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The Honorable Andrew Renzullo
and the Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 446 establishing a committee to study the effects of recreational vehicles and other vehicles used in recreational activities on class 5 and 6 roads.

Dear Chair Renzullo and Members of the Committee,

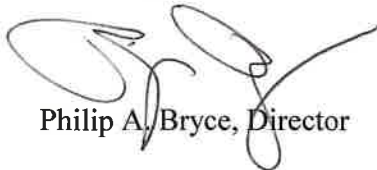
Please accept this information on behalf of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation ("Division") regarding HB 446. **The Division does not take a position on this legislation, but would refer to RSA 260:78 Commission to Study the On Road Usage of Non-Traditional Motor Vehicles.**

HB 1182, 2020 Session was signed into law on July 24, 2020, as RSA 260:78, creating a Commission which "*shall study the on road usage of non-traditional motor vehicles, such as all terrain vehicles and golf carts.*" This Commission includes five members of the house and one member of the senate, as well as several related agency, municipal, and industry members. The Commission is scheduled to submit a final report of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the general court on or before November 1, 2021.

As HB 446 addresses recreational vehicles and class 5 and 6 roads, we do not know if there would be a duplication of effort or if the effects of recreational vehicles should be considered by the existing Commission covering road usage. If not, we would suggest that any duties charged to the committee include the positive impacts of using class 5 and 6 roads by recreational vehicles, including the importance of this recreational activity to the state and tourism industry, and the environmental benefits of using existing roads and trails instead of constructing new ones.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this information related to HB 446; we hope the information provided is helpful. Please let me know if I can answer questions or provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



Philip A. Bryce, Director

Cc: Sarah L. Stewart, Commissioner
Clint Savage, Interim Chief – Bureau of Trails