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PHILIP A. BRYCE  
 Director  
 April 30, 2002

The Honorable Betty B. Hall  
 New Hampshire House of Representatives  
 107 North Main Street  
 Concord, NH 03301-4988

Dear Representative Hall:

Thank you for your response to both Tom Miner and myself regarding the proposed changes to the Nash Stream Forest Management Plan. All comments received will be taken into consideration and shared with the Nash Stream Forest Citizen Advisory Committee as we approach the final stages of the Plan revision process. We are also looking to HB 1273 relative to planning and procedures for state owned or leased trails for all-terrain vehicles for guidance as this bill goes through the legislative process.

We are faced with many different and sometimes conflicting demands for the use of public lands. In response, the interest and support of our elected officials and an open, public process, such as the Nash Stream Forest planning process, are essential to meeting the broad range of public expectations.

On behalf of both Tom and I, thank you again for your comments.

Sincerely,



Philip A. Bryce  
 Director

cc: Commissioner Bald  
 Director McLeod  
 Tom Miner, Forest Management ✓

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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April 25, 2002

Philip A. Bryce, Director  
Department of Resources and Economic Development  
Division of Forests and Lands  
PO Box 1856  
Concord, NH 03302-1856

Dear Mr. Bryce:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Nash Stream Management Plan, which has been in effect for several years, and the draft revisions.

The management plan has a number of excellent provisions which I endorse, but the changes to allow a pilot program for ATV use does not meet the same standard. To be a pilot for future decision making, we need to know the present actual conditions affecting the ecology of the area to understand any changes during the time ATV's use time frames. In other words, there should be a complete study before the ATVs begin to use the area. There should also be a determination of how long we need to collect data before the experimental design is adopted. Much more study is needed.

Sincerely,

*Betty Hall / ga*

Rep. Betty Hall  
Hillsborough County, District 20

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cc: Thomas Miner



# State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

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April 25, 2002

Thomas Miner  
DRED  
Division of Forests and Lands  
PO Box 1856  
Concord, NH 03302-1856

Dear Mr. Miner:

The draft revisions to the Nash Stream Management Plan are inadequate.

The management plan has a number of excellent provisions which I endorse, but the changes to allow a pilot program for ATV use does not meet the same standard. To be a pilot for future decision making, we need to know the present actual conditions affecting the ecology of the area to understand any changes during the time ATV's use time frames. In other words, there should be a complete study before the ATVs begin to use the area. There should also be a determination of how long we need to collect data before the experimental design is adopted. Much more study is needed.

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N.H. Division of Forests & Lands  
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Dear Nash Stream Managers:

When the state bought the Nash Stream tract and Jack Sargent delivered the details to us on the North Country Advisory Council (his ears in the northland), I was very disappointed with the proposed plan for camp leases.

Jack began by saying they wanted to keep things the same, seamless transfer if you will, but he wasn't sure how they would terminate the leases! He then explained how money was tight, and it may be difficult to maintain the road system anyway.

We all want to preserve those things that make the North Country so special. People are an indigenous species here; we are an important part of the landscape, part of the biodiversity. We contribute. Most of those camp owners have had ties there for decades; they are committed to the region. They are fire wardens, EMT's, tax payers, enforcement for illegal dumping, part of the fabric, and part of our cultural heritage. I hope that you can amend the termination policy and allow the camps to remain. If well placed, a few more might make sense. I suggest you have a lottery for sites and use the money to maintain the road system.

Sincerely,

  
Barry Kelley  
President & General Manager

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Groveton, N.H. 03582

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April 4, 2002

Thomas Miner  
Division of Forests and Lands  
P.O. Box 1856  
Concord, N.H. 03302

Re: Nash Stream Forest Management Plan Revision Process

Dear Mr. Miner:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my opinions, concerns and ask questions with regard to the above project.

I have reviewed the latest draft revisions and believe this to be a very ambitious plan. If carried out, I think this tract has a sound, healthy future.

With regard to the goals of timber management, along with the even-aged management, I had hoped to see some kind of commitment to replanting that coincided with the degree of cutting or clear cutting that may be done.

