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Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2006 1:50 PM

To: Sen.Breske

Subject: Use of ATVs on state trails

Dear Senator Breske,

We understand that you are chair of the Special Committee of State Trails Policy. We are writing to express our extreme concern with a proposed policy to allow ATVs to use state trails at the same time (year-round) as the trails are in use by hikers, bikers, children, and in some cases horses.

We cannot find words strong enough to express our objection to such policy. We are bikers who purchase an annual trail pass for use of the state trails throughout the state with our bicycles. We find the concurrent use by bicyclers and hikers to be safe and compatible.

It takes little experience and thought to realize that putting ATVs on the same trail will be extremely unsafe for everyone. The ATVs are often driven by young, experienced drivers and are capable of speeds in excess of 50 mph. They would be an obvious hazard to hikers, bikers, and even to themselves in that environment.

I am sure that if other hikers and bikers knew of this proposed rule change, there would be an unanimous protest from them against this proposed policy.

We urge you to oppose the proposed change in policy and avoid giving us one more reason to move away from Wisconsin for the rest of our retirement.

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