PETITION IN OPPOSITION TO THE DEC DRAFT ATV POLICY

We, the people of New York, do not agree with the present DEC Draft Policy for ATV use on public lands as it is written, for the following reasons:

- It specifically declines to designate ATVing as a "program." It therefore ignores previously obscure EnCon Law 9-0105(7-a) that specifies that motorized recreation must be reasonably accommodated.
- With broad generalizations, it singles out ATV activity vs. any other form of trail use, a pattern never applied to any other DEC trail development policy before.
- In a pre-judged, non-analytical manner it assumes ATV activity is inherently negative without any consideration for existing sustainable ATV trail management science (e.g. Wernex trail development manual, the national standard).
- It requires prerequisite of undefined "appropriate soil conditions" and pre-existing funding, where no other trail development planning has required these, in order to make trail or road access approvable. Approval can then be bogged down in a 5-10 year review process.
- There is no clear basis or reasonable justification stated for the clearly discriminatory position of this policy. If same "standards" were applied to hiking trails, many of the coveted but damaged high-peaks trails would have been closed long ago.
- It is written in a manner that if one door opens, another will shut making ATV access impossible on publicly controlled lands.

- **Please mail completed petition to: SLCAA P.O. Box 185 Canton, NY 13617**

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