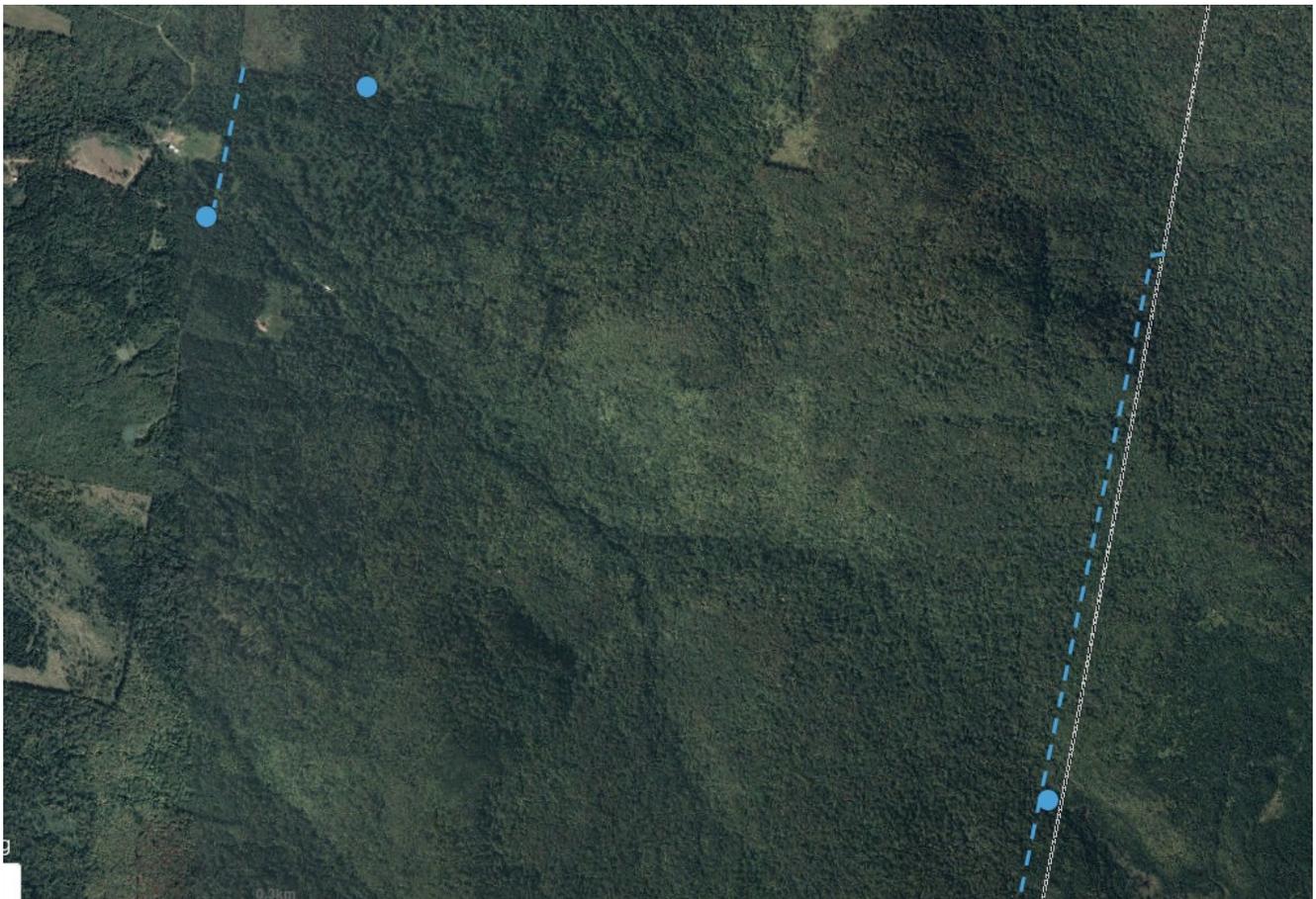


September 14, 2022

Attorney Vukelich and Attorney Vandlik,

in the absence of a response from you, to my letters of August 21, 2022, I state again: The West Side and Bordeau ATV roads and the Kelsey Notch ATV roads, in Nash Stream State Forest, Coos County, New Hampshire, are cross-country/through roads. USFS/WMNF is responsible for closing these roads to ATV use.

The 2003 photo below shows the Kelsey Notch area, with blue dots showing where the Kelsey Notch ATV roads will later cross the Nash Stream State Forest boundary.



