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Dear Mr. Spoerl,

Thank you for your letter dated June 10, 1997 regarding the illegal ATV activities in the Town of Swanzey. A review of the area does confirm the complaint and ATV activity in the area. I have also received other complaints from abutters in the area regarding the same problems.

It has been my experience that once an area is utilized as a trail for snowmachine activity, its is extremely difficult to keep these same riders off and out of the same trail system that they used in the winter during the summer.

I recommend the following to help correct the current situation. While it may not be financially feasible to erect gates and barways at the road and trail crossings, I feel it is imperative and beneficial that the area is posted with signs that call to the attention of the off road riders that the corridor is not open for wheeled vehicle activity. The above posting would be especially advantageous for law enforcement in a contested court case. Additionally, posting provides a stagnant educational tool for periods when the area cannot be actively patrolled by law enforcement. I feel this is a necessary first step to addressing and managing the problem.

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