

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION of PARKS and RECREATION

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The Honorable Jim Rausch, Chairman and members of the Transportation Committee NH Legislative Office Building, Room 103 Concord, NH 03301

RE: SB 366-FN an act relative to use of certain OHRV's on snowmobile trails.

Dear Chairman Rausch and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this testimony on behalf of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks & Recreation in support of Senate Bill 366-FN.

Senate Bill 366-FN makes clarifications to the OHRV statutes specific to tracked ATV's and their use of winter trails. The Trails Bureau participated in meetings coordinated by the Fish & Game Department to address the confusion, which is caused by these vehicles; which meet NH's definition of a "Snowmobile" but cannot be registered as such. The Bureau worked with ATV clubs, landowners, snowmobile clubs and others affected by this topic.

We support the Fish & Game Department's efforts to clarify this registration issue for the recreational trail community in NH.

We are available to answer any questions you may have on this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Director

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C: George M. Bald, Commissioner