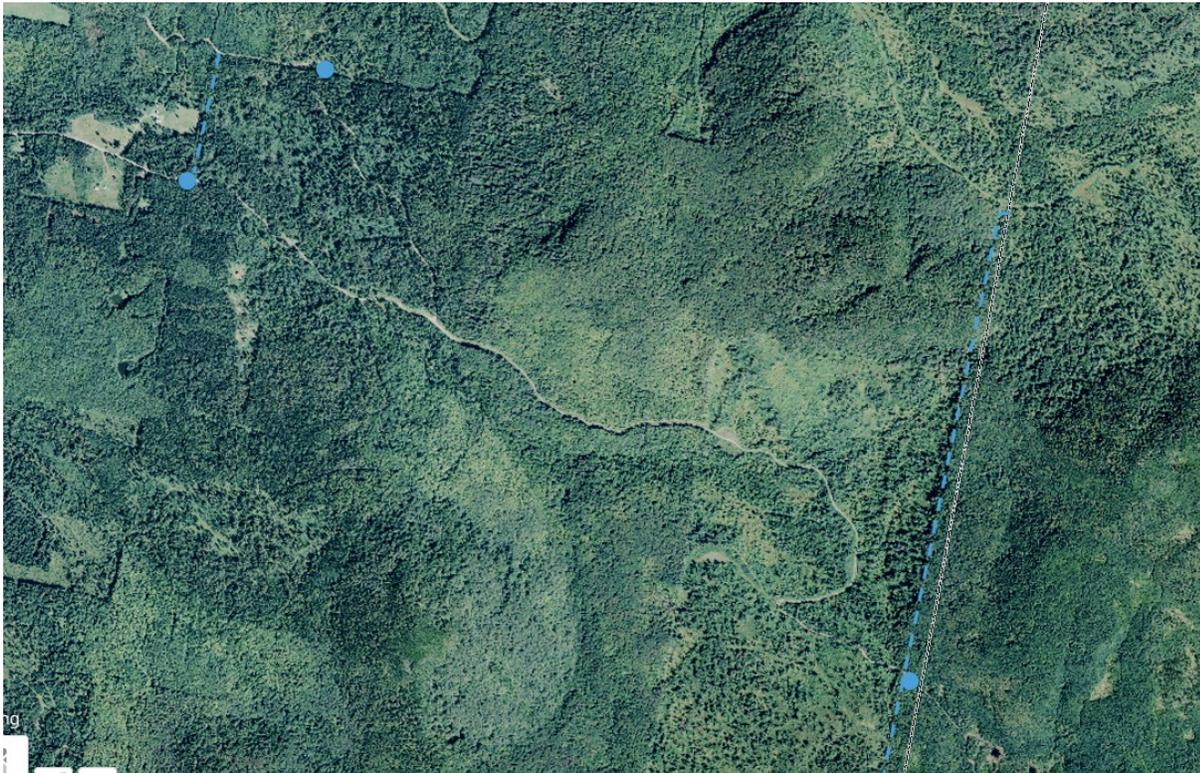
“Description of Kelsey Notch Connection: An existing snowmobile trail and road, referred to as Primary Trail 110, from the eastern property boundary to the intersection with Snowmobile Corridor 5 and northwest to the property boundary; And An existing snowmobile trail and road, referred to as Primary Trail 110, from the eastern property boundary to Kelsey Notch Road, a Town of Columbia Class VI Highway. **Purpose:** To provide an east-west and north-south link for existing OHRV trails in Coos County. The Kelsey Notch Connector will provide a critical link from existing trails in Millsfield to existing trails in Colebrook and Pittsburg, and road in Columbia. The trail to the northwest connects to Colebrook (Metallak Trail System) and the trail to the southwest connects to town roads, then connects to Stratford (North Country ATV system.) These connecting trails are a vital part of...RIDE THE WILDS...+1,000 miles of ATV trails.” (Undated, unidentified document from DNCR files.)

By 2008 the area was degraded by what appears to be logging road development and logging, especially in the southwest section. There was no WMNF/USDA oversight of this development.

