

Thank you, Senator Breske and members of the Trail Committee for inviting Northern Wisconsin citizens to present pertinent information regarding motorized trails in Vilas County.

It is important for you to know that Vilas County voters chose, by referendum, to forbid the use of ATV's on Vilas County roads and the placement of trails on Vilas County lands. The overwhelming 2 to 1 vote represented the opposition of the clear majority of residents to these noisy polluting vehicles. Just because someone has invented another machine that requires an internal combustion engine, it does not follow that trails must be provided for the five percent of the population, which purchases one.

We treasure our watery, forested county with its splendid State and National Parks, which must be preserved "unimpaired for future generations". It is imperative that they not be sacrificed to the so-called recreation community, a euphemism for the motorized vehicle manufacturers and their lobbyists. ATV riders presently can pursue their activity in 33 counties in Wisconsin where they are welcome to use more than 8000 miles of routes and trails. I wholeheartedly support the concept of keeping Vilas County as a "control" area so that our descendants will be able to enjoy the stillness of our forests and streams with no intrusive sounds and noxious fumes.

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