowners, or on public lands through special use permits. In some cases, Jamboree trail groups are granted access to trail areas, which are closed to all other vehicular access during the year. Please be aware that access to these trail areas is allowed only by guided JJUSA groups during the scheduled Friday and Saturday trail rides. Individual Jamboree guests returning later to drive in these areas on their own do so in violation of JJUSA's land use agreements and endanger future Jamboree usage of these restricted trails as well as being removed from the Jamboree without a refund. Thank you for your cooperation in assuring Jamboree access to some of America's most spectacular backcountry.

PLEASE TREAD LIGHTLY!

Travel responsibly on designated roads and trails or in permitted areas.

Respect the rights of others including private property owners and all recreational trail users, campers and others to allow them to enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.

Educate yourself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, planning for your trip, taking recreation skills classes, and knowing how to use and operate your equipment safely.

Avoid sensitive areas such as meadows, lakeshores, wetlands and streams, unless on designated routes. This protects wildlife habitat and sensitive soils from damage.

Do your part by leaving the area better than you found it, properly disposing of waste, minimizing the use of fire, avoiding the spread of invasive species, restoring degraded areas, and joining a local enthusiast organization.

TRAIL RATING SYSTEM

Every Jamboree trail is rated from 1 (easiest) to 10 (the most difficult). These ratings are based on the overall trail, not just on one or two tough spots. Rain can increase ratings by one or two points. Please remember, all vehicles are subject to vehicle check prior to trail departure. Numerically higher rated Jamborees are more likely to result in vehicular damage.

1-2 Obstacles and terrain are relatively easy to navigate. In optimum weather conditions, some trails may not require continual use of four-wheel drive (4WD).

3-5 Moderately demanding. Challenge for novice drivers. Obstacles may include: mud holes, boulders, and streams. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

6-7 Demanding. Challenge for most skill levels. Mud holes get deeper, boulders get larger, and climbs get steeper. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

8-9 Very demanding. Likelihood of getting stuck is high. Mud holes may be deep and rock climbing is more arduous. Lifts and lockers are helpful. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

10 Extremely demanding. Reserved for the toughest off-road trip in the U.S.A. – the Rubicon Trail. Requires 4WD with 4-LO (*Not recommended for Jeep Patriot, Compass, Liberty, Cherokee, Grand Cherokee, or Commander.*)

During registration participants will have the opportunity to discuss the trails, their driving experience and vehicle capabilities with the trail guides. Guides will work with participants for trail placement.

RAIN MAY INCREASE TRAIL RATINGS 1 OR 2 POINTS, ESPECIALLY WITH STREET TIRES.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS – Before, During, After Your Trip

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

It is **mandatory** to return a waiver form signed by everyone in your vehicle (by mail, fax or email) to the JJUSA office as soon as possible. Your registration **IS NOT COMPLETE** until we receive a completed waiver. This helps you to prevent delays in processing your registration and avoid longer wait times during registration. A waiver for participant's under the age of 18 years old must be signed by a parent or the minor's legal guardian.

New registrations, adding or changing passengers: It is very important to register new vehicles, add or change passengers **at least two weeks** prior to the Jamboree date. This will enable us to give an accurate count to our caterer for the meals. Please note that registration prices are per person, not per Jeep vehicle. Event T-Shirts are not included in your registration fee. You may pre-order event T-Shirts at the time of your

registration. Shirts will be given to you at Thursday registration. Other Jeep Jamboree USA clothing and merchandise will be available onsite and online however quantities and sizes are limited.

GET CONNECTED

Join the discussion group for just one or multiple Jeep Jamborees on facebook. This is a great way to start conversing with fellow participants and trail guides before you even get to the Jamboree. Ask questions, share information and photos before, during and after your great adventure. Click on [discussion groups](#) on the Jeep Jamboree USA homepage and join for FREE.

WHILE YOU ARE THERE

Name Badges and Wristbands

When you register on-site Thursday evening, you will be given one nametag and a wristband per participant. Please wear both of these while at the event. They are verification of registration. Those without a wristband will not be served meals or allowed on the trails.

