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HB 349 - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL

349

AN ACT relative to OHRV operation of certain 4-wheel drive vehicles on trails within Jericho Mountain state park.

SPONSORS: Rep. Coulombe, Coos 3; Rep. H. Richardson, Coos 4; Rep. Theberge, Coos 3; Sen. Woodburn, Dist 1

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill allows the bureau of trails, department of resources and economic development, to permit 4-wheel drive motor vehicles registered as OHRVs to operate at Jericho Mountain state park at specific times and on specific trails.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT relative to OHRV operation of certain 4-wheel drive vehicles on trails within Jericho Mountain state park.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Trails on State Lands; Jericho Mountain State Park. Amend RSA 215-A:43, VII(c) to read as
2 follows:

3 (c) A person may operate an OHRV within Jericho Mountain state park which weighs up
4 to 1,600 pounds and is no wider than 65 inches on specifically designated trails within Jericho
5 Mountain state park, **provided that, in addition, the bureau of trails may permit operation of**
6 **wider or heavier 4-wheel drive motor vehicles registered as OHRVs at specific times and on**
7 **specific trails.**

8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

*AS referenced in the Jericho Mountain
State Parks master Development
Plan,*

*This section should be Repealed on Jan 1 2016 - keep 1700 after repeal
(this allows for full operating season)*

change 1,600 to 1,700

Amendments

Amendment to HB 349

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

2

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6 to [~~1,600~~] **1,700** pounds and is no wider than 65 inches on specifically designated trails within
7 Jericho Mountain state park, *provided that, in addition, the bureau of trails may permit*
8 *operation of wider or heavier 4-wheel drive motor vehicles, as referenced in the Jericho*
9 *Mountain state park master development plan, registered as OHRVs, at specific times and*
10 *on specific trails.*

11 2 Trails on State Lands; Jericho Mountain State Park; Version Effective January 1, 2016. RSA
12 215-A:43, VII(c) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

13 (c) A person may operate an OHRV within Jericho Mountain state park which weighs up to
14 1,700 pounds and is no wider than 65 inches on specifically designated trails within Jericho
15 Mountain state park.

16 3 Effective Date.

17 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2016.

18 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 349

BILL TITLE: relative to OHRV operation of certain 4-wheel drive vehicles on trails within Jericho Mountain state park.

DATE: February 19, 2013

LOB ROOM: 305 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:00 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 2:50 p.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Chandley, Suzanne Smith, Aguiar, Gottling, Thomas, L. Webb, Hubbard, Parkhurst, Beaulieu, Wazlaw, Lovett, Renzullo, Holmes, Cormier, Merrow, Ahlgren, Wright, Mullen, Schroader and Ferrante.

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TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Gary Coulombe - Prime sponsor of the bill. Introduced the bill.

* **Chris Gamache, NH Department of Resources & Economic Development (DRED), Trails Bureau** - Supports the bill. Master Plan indicates certain areas for certain vehicles. "May" means if a certain group partners with state and widen and maintain etc. trails. If no group comes forward they may not allow the larger vehicles. Size of the trail will permit certain size vehicles. MOA with groups for permits BMP DES drafts and DRED enforces fee package approved by fiscal committee. \$3.50 does not come close to what is needed.

* **Mark Pouliat, North Woods off Road** - Supports the bill. Photos of the trails. 501C-3 Club legal and responsible conduct. Financial gains for state if bill passes. There is a network of clubs throughout the state. Approximately 1,000 members. Safety requirements: Eye glasses, helmets for youth, seat belts required, out of state users pay more, and no off road reciprocity.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jane E. Beaulieu
Clerk



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TESTIMONY

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1:10 pm

HB 349

introduced by Gary Colombe -

* Chris Samache - testified in support DRED

Questions from Reps. Renszeller,

Marrow (58.00/acre)

Hubbard (140 miles / 78 actual)

Marrow

Aquiar

Webb

Bovett

Buttling

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* Mark Pulliot (photos) of trails
501c-3 Club legal responsible
conduct

