

Hello,

My name is Wade La Lone, I currently live in Gaylord, MI. I come here today in regards to the issue of our state's trail systems. I am unclear of why the laws are split between the Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula when we are one state. We live in an area where the seasons are so beautiful and so many things to offer, other than driving ATV's on seasonal roads, state land trails & 2 tracks. My family as many others own 4 wheelers, UTV's & Dirt Bikes. We love to go out into the woods and go for walks and look for things like Deer buck rubs & antler sheds, color changes in the fall, mushroom picking in the spring, and other such events. By not being able to get on a trail and ride to other locations really hinders our adventures. We find ourselves having to go to the U.P. to enjoy these things with our off-road machines.

Now, I like to support the U.P. in business and will still continue to travel there. I'm not saying I will quit going there, I would like the ability to do these things more at home, shorter trips, less expense for our wallets, while putting money into local business here too.

Trail 7 of the snowmobile trail system is about 100 yards from my back door, I ride snowmobiles on this trail and watch many others, I can only imagine the amount of families who would enjoy this year round trail, And I think the same as I sit and watch I-75 on holiday weekends as traffic hauling ATV's just flows north right passed Gaylord headed for the U.P.

My wife and I are current CPL holders, we are fearful of losing privileges by trying to enjoy our local trails. We take personal protection with us while out in nature, we teach our kids to respect land and private property. We keep them entertained by getting outside and getting involved and doing something as our parents taught us.

Please consider my words not only coming from myself, but these are words from family and friends too
OPEN UP THE TRAILS!

Thanks for your time,
Wade La Lone