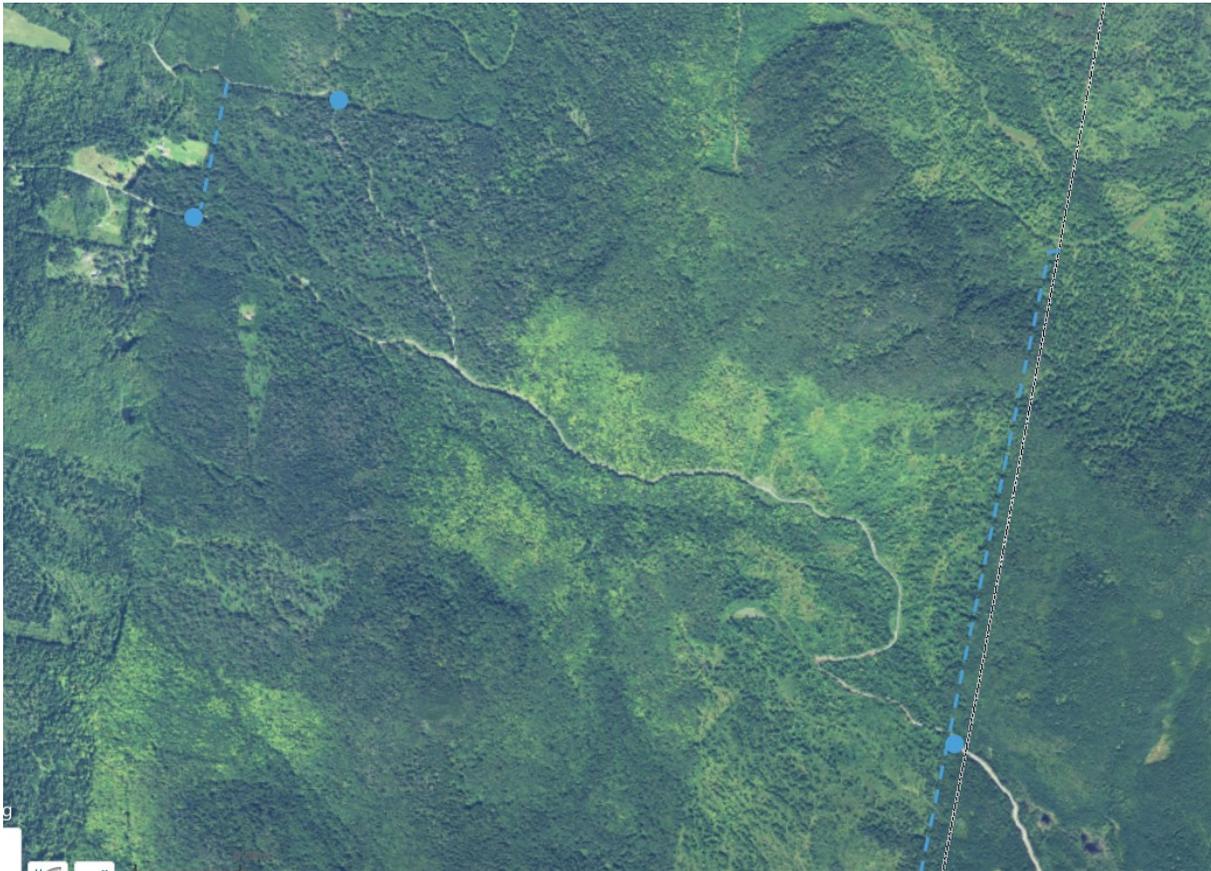


In 2013 cross-country ATV use was permitted by the State (DNCR/DRED.)

By 2014 the north branch cross-country ATV trail had been constructed:



In 2016 there was continued development of the Kelsey Notch Roads and development of the ATV connector road on the east:



From 2017 to 2020 extensive road work was done to repair ATV damage and upgrade the road.

2017 – trail surface was layered with gravel to improve future maintenance and additional culverts were installed in the existing road. The trail/road were graded in the fall.

An updated Nash Stream Forest Management Plan was approved, and included the Kelsey Notch Trail pilot as a citizens committee recommended and agency supported trail.

2018 – the trail/road were graded and rock raked (as part of a county-wide project), 88 hours of excavator work was performed to reshape the trail surface and improve the ditch lines, and an additional 40 loads of gravel were spread over a 5 day period.

2019 – 20 hours of grading and rock raking were performed on the trail/road. A magnetic trail counter was installed on the trail between July and October and it recorded 2400 vehicles passing over it. Approximately 100 of these vehicle counts were from staff and contractors working on the trail. Overall, this trail had 2300 OHRV travel over it during the summer and early fall months.

2020 – 5 bridges were rebuilt. This work was planned to be accomplished in 2019, however the State did not have an approved budget and the funds for this work were not available until after snow fell in this part of the state and the project had to be rescheduled to 2020. The trail is planned for annual grading in the fall of 2020.

In 2021 the Kelsey Notch monitoring report showed a five-fold increase in ATV traffic since 2019 and the failure of DNCR's Board of Trails to monitor the trail counters:

"Kelsey Notch Trail – Corridor B: 12,293 trail counts

Date range: 5/28/21 to 10/15/21

Kelsey Notch Trail Corridor C North: 375 trails counts

Date range: 5/28/21 to 5/29/21 (unit fell off mount and stopped recording)

Kelsey Notch Trail – Corridor C South: 4,845 trail counts

Date Range: 5/28/21 to 9/11/21 (battery died at end date)

https://nhconservation.org/lib/exe/fetch.php?media=ngo:kelsey_notch_monitoring_report_2021.pdf

Attorney Vandlik, in 2022 you wrote to WMNF Supervisor Ibarquen:

"Based on Gene Erl's opinion (which we have reaffirmed in 2001, 2017 and I reaffirm here in 2022) if the state proposes to allow cross country ATV use, we have a strong argument that right was not reserved by the State and therefore we could block that type of use."

The State has allowed cross country ATV use in Nash Stream State Forest, for twenty years, use which is in violation of the Conservation Easement WMNF/USDA is responsible enforcing.

Recreational ATV use in Nash Stream State Forest may be a small contributor to the climate and ecosystem disaster, but it is your part, and every person who collaborates with those promoting global warming and ecosystem destruction spreads their fear and impotence to others.

Are you captured men in a captured agency, unwilling to speak the truth despite (or because of) the terrifying future clearly in view?

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