



Special Edition

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DEC Releases Draft ATV Policy Hearing Scheduled!

This first draft is a damaging blow for ATV/OHM access to New York State public lands! The tone and content of this policy statement are exclusionary and negative.

This is not at all what we had hoped for. AND if this policy is implemented, it will do more to discourage the user community than any other single aspect of the policy because it rejects group and family touring which has become an increasingly popular recreational activity.

Meetings have been scheduled throughout the state. We will get the opportunity to voice our opinion and concerns.

May 2 Utica, NY

DEC Hearing

**May 2 (5 to 8pm) Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom
200 Genesee Street, Utica, NY**

OHV Organizer – Jean Reinhardt

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To access a copy of the DEC document to read and/or download, go to the following web site:
<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dlf/publands/atv.pdf>

There are four overlapping layers of regulations noted in this document, the State Land Master Plans (SLMP), the Vehicle and Traffic Laws (VTL), the New York Code Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) and additional DEC policy criteria. The document is repetitive, contradictory and very vague, probably deliberately so!

The knowledge, experience and determination of the ATV community could help develop a workable plan and design a trail system, as well as implement the means of operating and maintaining that system! It is also **important to note** that a functioning system would provide an important recreational service and a much-needed source of **additional state revenue!**

Judging from the tone and content of this policy statement, one would conclude that it is to discourage ATV use in general with the probable intent to ban ATV recreational touring!

**If you plan to attend this meeting or for more information:
Please contact Jean Reinhardt.**

Anyone can attend these meetings!

Bring a friend and pass this on to any ATV enthusiast that you know.

There is strength in numbers!

**DEC Hearing
May 5 (5 to 8pm) State Fairgrounds, Martha Eddy Room
581 State Fair Blvd, Syracuse, NY**

OHV Organizer – Tim Taillon Sr. (315) 265-0201

And Joe DeVoldre (315) 488-4499

This is the final meeting and our grand finale! Participants will be from all over the state and will be attending with ATVs in tow. Mark this date down and plan to attend with your comments, suggestions and ideas.

Your support is needed!

Club Meeting Date Change

In an effort to get as many ATV enthusiasts in Syracuse on May 5th, our club meeting is being re-scheduled.

Our club meeting will be held on May 4th at the Cold Brook Legion.
Meeting will start at 7pm.

Please come to the meeting and find out how to attend this rally in Syracuse!

A Small Win

In a significant development, **\$850,000** was re-appropriated in the State Budget for the purpose of funding the operation of an **ATV Trail Program** under the DEC.

The re-establishment of a dedicated registration-based ATV Fund, and the special Program appropriation negotiated by the Legislature in the 11th hour, were a direct result of the lobbying effort of NYSORVA, coupled with grass-roots efforts by clubs and individuals working with Legislative members.

For more information please visit http://www.nysorva.org/Legislative_Action.shtml

We have much more to do! Your support is still needed!

Important Message Inside!