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I would like to thank everyone that makes this recreation possible from the clubs, members, volunteers and most importantly the landowners. Here is my view from riding thousands of miles each year on ATV/snowmobile, a former large parcel landowner that had OHRV trails through my property and currently in the lodging business where people come to enjoy the great state of Maine.

Most of the outdoor recreational enthusiasts are respectful. I have ridden all over the state North South East and West and there really is no comparison between them. One size doesn't fit all. I have lived in Southern, Western and now Northern Maine and the trail systems are night and day. Is one legislation good from one area to the other? I don't think so. Riding in Aroostook County you will travel on logging roads, railbeds and agricultural field roads as well as wooded trails. They certainly support most any type of utv's and weight generally isn't an issue. I see more issues with the sport machines that have 114-200 horsepower but it comes down to the operator. The trails are built for everyday traffic including vehicles, logging and agricultural equipment. OHRV brings in a lot of revenue to the state and local businesses so this could be an important issue. I personally don't agree with a weight issue but width works to safely pass others. I see a lot of "oversized utv's" on the trails operated by families, elderly and disabled that atv's and sxs's will no longer work for them. My wife has disabilities and my brother in law is on oxygen and I am able to take them out to also enjoy what a healthy person may take for granted. I have also been on group rides taking out residents of local assisted living that otherwise would not be able to get out and enjoy and this made memories for all of us. An enclosed UTV is really a game changer. Speaking with a local sales manager of ohrv's more than 50% of sales are for enclosed utv's and growing. I have met plenty of landowners on the trails that also have "oversized utv's for work and play. Our bordering neighbors have width limits but are lenient on weight. Canada has no weight limit and New Hampshire recently passed 3500

Pound limit. I support making if possible for 2 & 4 door enclosed machines to be able to register and enjoy the trails. It will be helpful for families, elderly and disabled to enjoy as well as others