

Natural Resources

Parks, Outreach & Service Delivery Department of Natural Resources 15 Arlington Place, Suite 7 Truro, NS

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Rayburne Whynot, President Bull Run Trail Association

Dear Mr. Whynot:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reviewed the current 60-inch width restriction and gate installation for off-highway vehicles (OHV) and gates. This process involved a review of practices in other provinces, input from trail specialists at the Department of Communities Culture and Heritage as well as trail managers.

Trails developed and managed on the former rail corridor have been constructed and maintained to allow for OHVs up to 60 inches wide to pass safely. The size of the opening and/or the configuration of the barriers to restrict access of OHVs wider than 60 inches was determined by the managing trail group. Unfortunately, this has caused inconsistency in the width of openings, resulting in frustration for trail managers and users.

The review has been completed and the new consistent gate/barrier width will be 66 inches. The goal is to have all gate openings on the former rail corridor to 66 inches by 2023. Signage is to be posted at barriers and gates indicating the gate width, as soon as possible.

If you have any concerns or require clarification, please contact Doug Oliver, Program Administration Officer, at 902-890-3777 or Doug.Oliver@novascotia.ca

Sincerely,

Matt Parker

Director - Parks, Outreach and Service Delivery

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