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**North Country ATV Club  
Nash Stream Pilot Trail  
Year End Report-Calendar year 2003**

The Nash Stream Forest Pilot ATV Trail opened for public ATV use, on August 1, 2002. Since it opened the North Country ATV Club has performed over 345 hours of Volunteer Trail Patrol through the forest, encountering an average of about 6 users/day. Trail users encountered included (ATV, hikers, horseback, etc?). Please bear in mind that most of our trailpatrol hours are on weekends when most riders are out there. Keeping this in mind, you will have to conclude that during the weekdays, there is much less traffic than the observed, 6 per day.

Duties performed by the club, on the Nash Stream Trail, included trail sign maintenance, education outreach to other trail users, removal of debris and trash from trail, which is usually very minimal.

This year the club plans on applying for Grant-In-Aid funds to fill and harden the approaches to many of the bridges and freshen up the water bars when spring runoff is finished. I might add that even though this trail is under the states magnifying glass as an experiment and study area, this is the first time we have had to perform any maintenance on this excellent trail. Even though there are steep grades and rugged terrain this trail has held up well

Confirming our original thoughts on this trail and its use, there has been very little impact to the environment from the use of atvs and that is no surprise to our club. It seems to be only the people who see the sky falling each day that find it necessary to prohibit and restrict the things they fear and do not understand through lack of information or worse, misinformation. We have conducted a study of our own and find a very small number of users on the trail we have been allowed to use in Nash Stream and it is on the rarest of occasions that we encounter hikers or nature observationists other than those on atvs.

The trail closed for ATV use on December 15, 2003 and will open again on May 23, 2004 for the summer season unless Mother Nature prolongs mud season. If for some reason things do not dry up sufficiently by May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will announce an opening date on our website, [www.northcountryatv.com](http://www.northcountryatv.com) and post the trail accordingly.