

NBATVF, NBFSC Joint Press Release, re; Managed Trails, Feb 2013

The New Brunswick All Terrain Vehicles Federation (NBATVF) and the New Brunswick Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (NBFSC) are today clarifying the definition of Managed Trails in the Province of New Brunswick.

Not all Managed Trails are the same.

A managed ATV trail is only for managed ATV's and Side by Sides that display a valid current NBATVF Trail Permit which became mandatory on January 1st, 2013. On the managed ATV trails, province-wide, snowmobiles are not authorized to travel on those trails at all times. This is supported by the Province's Off Road Vehicle Act (ORVA), can apply to private land and Crown Lands and is enforced by the Department of Public Safety.

A Managed Snowmobile Trail is not a Managed ATV trail in the winter season; a managed snowmobile trail is only for snowmobiles that display a valid current NBFSC Trail Permit. Snowmobile Trail Permits have been a mandatory requirement of the ORVA since 2000. Thus, it is also illegal to operate an ATV or Side by Side on a managed snowmobile trail at all times in season. Again, this is supported by the Province's Off Road Vehicle Act (ORVA), can apply to private land and Crown Lands and is enforced by the Department of Public Safety.

The NBFSC was proud to support the NBATVF in their request to Government to obtain mandatory ATV Trail Permits and lobbied for them often. The NBFSC is pleased that the NBATVF have accomplished this important step in just over 10 years since their formation; it took

the NBFSC almost 20 years to convince Government that mandatory trail permits and separated managed trails was a necessary element of the two respective Federation's financial sustainability.

The NBATVF has accomplished one of their key objectives. The NBATVF is also being proactive by establishing a province-wide separate trail system from snowmobiles in season. The only exception is limited joint-use sections, where necessary. The NBFSC supports the NBATVF in this objective.

Managed ATV trails are for NBATVF Trail Permit holders only and managed snowmobile trails are for NBFSC Trail Permit holders only. The objective was to separate the two activities in season and the new ORVA legislation has accomplished this goal.

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