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## **An Act To Exempt All-terrain Vehicle Trail Management from Storm Water Management Requirements**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §420-D, sub-§7, ¶H,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 359, §1 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended to read:

H. Trail management activities that are part of the development and maintenance of the statewide snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle trail system developed as part of the Maine Trails System under Title 12, section 1892, including new construction and maintenance of trails, do not require review pursuant to this section if, for each trail being managed:

- (1) The trail is constructed and maintained in accordance with best management practices for motorized trails established by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry;
- (2) The trail is the minimum feasible width for its designated use; and
- (3) No lane exceeds 12 feet in width and no trail includes more than 2 lanes.

As used in this paragraph, "trail management activities" includes the construction and maintenance of motorized trails used for motorized or multiple use.

### **SUMMARY**

Current law exempts from review by the Department of Environmental Protection for a storm water permit a project that involves the development, construction and maintenance of the statewide snowmobile trail system as long as certain criteria are met. This bill extends that same exemption to all-terrain vehicle trails.