Financial Gains for state if bill passes

* Northwoods
off Road

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helmets for youth

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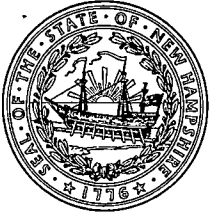
Out of State users pay more

No off road reciprocity

adjourn 2:50

Rep. Jane Brubaker

Testimony



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE of the COMMISSIONER

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February 19, 2013

The Honorable Shannon Chandley, Chair
and the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
NH State House, Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: HB 349, relative to OHRV operation of certain 4-wheel drive vehicles on trails
within Jericho Mountain state park.**

Dear Chair Chandley and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this testimony on behalf of the Department of Resources and Economic
Development, Division of Parks & Recreation, Bureau of Trails in support of House Bill
349.

This bill would authorize DRED to develop trails for and allow the use larger 4x4
vehicles at Jericho Mountain State Park. The development of trails for specialty vehicles
such as jeeps and four wheel drive trucks was part of the Master Development Plan for
Jericho Mountain State Park and is considered an area of need to address in NH.

Currently, there are no trails in NH for this type of off-road use and areas within Jericho
are well suited to this type of recreation. The ability to develop specialty trails for this
user group would increase attendance at the park and revenues derived from park
operations. It would also create an additional recreational opportunity in support of
growth of the tourism economy in the North Country. This bill would not allow the use
of these larger vehicles on any other State Park property.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support of HB 349. Feel free to contact me
should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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

Philip A. Bryce
Acting Commissioner

PAB/CG/ttl021513











HB 349

Chandley, Shannon

From: Chandley, Shannon
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 12:41 PM
To: Marc Pouliot
Subject: RE: HB349

Dear Mr. Pouliot,
Thank you. I will place a copy of this note in the bill's file and alert committee members.
Sincerely,
Shannon Chandley

From: Marc Pouliot [nwor4x4@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 8:26 PM
To: Chandley, Shannon
Subject: HB349

Hello,

Just as a follow up on HB349, in the auto industry when a vehicle is referred to as a 4x4 it means that it has 4 wheel drive. Engine power to all four wheels. That being said, if you have a buggy, go-car or 2 wheel drive vehicle it doesn't fit as a 4x4 and therefore cannot use the designated trails the HB349 would permit. Also one gentleman had mentioned a deuce and a half, the would not qualify either by common definition because it is a six wheel drive vehicle of referred to as a 6x6. I hope this helps explain the 4x4 and our goal. Please pass this on to the other members.

Thank You,
Marc Pouliot
President,
North Woods Off Road

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 349

BILL TITLE: relative to OHRV operation of certain 4-wheel drive vehicles on trails within Jericho Mountain state park.

DATE: March 5, 2013

LOB ROOM: 305

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. R. R. & D. OLS Document #: 2013 0728h

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTR/A ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Ahlgren

Seconded by Rep. Smith

Vote: 18-1 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTR/A ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Ahlgren

Seconded by Rep. Webb

Vote: 17-2 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: YES

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jane E. Beaulieu, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 349

BILL TITLE: relative to OHRV operation of certain 4-wheel drive vehicles on trails within Jericho Mountain state park.

DATE: 3/5/13

LOB ROOM: 305

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. R.R. + D OLS Document #: 2013-0728h
Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:
Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.) Retain motion withdrawn

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Alger

Seconded by Rep. Smith

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

OTP/A
Alger
Webster

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jane E. Beaulieu, Clerk

Rep. Jane Beaulieu



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

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Roll Call Committee Registers
Report

2013 SESSION

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Bill #: HB 349 Title: relative to OHRV operation of certain 4-wheel drive vehicles on trails with jericho Mt. state park
PH Date: 2, 19, 13 Exec Session Date: 3 / 5 / 13
Motion: OTP Amendment #: 0728h

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Chandley, Shannon E, Chairman	✓	
Smith, Suzanne J, V Chairman	✓	
Parkhurst, Henry A. L.	✓	
Lovett, Sid	absent	
Aguiar, James D	✓	
Thomas, Yvonne D	✓	
Gottling, Suzanne H		✓
Hubbard, Pamela J	✓	
Beaulieu, Jane E, Clerk	✓	
Webb, Leigh A	✓	
Wazlaw, Brian	✓	
Renzullo, Andrew ,	✓	
Ahlgren, Christopher J	✓	
Merrow, Harry C	✓	
Schroadter, Adam R	✓	
Ferrante, Beverly A	✓	
Cormier, Jane	✓	
Holmes, Stephen	✓	
Mullen, John A	✓	
Wright, Donald S	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	18	1



