

Police said the accident occurred at about 4 p.m. A 1989 Honda Civic driven by Erica L. Bollerud, 23, was stopped, waiting to merge onto Main Street from Route 101. Behind Bollerud's car was a 1994 Toyota Tercel driven by Andrea L. Britton, 20, who told police she thought she saw an opening and began to accelerate. But the Civic did not move and Britton's car rear-ended it, causing significant damage.

Stinchfield was a passenger in Bollerud's car; Wheeler was in Britton's. Police had no information this morning on where the drivers live.

Motorized vehicles barred from rail-trails

N.H. officials are reminding drivers of off-highway recreational vehicles that rail trails are off-limits in the warmer months.

The reminder wasn't necessary until this year, when state officials allowed wheeled vehicles on those former railroad beds for the first time in the winter. Before that, the only motorized vehicles allowed on the trails were snowmobiles.

But motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle drivers still aren't allowed on those trails during the spring and summer. The ban is to protect both the trails and the bicyclists, hikers and joggers who use them.

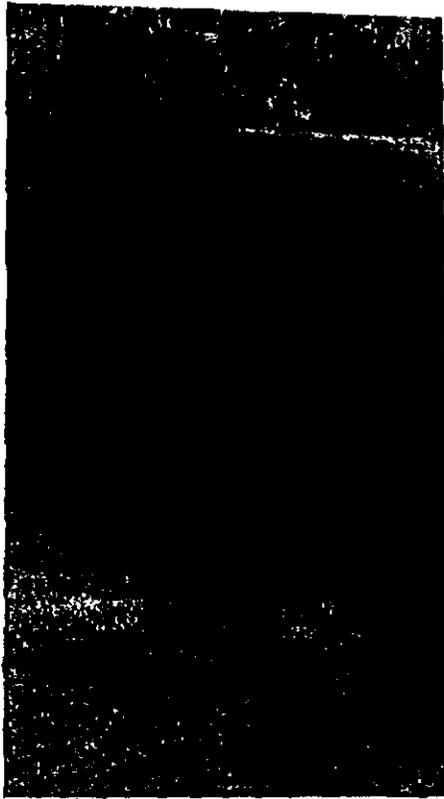
The rail trails closed to those vehicles in the Monadnock Region are:

- The Ashuelot Branch, from Hinsdale to Keene.
 - The Cheshire Branch, from Fitzwilliam to Keene-Route 101.
 - The Cheshire Branch, from Keene Routes 9, 10 and 12 to Walpole.
 - The Fort Hill Branch in Hinsdale.
- Anyone caught driving an off-

highway vehicle on those trails before next winter could be fined and arrested, according to state officials.

"We're just trying to keep everybody straight," said Robert Sporerl, program specialist at the N.H. Bureau of Trails. "We don't want anyone getting tagged for riding on the trails when they're not supposed to be."

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BRIDGE WORK — Dan Allen hitches brook water travels through a temporary arch bridge on Route 9 in Stoddard. The bridge is being replaced with a wider one, and the curve at the ends is being straightened on both sides.

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