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The Honorable Nancy Stiles, Chair  
and the Senate Transportation Committee  
NH Legislative Office Building, Room 103  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: HB 1170, an act relative to special permits for OHRV operation in Jericho Mountain State Park.**

Dear Chairman Stiles and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this testimony on behalf of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks & Recreation, Bureau of Trails in support of House Bill 1170.

This bill would allow DRED to continue to offer specialty trails for 4x4 off road vehicles (Jeeps and trucks) at Jericho Mountain State Park. In 2013, HB 349 was passed by the legislature and that bill gave DRED a 3 year opportunity to develop a specialty trail and determine if this type of recreational trail was worthwhile at the Park. The trail formally opened this past spring and has proven to be a successful venture at Jericho Mountain. Formal authority to continue use of the trail expired on January 1<sup>st</sup> and we are seeking authority to continue its use.

The language in HB 1170 mirrors the language of HB 349 from 2013. The only change to the original language is the removal of a sunset date.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support of HB 1170. I am happy to answer any question that the committee may have.

Sincerely,

  
Chris Gamache  
Chief