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TO: Members of the Off-Road Vehicle Council and Advisory Members

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SUBJECT: Further Clarification of "Hybrid Trails (Troutes)"

Administrative Code NR 64.02 (9m) describes a "Hybrid Trail (Troute)" means an all-terrain vehicle trail and route combination that allows all-terrain vehicles and motor vehicles to utilize the same linear surface and the combination is used as a trail connector as defined in sub. (15).

NR 64.02 (15) "Trail Connector" means an all-terrain vehicle trail that connects one trail to another trail or services.

When rolling out this new type of area available for recreational use, we failed to consider how far the applicant's jurisdiction would go. Therefore, we feel there is a need to further clarify this definition.

To provide some clarity we have reviewed other language within the administrative code to see if we find similar situations. In ss. 23.33 (1m) (b) we provide the following (b) the department or a federal agency, county, or municipality may designate any of the following located **within their respective jurisdictions**: 1. All-terrain vehicle routes, all-terrain vehicle trails and public all-terrain corridors that may be used by operators of utility terrain vehicles.

During the initial presentation of TROUTES, we did not utilize the words, "within their jurisdiction" to explain how to utilize these trail/route combinations. Counties do not have the ability to designate roads that are outside of their jurisdiction such as within town limits, city limits, etc. It would be up to those respective governmental units to determine this.

Therefore, we would like to provide additional clarification of a TROUTE as being a portion of land that connects a trail to a trail or services [within their jurisdiction]. This would mean that if a County submitted an application that commenced at a funded trail, traveled down a county road, connected to a town road that connected to services or additional trails, it would be eligible for the section of road that the county has jurisdiction over and would not be penalized because it connected to a town road that then connected to services or additional trails.

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