WHEN YOU RETURN

Submit your photos to us. Jeep Jamboree USA is proud to continue the Photo of the Month & Photo of the Year Contest. We know many of you take great pictures as you explore America's backcountry while on a Jeep Jamboree; and now it's time to share those photos with other Jeep Jamboree enthusiasts! The best part is, you could win a Jeep Jamboree USA trip for two anywhere in the United States. So if you've been taking pictures at Jeep Jamboree events you might be holding the winning photo – just check your camera! Please visit www.jeeppjamboreeusa.com/photos for details on how to submit your photos.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO CAN I BRING?

Whoever you want! As long as they each have a required seat belt in your Jeep 4x4. Bringing pets is strongly discouraged. If your pet must attend, you must submit a pet waiver prior to event.

WHERE DO I SLEEP ON A JEEP JAMBOREE?

Participants are responsible for arranging their own lodging. Included in this event schedule is a list of accommodations. Be sure to mention you're attending a Jeep Jamboree when making your reservation.

WHAT DOES THE JAMBOREE FEE COVER?

Your fee covers all necessary permits, land-use fees, experienced guides for the entire trip, three meals on both Friday and Saturday ("Select" adventurers include evening meals only). NOTE: Meals vary. Regrettably, no accommodations can be made for special diets or dietary restrictions. Also included is an official Jeep Jamboree dash plaque and access to some of the finest trails in America – several of which are only available through this program. Each Jamboree also features a giveaway for chances to win great prizes from our sponsors. Sorry, no partial trips are offered or

meal only options and no spectators allowed. All participants must be officially registered.

CAN I BRING MY JEEP LIBERTY, CHEROKEE, COMPASS, PATRIOT, GRAND CHEROKEE, OR COMMANDER?

Of course! All new Jeep 4x4 vehicles with a 4-LO transfer case are Trail Rated® and are tested on demanding 4x4 trails. Vehicles without 4-LO may **ONLY** use trails rated 1-2. Your Jeep four-wheel-drive vehicle is required to be in good condition, with good tires, brakes, and seat belts. In addition, we require prior approval for larger Jeep 4x4s, such as Grand Wagoneers and J-Series Pickups. Jeep Jamboree USA reserves the right to refuse participation to any applicant whose vehicle exceeds size restrictions.

COULD MY VEHICLE BE DAMAGED ON A JAMBOREE?

Every effort is made by Jeep Jamboree USA to make the trails as safe as possible. Participants are advised to closely follow instructions given by trail guides, spotters, and Jeep Jamboree USA. However, there's the possibility of damage to your vehicle when traveling rough terrain. Any damage is the owner's responsibility. Jamborees with higher difficulty ratings are more likely to encounter terrain that may contribute to vehicular damage. Participants are required to sign a waiver form.

JEEP JAMBOREE USA POLICIES

SAFETY

Our trail guides are trained to put your safety first. If they ask you to refrain from any activity, to avoid specific trails or areas which jeopardizes you or your fellow participant's safety or is not authorized for our use, please follow their directions. JJUSA does not authorize or promote any night runs. AS AGREED TO IN YOUR WAIVER, ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO WEAR HIS OR HER RESPECTIVE SEAT AND SHOULDER BELTS. IF A TRAIL GUIDE ASKS YOU TO WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT AND YOU DO NOT COMPLY, VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE JEEP JAMBOREE, MONEY WILL NOT BE REFUNDED, AND THOSE INVOLVED WILL BE BANNED FROM ALL FUTURE JEEP JAMBOREES.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON ANY TRAIL RIDE. VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE JEEP JAMBOREE, MONEY WILL NOT BE REFUNDED, AND THOSE INVOLVED WILL BE BANNED FROM ALL FUTURE JEEP JAMBOREES.

