

## ATV SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING 12/11/01

Present: Fred King, Bill Simpson, Dave Publicover, Kenny Oakes, Phil Stearns, Albert Cloutier Jr., Chris Gamache, Bob MacGregor, John Lanier, Peter Benson, Ted Burns, Brad Presby.

Chairman King Opened the meeting at 3:30

King feels Commissioner Bald has authority to make decision on ATV's at Nash Stream, King read from Management Plan to illustrate that there is a mechanism.

King asked for input from committee.

Publicover thinks there are two issues – general use of ATV's and specific to Nash Stream

King asks if there is anyone who feels ATV's should be able to go anywhere they wanted in Nash Stream, No one raised their hands.

King asked if anyone thought that no ATV's should ever be allowed, No response.

Stearns asked what was the outcome of the Public Meetings as far as pro vs. con ATV

King said Legislative Study Committee so far has heard that if the State is going to charge for the use of these machines they have to provide a place for them to ride.

Gamache said he and Presby rode the trails today, he thought the proposed areas looked good for an ATV trail.

Benson asked if Nash Stream is the proper place to have ATV's, not whether there are places to ride ATV's there, The Nash Stream Forest has had the most involved public planning process and the Management Plan called for no ATV's.

King says he was around when property was bought and he thinks conditions have changed for ATV use.

Simpson feels that the more you open up Nash Stream to riding the less traffic you will have. The more dispersed the use the less damage that will occur.

Benson feels that it is stated in the Management Plan that natural processes will have as much weight as human uses.

King said 40% of these 40,000 acres are off-limits to anything but walking.

Publicover doesn't feel the Vision should be changed but if it is decided to be changed then they might agree with this proposal. Benson doesn't feel that the majority is being served.

Adjourned 5:00