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NH Council on Resources and Development (CORD)

Department of Business and Economic Affairs

100 Main Street Concord, NH 03301

Dear CORD Members,

Our club maintains 140 miles of trail in the towns of Stratford, Groveton and Columbia that are predominantly trails through the forest with only a small number of miles of roads used to connect the various trails. Currently the only through trail into our area is from the north via the Kelsey Notch trail. When Dummer residents closed their town roads to ATV traffic this spring, it had a huge impact on our trail system since riders could no longer do a loop through our trail system because going south dead ended in Stark. Unfortunately one of the casualties of this reduced traffic was the closing of the Hollow Village Store in Stratford NH. This store had provided gas and food to area residents, ATV riders and snowmobilers for many years. Most of our local businesses have been struggling to survive since the paper mill in Groveton closed in 2017. ATV riders and snowmobilers make up the bulk of our visitors in the Stratford area and provide a much needed boost to the local economy. Any of the local Realtors, can vouch for the one driving force for folks coming here to build or purchase camps is for Snowmobiling and Atving. Closing the Kelsey Notch trail would disconnect us from major riding areas in (Pittsburg/Colebrook and Millsfield/Errol) and it would be devastating for the entire region. Please continue to keep the Kelsey Notch Trail as well as Nash Stream trails open.

Sincerely yours,

Ted Burns

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