REFUND POLICIES

We realize that unexpected events such as work conflicts, mechanical problems and illnesses may cause you to cancel your trip. However, we have many business partners that we pay deposits based on

a preliminary participant count, therefore in order to limit the impact of cancellations the following penalties apply to your refund should you choose to cancel:

<u>Days Prior to Trip Date</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
Reservation to 60 Days	\$75
59 days to 30 days	50 %
29 days to 8 days	75 %
7 days to trip date	NO REFUND
Transfer Fee	\$50

Should you choose to transfer from one trip to another trip in the **SAME** calendar year you may do so for \$50 per transfer.

CHILDREN 5 & UNDER

Children 5 and under are not charged to participate with you in a Jamboree. Complimentary meals for children 5 and under will be provided.

ONSITE PURCHASES AT JAMBOREE

If you purchase JJUSA merchandise at the event, please be aware that we can accept payment by check or cash only; sorry no credit cards!

NO C.O.D.S

Please note that all registrations must be paid in advance.

NO PARTIAL DAYS OR MEALS ONLY REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are for the **SAME** person (driver or passengers) for **BOTH** days. Passengers may not be swapped; i.e. one person on one day; another person another day. We base our nametags, meals and waivers on the same person for both days. We do not permit partial (one-day only) registrations (no refunds are given for days not used), nor do we sell a "meals only" option for those who are not on the trail but wish to join participants for meals.

Due to unforeseen circumstances all trips, events and trails are subject to change or cancellation without advance notice.

**Prepared Testimony on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources
before the Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage
Regarding AB 369**

Wednesday, September 24, 2013

Good morning and thank you Representative Ott and members of the Committee. We appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today.

This bill creates a new registration requirement for public trail use by off-highway vehicles (OHV) that are four-wheel drive vehicles and are not all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) or utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), and also four-wheel drive vehicles that can currently be registered with the Department of Transportation, such as trucks and sport utility vehicles.

This rule would require work from the Department, including promulgation of rules and establishment of an OHV program similar to what currently exists for ATVs and snowmobiles. This would include setting up and operating a tiered registration program; creation of safety and education programming; creation of trail standards, trail oversight, and trail mapping; and establishment of a grant program to include an OHV council.

The Department recognizes that there are fiscal implications; we do not know just how much money would be generated by the program or what investment would need to be undertaken by the Department to create and maintain such a program. Costs to the Department would include producing and mailing the registration decals, managing the grant program and staffing the council, and producing maps, as well as for creation of trail standards, and safety and education material and programs.

The last *Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan*ⁱ for Wisconsin cites that 17.7 percent of the population of Wisconsin, or approximately 1,000,000 residentsⁱⁱ, engage in off-road vehicle driving as a form of recreation. It can be assumed that a subset of this number would choose to participate in a registration program. The types of vehicles registered could fall into either the Type A or Type B classification outlined in this bill.

The Department has no position on AB369. A fiscal analysis is available.

Thank you for your time.

ⁱ *Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2005-2010*. Table 5-1: Wisconsin Recreation Demand by SCORP Region, page 5-7.

The Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, or SCORP, gives outdoor recreation decision-makers and managers a focused set of priorities and suggested actions to guide them as they make decisions about outdoor recreation. Among information provided in the document is a listing of recreational activities engaged in by Wisconsin citizens.

ⁱⁱ United States Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce. 2010 population data.

I'd like to thank this committee for allowing me to have the opportunity to address you today. As a Jeep owner and motorized trail riding enthusiast, I appear here today to urge your support for AB369.

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers the laws regulating the operation and registration of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs). This bill establishes requirements for the operation and registration of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) that are similar, but much more restrictive than the requirements that apply to ATVs and UTVs.

You may know that at the end of World War II, U.S. soldiers returned from defending their country and often continued their love affairs with the Jeeps that they used in combat. They realized and appreciated that these vehicles were not only tools of war, but had a recreational value which they appreciated. While Jeeps (OHVs) are the oldest form of motorized recreation here in Wisconsin, this group of recreationists has never been fully recognized by the State of Wisconsin.

This long overdue bill recognizes OHVs and OHV recreationists. It further creates a self-funded source of revenue which can then be used to provide trail riding opportunities to this motorized recreation group.

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