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Subject RE: Snowmobile trespassing on NHDOT active rail lines

12/23/20, 08:09

To Eastman <>, Michael <michael.g.eastman@wildlife.nh.gov>

Captain,

Only the portion from Mile Post 19 at Quinn's Pit north to Mile Post 34.53, Wilton to End of Track/Bennington Trestle is open for snowmobiles.

Snowmobiles are currently running the full length of the NHDOT corridor south of Quinn's Pit, this section is off limits

Maybe the easiest method, is to have the local F&G enforcement contact the local railroad operator for the full details, where they get on/off the track etc

Railroad Line: Wilton to Bennington (Hillsborough Branch)

Begin-End: MP 19, Quinn's Pit to MP 34.53, Wilton to End of Track/Bennington Trestle

Anticipated Use Time: 12/01/2020 – 3/15/2021

Action Required: Install temp bridge protection measures and place dates on red "open" dates signs.

Contact(s): Peter Leishman, President, Milford-Bennington Railroad, 365-0621, prleishman@aol.com

The bridge protection on this section of the line can be installed after receiving permission from the Milford-Bennington Railroad. This section of the line from Quinn's Pit to Mile Post 34.53 will be available when Quinn's pit closes for the winter and the railroad stops running.

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Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 7:50 AM

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Subject: RE: Snowmobile trespassing on NHDOT active rail lines

Chuck,

Your attachment show that the Wilton to Bennington line is open for the use of snowmobiles? I thought this was the line for which Peter Leishman was having snowmobile issues on. Is there a different section that is closed or am I not reading this correctly?

Thanks, Mike

Captain Michael G. Eastman

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Captain Eastman,

Please see attached a portion of our annual letter to the NH Trails Bureau on snowmobile use on NHDOT rail corridors noting which sections are allowed and timeframes etc.

Please give me a call with any questions.

Thanks again for your help.

Chuck Corliss P.E.

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To: Corliss, Chuck A <Charles.A.Corliss@dot.nh.gov>

Subject: RE: Snowmobile trespassing on active rail lines

Chuck,

Do you have a list of active rail lines in the state. If so I could forward them to my Officers. We have some new Officers that may not know the lines are active in the winter.

Thanks, Mike

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Subject: Snowmobile trespassing on active rail lines

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have been receiving a lot of complaints about snowmobiles trespassing on active rail lines throughout the state since our last snow fall. This year many companies have found that it is easier to move products and supplies on rail as opposed to over the road. Many of those rail lines are coming out of Massachusetts and going throughout our state. If you have one of these or other active rail lines in your area, please take time to do some extra patrol on them to make sure that snowmobiles are not operating on them. Snowmobiles operating on these tracks can cause snow to be packed into the rails or damage the rails which could cause a derailment. These active rail lines should be marked with signage as Active and No trespassing. If you find this is not the case, please let me know and I will contact NHDOT Rail bureau to make sure it gets marked. Thank you for taking an extra look at these areas and all your efforts this winter.

Thanks, Mike

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