

Dear Senator Breske:

There are quite enough ATV trails in Wisconsin! No more trails are needed until this form of recreation can stop the impacts and problems it is causing.

- ATV's have a detrimental impact on the soils and vegetation of legal trails and illegal riding in off-trail areas. Soil erosion, invasive seed spread, rutting, and root damage each impacts each of our various types of ecosystems, infringes on alternative user activities, and is the cause of very high restoration expenses. This expensive damage needs to be stopped. The public is bearing the cost of repairs and eradications.
- Enforcement is currently impossible since individual machines can not be identified. The State must demand that ATV owners and rentals display a highly visible State Registration number in a readable location. Registration fees are needed to support substantial enforcement.
- Then there are the common sense issues: Americans are the most overweight nation in the world. Get off and walk...somewhere!
- Then there are the energy issues: Quiet sports are not addicted to oil. How many dead American kids does it take to fill the gas tank of an ATV?
- Then there are the safety issues...speed, children, alcohol, etc.

Please let your leadership exhibit common sense, concern, and a regard for the long term impacts on land and other user groups.

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