

I only today found out that there was a comments period regarding ATV funding and state trails. It was suggested that I contact Senator Breske's office as soon as possible and I am taking the time to do so because I do not want to see the growth of ATV funding for trails. I would ask that any funding allowed be limited to repairing ATV damage on public lands and trails as well as private property. This includes so-called multi-use trails that are used by ATVs and are no longer suitable for other intended uses such as bicycling, hiking and providing access to people with disabilities.

As avid bicyclists, cross country skiers and hikers, my husband and I would like to see more funds put into trails of this nature, not the damaging and polluting (sound and air quality) ATV trails. Let's encourage those sports that respect our natural resources.

Thank you for letting me express our opinion.

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Senator Breske,

- 1) Any increase in ATV funding should focus solely on repairing ATV damage on public lands and trails as well as private property. This includes so-called multi-use trails that are used by ATVs and are no longer suitable for other intended uses, such as bicycling, hiking and providing access to people with disabilities.
- 2) There is a need to explore a funding mechanism for silent sports in order to expand opportunities and protect natural resources since these activities are many times more popular than ATVing yet their impact on the landscape is negligible.

As a state we should be focusing on environmentally sound activities and energy conservation. ATVs damage the environment and waste valuable energy. Please consider options to limit their damage and use.

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I am a landowner in Vilas County and wish to state emphatically that I concur with the 66% of the Vilas County voters who expressed themselves through the ballot box regarding ATV travel in our County. This vocal majority values the quiet of the woods, the wildlife and the peace of our county. Those who live in this peace contribute greatly to the economy of our small towns and the quality of life we all enjoy.

Though those of us in Vilas County appreciate our silent sports, we are glad that there are also great opportunities for others who wish to ride ATVs in other parts of the state. More are not needed.

Perhaps later statistics will show a reversal regarding the negative impact ATVs have on our fragile ecosystems.

Perhaps ATV enthusiasts will develop a way to easily identify individual machines so that appropriate enforcement of off-trail and irresponsible driving is possible.

Perhaps ATV licences will provide an adequate funding stream for enforcement and maintenance of current trails.

Until such time I urge you to protect our beautiful state from all new ATV trail development.

Thank you.

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Dear Senator Breske,

The vast majority of Wisconsin citizens are oblivious of the perils that face the Northern Highland/American Legion State Forest regarding the proposed introduction of ATV trails, and therefore, will not be communicating with your committee. I urge you to be acutely aware of the importance of your position as Chairman of the Legislative State Trails Committee. It is not to be taken lightly, nor must you be pressured into making a decision which can affect the welfare of the forest for generations to come.

It has been demonstrated in every state which offers trails, that ATV riders take great pleasure in seeking out off-trail temptations. Many a stream bank has been destroyed in the name of "mudding".

Before any legislation is offered to introduce these noisy polluting machines into our precious forest, plans must be in place to deal with the scofflaws. Funds for adequate patrolling by professional law enforcement officers, license plates which are visible, and a myriad of other problems must be dealt with before any legislation is contemplated. If an activity is likely to wreak havoc, it should be banned from the forest, just as Vilas County has banned these wretched machines from county roads and lands.

There are presently more than eight thousand miles of ATV trails in our state. Have you ever heard that these trails are too crowded to ride on?

Please vote "NO" to opening the Northern Highlands/American Legion State Forest to these internal combustion machines.

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Sir, I believe that there is a pressing need for silent, non-intrusive sports to lure tourists to this great and beautiful North country which you represent. Please make our wishes known to the legislative and executive branches of this state that we have enough motors on the highways let alone carving up our public lands with more trails for off road vehicles. Sincerely, Ken

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