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Mr. Taylor Caswell, Chair
NH Council on Resources and Development
110 North Main Street
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Dear Chairman Caswell:

The New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources officially recognizes the Kelsey Notch Trail on Nash Stream Forest as a designated off-highway recreational vehicle (OHRV) trail on the condition that monitoring occur twice annually during the riding season and that year-end maintenance, if needed, be done prior to seasonal trail closure. The first monitoring visit will be conducted in mid-July near the peak of riding activity followed by a second visit in late October, just prior to year-end maintenance and close-out. The monitoring team will consist of North Region representatives from the Division of Forests & Lands, Fish & Game Department, and Bureau of Trails. If any significant erosion, excessive noise levels, or other environmental impacts are observed during a monitoring visit, those conditions will be addressed as promptly as the state contracting process will allow. A comprehensive monitoring report will be submitted to CORD annually. Should monitoring or any future empirical research indicate persistent unmitigated issues of soil erosion, water quality violations, wildlife or other significant environmental impacts, the status of the trail on Nash Stream Forest will be reassessed by CORD and DNCR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Stewart".

Sarah L. Stewart, Commissioner