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Mr. Miller,

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Infirming my phone call to you this morning, I would express my major concern with opening up additional for 4 wheelers in ~~the~~ the Nash Stream Area Cor anywhere 4 wheelers are inherently damaging to the land! Snowmobiles are now so big & heavy than are limited to the land and 4 wheelers are not. Also snowmobiles don't damage the land because the land is protected by snow & ice ground is frozen. Again not so with 4 wheelers. Also snowmobiles have only 2 1/2 to 3 months use; 4 wheelers have 6 months use.

I am not intimately familiar with Nash Stream area, I do snowmobile & hunt there occasionally & have Percy Peak many times. But I am intimately familiar with an area in Berlin that has been terribly damaged by 4 wheelers.

The area is on the east side of the Androscoggin River "The Red Barn Area" and goes along Stearns Brook. One of the ATV clubs ~~have~~ have just built a huge bridge over the stream that 4 wheelers can cross MPH. They used a bulldozer & intruded excessively on the forest in the building. But the 4 wheelers don't stay on the trail & have ridden through out this area & all over with ruts in the forest.

ful area for hunting but when I went back this  
I almost cried. Another beautiful area has been  
The stream was low this year & they cross the  
in another area, springing as they go up the banks,  
a 5 or 6 foot trench in the sandy bank that will  
be next spring. I talked to Fish & Game officer  
of Gralenski in Gorham & he agreed with me  
& he has put up signs but can't control it. He would  
spend half his time in that one little area to control  
wheelers.

People who ride 4 wheelers may not be any more irresponsible  
now mobilers; it may be primarily a case of them (4 wheelers)  
inherently more damaging as I just stated. But the  
main one already have a problem with excessive  
to the environment being done and there is no  
able method in place to monitor & control the  
situation. The bridge across Stearn's Brook should  
be used until it can be controlled (or at least in summer).  
I'd definitely no further areas should be opened to  
wheelers until this problem is addressed & there is a  
able method in place to monitor & control the use of  
the mis-use or abuse of the ATV trails &  
of their use to the trails.

This applies to the Nash Stream area but all other areas  
such as the proposed I.P. Land Sale in Pittsburg.  
I would appreciate receiving any information relative  
in the future. Thank you for "listening" and I hope  
to be involved in the near future.

Sincerely,