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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESPONSIBLE USE OF MOTORIZED RECREATION VEHICLES

Whereas four wheel drive trucks, all terrain vehicles and off highway cycles have become a popular and growing form of recreation for many Wisconsin citizens and tourists;

Whereas increased motorized recreation can create inherently dangerous conditions for users and adherents of other forms of recreation if safety issues are not addressed;

Whereas the use of these vehicles in sensitive ecosystems can lead to the general degradation of these ecosystems if trails are not properly constructed and maintained; and

Whereas the deficiency of environmental ethics, education and the lack of policing of improper or illegal use of off road vehicles by some individuals has led to a decline in respect for all persons associated with off highway recreation;

Therefore be it resolved that the State Trails Council supports the utilization of user fees to provide for user education, trail maintenance, restoration of damaged habitats caused by illegal or improper use of off highway vehicles, and a program of self-policing and credentialed law enforcement;

Be it also resolved that the failure to plan for and mitigate environmental issues on any given recreational facility in a timely manner will result in the temporary or permanent closing of the facility.

Passed the twenty-fifth day of August 2006 by the Wisconsin Governor's State Trails Council.

