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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

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**2021 Wisconsin Act 176**  
[2021 Senate Bill 727]

**Combining Appropriations for  
All-Terrain Vehicle and  
Utility Terrain Vehicle Projects**

### BACKGROUND

Under prior law, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) registration fees and ATV fuel tax revenue were credited to appropriations separate from appropriations to which utility terrain vehicle (UTV) registration fees and UTV fuel tax revenue were credited. These ATV and UTV monies were then specifically appropriated to DNR to conduct state ATV or UTV projects, and to provide aid to federal agencies, local governments, and nonprofit organizations to conduct ATV or UTV projects.

State law authorized DNR to provide aid to nonprofit organizations for the types of ATV projects specified under [s. 23.33 \(9\) \(b\), Stats.](#), including development of ATV facilities, maintenance of ATV routes or trails, and production of trail maps and a statewide digital information application for providing safety, regulatory, and riding opportunity information.

### 2021 WISCONSIN ACT 176

2021 Wisconsin Act 176 combines these ATV and UTV appropriations so that the ATV and UTV monies are not separated. Under the act, DNR may use these monies to conduct both state ATV and UTV projects, and to provide aid to federal agencies, local governments, and nonprofit organizations to conduct both ATV and UTV projects. The act also authorizes DNR to fund UTV projects, in addition to ATV projects, as specified under s. 23.33 (9) (b), Stats.

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