

Dear WODC Members:

On Monday, April 29, 1974, Martha Chandler and I spent a couple of hours at the White Mountain National Forest Headquarters in Laconia, N.H. in conversation with Ned Therrien and Joe Michaels, Forest Service Officers. Ned has had major responsibilities in conducting hearings on the topic of winter use of the WMNF (use of snowmobiles), and currently is involved in decisions relative to summer use of WMNF (off-road vehicle policy). Joe has as a major responsibility the development of a comprehensive long-range plan for the use of WMNF.

These two men have stated that they would welcome communications from WODC members concerning use of the WMNF for off-road vehicles (trail bikes, 4-wheel drive vehicles, amphi-cats, etc). Martha and I stated that we thought the overwhelming majority of WODC members would approve restrictions on the use of Off-road vehicles on all hiking trails within Forest boundaries. Perhaps some of you would want to prohibit all motorized vehicle use throughout the Forest except for major roads; perhaps some would favor no restrictions. But the opinions expressed by Martha and me are only opinions. The Forest Service officers want to have your views directly, and at once!

We urge you to state your opinions on this important issue. Please join us by stating your opinion in writing. Write to:

Mr. Ned Therrien, Ranger
U.S.D.A. Forest Service
White Mountain National Forest
P.O. Box 638
Laconia, N.H. 03246

George E. Zink
President WODC

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Postscript from the Secretary-Treasurer

Word has been released from the WMNF that the National Forest will hold a hearing concerning revised regulations for snowmobiles and snowmobiling in the forest for the winter 1974-75 on Saturday, June 1, 1974 at 1:30 P.M. at the Martha Prescott Auditorium (Laconia Public Library) Main Street, Laconia. Those who can't attend are urged to send in comments to the WMNF.

Many, many thanks for your response to our last mailing - both in letters and checks.

Martha W. Chandler