

[October 15, 2006]

Dear Dennis Leith and Robert Dall,

Regarding: The proposed trail route begins at the existing ATV trail along County J in Iron County and follows Cedar Lake Road until it hits Circle Lily Road across J. It follows Circle Lily road to the point where it runs along the County line between Iron and Vilas County and passes in front of about 17 homes on Circle Lily lake.

Gentlemen, please keep in mind the often reiterated message of the many who opposed ATV trails in the **NORTHERN HIGHLAND-AMERICAN LEGION STATE FOREST**. Without enforcement, without substantial penalties for violations, with only "expectations" that ATVs will stay on the trails, will not interfere with other uses of the forest, will not erode the land, will not seed invasives, and destroy native habitats. The history of ATVs on public lands in Wisconsin has proven that they cannot adequately police themselves, or control a small but dangerous minority that is more than enough to spoil it for the rest of us. There is not one place in Wisconsin, the USA, Africa, Europe, Asia, or Australia that is an exception to the conclusion that ATVs cannot be trusted stewards of natural habitats, shared recreational space, or land in general. Why would we be oblivious to this historical and present day evidence and expose our sacred forest to this disruption? It's simply crazy. Please don't allow it.

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