Regarding the fish and wildlife management goals, would like to see DRED in conjunction with Fish and Game, consider shortening the fishing season on Trio Ponds (all three ponds) to Sept. 15th instead of Oct. 15th. We have seen a decline over the years in fishing quality and quantity and believe it is directly related to having the season extend into the species spawning period as well as other factors of water quality and changes in the pond eco system.

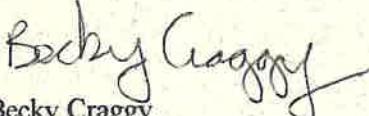
I recognize the ultimate goal of DRED to remove the private recreation camps from state land and believe that this draft revision is a fair one, giving the state "first refusal option". I have a major concern regarding at least three existing camps in the Nash Stream area. I hope that in the future when the time is appropriate, that Forest Home share camp on first pond at Trio, Silver Brook Share camp and Broken Dam camp on the dam road off of the Nash Stream road will be kept and maintained by the State for historical purposes. All of these camps have many rich stories which give an insight into the lives and events of past generations of loggers, woodsmen and families that inhabited this area. I cannot speak for the other two camps, but Forest home was built in the late 1800's. I feel that future generations that come to visit this area would be missing out on alot of history that goes with this tract of land, if these camps were destroyed.

Lastly, with regard to the pilot project for ATV use on the West side trail. I still feel that this proposal is contradictory with the overall objectives of the state for this tract of land. I would like to see a survey, evaluation or assesment performed BEFORE the ATV's start using the trail, so that the impact on the land, air and water can be fairly monitored and documented at intervals over the next three to five years. Are these reports going to be available for public review, plus any infractions and incidents that are reported by local authorities or campowners? What entity is responsible for enforcement of trail rules? My concern is that the whole picture get presented

good or bad so that a fair evaluation can be made and not be influenced by certain special interest groups or politicians.

In closing, thank you for your consideration of these concerns and questions. I hope to make the April 10th meeting in Lancaster.

Sincerely,

  
Becky Craggy



# State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

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October 25, 2001

Division of Forest & Lands  
P.O. Box 1856  
Concord, NH 03302-1856

Re: Nash Stream Forest Management Plan

Dear Sirs:

I would like to go on record as favoring ATV use in the Nash Stream Forest. My constituents and I believe in a true multi-use concept of public access. ✓

If the State is to be a true steward of the lands, it must be ready to accept new uses in a regulated manner. I would also like to see these changes and other necessary changes as they come up acted on in a timely fashion.

Very truly yours,

*J. T. Gallus*  
John T. Gallus  
Representative

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Franklin, NH 03235  
October 28, 2001

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NH Division of Forests and Lands  
P.O. Box 1856  
Concord, NH 03302-1856

Re Nash Stream Comments

Was unable to send this via e-mail after spending a LONG time typing our comments out. Please accept the enclosed instead.

Thank you  
Marcia Burley  
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# New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands

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## NASH STREAM FOREST - ISSUES COMMENT FORM

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Please use this "ISSUES COMMENT FORM" to submit your responses to Nash Stream Forest issues. Your comments will help us determine if revising the Nash Stream Forest Management Plan is necessary.

The following issues have been identified with the assistance of the Nash Stream Forest Citizen Advisory Committee. To address these issues, the Nash Stream Forest Management Plan may require revision involving further public input. This "comment form" is one mechanism we have in place for public comment.

For further information, please contact the Division of Forests and Lands, PO Box 1856, Concord, NH 03302-1856 or [email](#).

#### **Issue #1:**

**Would you like to see recreational use of all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) allowed on the Nash Stream Forest?**

Yes  No

**Enter your comments about ATV's in the space provided below:**

As camp owners, we would like to make a few comments about the proposed use of Nash Stream State Forest by ATV's. Let me start by saying that we oppose ATV use. Our opposition is twofold,

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#### **Issue #2:**

**Under current department policy, the current private camp lot leases shall not exceed 50 years in duration and all leases terminate in 2039. Would you like to see**

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Oct 28,2001

Issue #1

As camp owners, we would like to make a few comments about the proposed use of Nash Stream Forest by ATV's.

