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The Honorable Suzanne Smith, Chair
and the Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 309
Concord, NH 03301

RE: **HB 1165, prohibiting ATV's on a rail trail in Gorham.**

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this testimony on behalf of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation **in opposition of HB 1165**, prohibiting ATV's on a rail trail in Gorham.

The rail trail provides OHRV access between the Town of Gorham, the City of Berlin and the 85 mile trail system at Jericho Mountain State Park. Without this trail you could no longer ride from downtown Gorham to rest of Coos County. The agency has been in multiple public meetings and hearing regarding this portion of State-owned recreational rail trail.

OHRV use of this trail is also currently in litigation so we regret we are unable to provide much more in the way of details regarding the status of trail use in this area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding **HB 1165**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip A. Bryce".

Philip A. Bryce, Director

Cc: Sarah L. Stewart, Commissioner