

TOWN OF HARRISON ATV POLICY

This ATV Policy can be amended by the Board of Selectmen at any time. The purpose of this written policy is to allow the organization of the Otisfield Trail Blazers ATV Club to use and maintain ATV trails along specified roads in Harrison.

ATV vehicles are described as: An **all-terrain vehicle (ATV/UTV)**, All-terrain vehicle" or "ATV" means **a motor- driven, off-road, recreational vehicle capable of cross-country travel on land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland or other natural terrain** as defined by Maine Statue. This also includes a category for ATV that is wider than 65 inches or that weighs more than 2,000 pounds. They are all registered at ATV or oversized ATV.

The Town of Harrison (the "Town") hereby grants the Otisfield Trail Blazers (the "ATV Club") permissions to operate ATVs on certain specifically designated, Town-owned right of ways and trail access points through this policy which shall be subject to the following conditions, restrictions, and limitations:

ATV vehicles can have access to the trails and roads only where specifically permitted in this agreement and marked with signs between **May 15th and December 15th only- between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm.** Unless the Road Commissioner closes road access due to early snow.

Travel by ATVs on town roads and right of ways will be limited to the shoulder of the road in the direction of the traffic flow.

Any erosion of land in the Crooked River and Sebago Lake Watershed due to negligence of ATV Club members, or anyone using the trail system, will be the responsibility of the ATV Club membership to address and rectify.

The Town may arrange for Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District to annually inspect the specified Town road shoulders and trail access points on Town right of ways for ATV damage/impact and make recommendations for Best Management Practices (BMPs) where needed. Any degradation of the road shoulders and access points will be reported to the Board of Selectmen which may request the ATV Club to address any areas of concern within a reasonable timeframe to keep permissions through this valid. The ATV Club will install and maintain BMPs that may be required to prevent unnecessary damage to adjacent lands, soil and water.

The ATV Club shall take steps to prevent unnecessary damage to adjacent timber, soil or water and shall comply with all laws and regulations pertaining thereto and shall indemnify the Town against any violation thereof, including the Best Management Practices.

The ATV Club's use shall not cross any wetland, ecologically sensitive area, rivers or streams other than approved, stable crossings.

All ATV riders are required to be respectful of the conditions and environments in which they are riding, ensure that there are no causes of public nuisance, damage to property; rubbish, debris, and garbage of any nature will be promptly picked up and disposed of properly.

The Town of Harrison does not assume liability or responsibility for injuries to person or property caused by any act of persons to whom this permission is granted. Furthermore, the town has no responsibility to keep the trail system safe for entry or use. MRSTitle14 §159A.

Road use in this policy include:	Distance:
Plains Road to pipeline	.49 mi
Rich Rd. across Plains Rd. to Ryefield Bridge Rd.	.05 mi
Ryefield Bridge Road	.37 mi

Officers of the ATV Club are required to sign this policy stating that they understand and agree upon requirements herein. This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Selectmen and the ATV Club. Either party may terminate its participation in this Agreement with a 30-day written notice to the other party involved.

Agreed upon and signed this 19th day of January 2023.

Representative Otisfield Trail Blazers ATV Club

HARRISON BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Richard Sykes, Chairman

Matthew Frank, Vice Chairman

Philip Devlin

Frederick Ross

Penny Bean

**A True Copy
Attested** _____

Date _____