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**North Country ATV Club  
Nash Stream Pilot Trail  
Year End Report-Calendar year 2005**

The Nash Stream Forest Pilot ATV Trail opened for public ATV use, on August 1, 2002. In 2005 the North Country ATV Club had 99 Trail Patrol personnel ride through the West Side Trail using Bordeau and Andritz connector trails, encountering an average of about 11 users/day. It has been observed over the past several years that this area has almost no other user groups visiting the trails. We have not encountered hikers or hunters or fishermen or equestrians during our patrols. Our time invested was 256 hours in 2005 which is substantial for this small trail. Please bear in mind that most of our trail patrol 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. During our many hours of trail work on connecting trails, there are many days when there is no traffic.

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.

Trail repairs on this section have been minimal. One of the reasons for this is because of the fine job that was done by the Trails Bureau to make sure there was a very good trail to start this program with. The trail has held up to all expectations with no environmental or safety issues reported.

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.

Up to this point we are very pleased to have this trail as part of our system and hope to be able to add to it in the future.

The trail closed for ATV use on December 15, 2005 and will open again on May 23, 2006 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.

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