Let me start by saying that we oppose ATV use. Our opposition is twofold, one of concern for the safety of our property when it's unoccupied but more importantly concern for our safety when it is. This past summer was a very dry one. We own NSB-O-106, the second camp from the end of the road and had more than one discussion about the fact that in the event of a forest fire below us, we would have no means of escape. We know that there is overnight camping being done now, opening the area to ATV's will only encourage more and the thought of what a careless campfire could do is chilling.

That being said we also understand the probability that some form of ATV use is going to be allowed. We weren't able to be at the meeting this past week in Plymouth but my brother who owns NSB-O-96 relayed the information he got from the meeting. We have several concerns with the proposed ATV trail.

Nash Stream State Forest is a large tract of land. If the State feels it must open the area to ATV use, there must be another place in the whole forest other than on Nash Stream Road itself! I think the current proposal was maybe an easy way for the ATV riders to acquire trail use without the work of cutting their own trails? From a financial standpoint, someone, I believe the State, spent a lot of money this past summer to improve the road. We were hoping that the rest of the road would maybe be done this year as the section from NSB-O-96 to the last camp is already nearly impassable to cars because of washouts that have exposed ledges across the road. Allow ATV's to run Nash Stream Road and that money was wasted.

One potential problem we foresee is that of camp break ins. Right now traffic is mainly camp owners, fishermen and hikers. Make Nash Stream Road your ATV trail and you in effect give access to our camps to young unsupervised teenagers. There isn't any form of patrol along that road unless you count Phil Oakes, and I doubt that an 81 year old man is going to be a deterrent to vandals. What form of protection does the State plan to offer camp owners?

Our last concern is by far the most frightening. Do you honestly propose to have Nash Stream Road open to both on road AND off road vehicles?! Take a ride up that road, the section that runs by the camps is narrow and winding with some pretty sharp corners. Many of the camp owners have to park on the side of the road and walk in to their camps, so these areas are even narrower. We have had some pretty close encounters as is but the thought of coming around one of those corners and meeting an ATV is unacceptable. Two pickups is at least an even match but a pickup and an ATV? Please, please reconsider this trail proposal, there is already one memorial marker on Nash Stream, WE DON'T WANT TO SEE MORE!

Thank your for giving us the opportunity to express our concerns.

Marcia Burley  
George Burley  
Chris Burley

All for combined into one comment opposing ATV use.

this policy changed?

Yes  No

Enter your comments about the private camp lot leases in the space provided below:

The only reason I can think of why ninety plus families would buy camps that required a 12-14 mile trip over a dusty dirt road in summer and an even greater distance in sub zero

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**Issue #3:**

Currently the Nash Stream Forest Management Plan can be revised or amended based upon need not a specified schedule, such as every 10 years. Do you agree that a specified schedule should be established to revise the Nash Stream Forest Management Plan?

Yes  No

Enter your comments about the Nash Stream Forest Management Plan revision schedule in the space provided below:

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**Other:**

What other issue(s) would you like to comment on regarding the Nash Stream Forest?

[Empty text box for comments]

Please tell us how to get in touch with you:

Name: [Text input field]

October 28, 2001

Issue #2

The only reason I can think of why ninety plus families would buy camps that required a 12-14 mile trip over a dusty road in summer and an even longer distance in sub zero temperatures in winter is that we truly love the beauty, peace and tranquility of the area. My grandfather used to travel from Franklin to fish Nash Bog and I would like to think that my three year old grandson would have the opportunity to enjoy and explore all the area has to offer.

I can't think of any negatives to allowing us to remain beyond 2039. The type of people who enjoy the primitive beauty of the area and the camps are the type of simple people I picture our NH ancestors as being. We do no harm to the area and are preserving a piece of NH history.

Please let us stay

Marcia Burley



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Re: ATV use in the  
Nash Stream Forest.

My wife & I enjoy hiking + hunting  
in the Nash Stream Forest.

✓ We are "opposed" to allowing ATV's in the  
Nash Stream Forest. The ecological values  
and the wildness beauty of the forest  
is greatly diminished when these motorized  
vehicles are allowed.

You only have to look at other  
areas where ATV's are allowed to see <sup>the</sup>  
negative impact on wild life and damage  
to the forest.

Please keep this forest wild and  
free from noisy ATV's.

Thanks  
Mr/Mrs Robert A Beaulieu

P.S. An Acknowledged response  
would be appreciated.