2013 SESSION

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Bill #: H349 Title: relative to OHV operation of certain 4-wheeldrive vehicles on trails within Franconia state park
PH Date: 2, 19, 13 Exec Session Date: 0
Motion: OTP/A Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Chandley, Shannon E, Chairman	✓	
Smith, Suzanne J, V Chairman	✓	
Parkhurst, Henry A. L.	✓	
Lovett, Sid	about	✓
Aguiar, James D	✓	✓
Thomas, Yvonne D	✓	✓
Gottling, Suzanne H		✓
Hubbard, Pamela J	✓	
Beaulieu, Jane E, Clerk	✓	
Webb, Leigh A	✓	
Wazlaw, Brian	✓	
Renzullo, Andrew ,	✓	
Ahlgren, Christopher J	✓	
Merrow, Harry C	✓	
Schroadter, Adam R	✓	
Ferrante, Beverly A	✓	
Cormier, Jane	✓	
Holmes, Stephen	✓	
Mullen, John A	✓	
Wright, Donald S	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	17	2

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 6, 2013

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT to which was referred HB349,

AN ACT relative to OHRV operation of certain 4-wheel drive vehicles on trails within Jericho Mountain state park. Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Christopher J Ahlgren

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Bill Number:	HB349
Title:	relative to OHRV operation of certain 4-wheel drive vehicles on trails within Jericho Mountain state park.
Date:	March 6, 2013
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill authorizes the bureau of trails to develop trails for and to permit the operation of vehicles 65 inches wide and weighing up to 1700 lbs. on specific trails for specific times in Jericho Mountain State Park. These larger vehicles are limited to areas as prescribed in the Jericho Mountain State Park master development plan. The legislation will enable the trails bureau and the local OHRV clubs to work cooperatively to develop trails that will be enjoyable to the users while limiting the environmental impact. The amendment states that this legislation, if enacted, will sunset after three years to assure the legislature's ability to review and evaluate the progress of this use of Jericho Mountain State Park.

Vote 17-2.

Rep. Christopher J Ahlgren
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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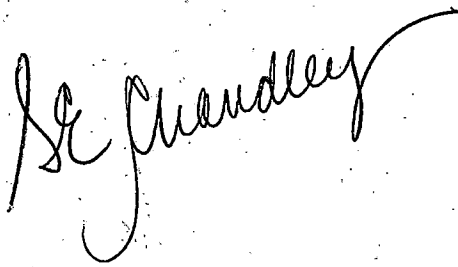
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Chris Ahlgren

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HB 349

OTP/A

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and to keep this in*

weighing up to

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 Bureau and the local OHRV Clubs to work cooperatively to develop trails that will be
 enjoyable to the users while ~~maintaining a sustainable impact to the environment~~ *limiting the environmental*. The *amendment*
 legislation, if enacted, will sunset after three years to assure the legislature's ability to
 review and evaluate the progress of this use of Jericho Mountain State Park.

states that

Chris Ahlgren

HO 0-17

Rep. CHRISTOPHER J. ADL GARDNER

This bill allows the Bureau of trails to permit the operation of vehicles wider than 65 inches or heavier than 1700 lbs. on specific trails for specific times ~~in~~ in Jericho Mountain State Park.

These larger constraints are limited to areas as ~~plan~~ prescribed in the Jericho Mountain State Park master development plan. The legislation will ^{enable} ~~provide~~ the Trails Bureau and the local OHV CLUBS to work cooperatively to develop trails that will be enjoyable to ^{maintaining a sustainable} the users while ^{providing} ~~minimum~~ impact to the environment. The legislation if enacted will sunset after 3 years to assure the legislature's ability to review and evaluate the progress of ~~this use~~ of Jericho Mountain State Park.