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Hello Committee Members,

I have received several comments from the public in opposition to the southern connector OHRV trail proposal, and to any OHRV use at Nash Stream Forest.

I have compiled the comments into a single document for your review.

We welcome written comments based on publicly distributed materials such as the agenda, especially in light of the pandemic. Ultimately the briefing paper is also a public document, but it was meant for the Citizens Committee Members in preparation for tomorrow's meeting. It now has the appearance that some of those in opposition of the trail proposal may have been given an opportunity to review and weigh in on the Tech Team's findings and recommendations in advance of the meeting. When reviewing these comments, please be mindful that this may have been an opportunity that those in favor of the trail proposal may not have been equally offered as well.

-Will

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Hello Committee Members,

Attached is the Tech Team report on the revised Southern Connector OHRV Trail Proposal. Also attached is the recreation map from the 2017 management plan for your reference. The report contains a significant amount of history regarding OHRV use at Nash Stream Forest and refers to various sections of the 2017 management plan which can be found on our website here:

<https://www.nh.gov/nhdf/documents/complete-book-nash-stream-book-part-1.pdf>.

Most of you should also have hard copies of the management plan in specially prepared three-ring binders that go with your particular position on the Committee. If any new committee members were unable to obtain their binders from their predecessors, please let me know.

Below is a very brief and informal summary of the Tech Teams findings. I ask that you all read the attached document in its entirety so that we may have a well-informed discussion regarding this new proposal.

1. Only 13 of the 14 abutting property owners have signed an agreement granting the necessary permission to cross their lands.
2. There is a raptor nest within 330' feet of the proposed route which is not permissible under the Course and Fine filter for state lands.
3. The Tech Team is proposing the use of OHRV counters and existing studies of the impacts of OHRV traffic on wildlife to set two pre-determined thresholds on the longer West Side Road portion of the West Side Trail:
  - a. If increased OHRV traffic reaches the first threshold, a seasonal restriction on the use of this portion of the trail would go into effect, limiting use in the spring during sensitive species breeding seasons.
  - b. If OHRV traffic continued to increase to the second threshold, the West Side Road portion of the West Side Trail would be closed.
  - c. In both scenarios, the shorter Bordeau Trail section of the West Side Trail would remain open to allow passage from the Southern Connector Trail.
4. Additional data for monitoring impacts has been identified by the Tech Team, and funding for collecting that information via qualified experts will need to be the responsibility of the club as time and resources of the state agencies are limited.

Again, this summary only scratches the surface of the attached report. Please take the time to read it all. I will see everyone next Tuesday evening.

Thank you.

-Will

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Hello Committee Members,

Attached is the final NHB report on natural communities based on information gathered during 2018 and 2019. Some of this information was presented at the last Nash Stream Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting in 2019. Unfortunately, NHB staff will not be able to attend this meeting to provide a follow-up, but we will have a few slides to share during “other business” on the agenda.

The Tech Team met at Nash Stream Forest last week and reviewed the new Southern Connector OHRV Trail proposal. We are gathering comments from the Tech Team members and creating a summary document with proposed recommendations on how to move forward, which I hope to get to you by next Wednesday for your review prior to the meeting.

Thank you.

-Will

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Hello Committee Members,

Attached is the agenda for the November 16<sup>th</sup> Nash Stream Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting. I have also attached the *revised* Southern Connector OHRV Trail request and some maps of the new route for your review prior to the meeting. The Technical Team is scheduled to conduct a site review of the new route on Nash Stream Forest later this month. I will provide you with feedback from the group after the visit and prior to the meeting as well.

As it has been over two years since we last met, and there are several new members, I am providing a brief synopsis of what has transpired regarding the Southern Connector OHRV Trail proposal.

The Southern Connector Trail Proposal (discussed in the 2017 management plan, Pgs. 160-161) was put forth as a means to reach fuel and amenities south of Nash Stream via the existing Bordeaux and Westside OHRV Trails on the west side of the property (these two trails were established in the 2002 management plan amendment). The initial Southern Connector Trail proposal was over a mile long, and involved crossing Nash Stream over an existing snowmachine bridge on the property, as well as utilizing a portion of the Nash Stream Road that provides access for camp owners, public recreation, and forest management activities. There was no unified consensus from the Tech Team review when this trail proposal was presented to the Nash Stream Citizens Advisory Committee in June of 2019, but rather a compilation of individual comments/concerns. This resulted in the Committee tabling the proposal and asking the Tech Team to provide additional information to make a decision. Due to the potential impacts of the initial proposal, the amount and depth of information the Tech Team identified for collection was extensive and costly, and as a result the project stalled. In the meantime, newly installed NH Snowmobile Club Representative for the Nash Stream Citizens Advisory Committee, Tim Emperor, secured permission from the individual landowners adjacent to the property that would allow for a much shorter route utilizing an existing woods road/corridor snowmachine trail, resulting in the revised proposal - see attachments.

I hope this summary helps to refresh everyone's memories for now, and this topic will be presented and discussed in much greater detail at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all next month.

-Will

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Hello Committee Members,

Please save the date of Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> for a long overdue, in-person meeting at the Lancaster office from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Agenda to follow in early October.

Thank you.

-Will

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