



April 16, 2020

Good day everyone

First of all, I would like to thank the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Development, Honourable Mike Holland, for calling me on April 15. It was greatly appreciated. Both of us went over the many issues that led to the closure of our quad trails back on April 9. The advice that I had received at the time was very valid and it was due to all of the complaints the Premier's office had received with respect to planned Easter weekend ATV rallies, quad riders using the shelters, some riders still gathering in groups and not practising physical distancing. There was also a major concern related to riders who were acting foolishly and not riding safely thereby increasing the risk of a severe accident.

Both of us agreed that all quad riders, regardless if they belong to a quad club or not, surely got the message that we must follow the emergency measures put in place by the province. Even though we are in the middle of the woods, it is crucial that we respect the following rules: We must refrain from using our shelters and riding in big groups; also, we must keep our distances and ride safely.

Our quad trails will be reopened as of Friday, April 17; and we encourage everyone to obey the rules and regulations and to use common sense.

I would like to caution everyone that some trails will remain closed by the clubs because of the spring thaw; please respect this situation. Also, since these trails were not inspected lately because of the closure and we have had two major wind storms in the last couple of days, be careful and please report any safety issues to your clubs.

Roger Daigle

A word from your Minister, Mike Holland:

I appreciate having had the chance to talk with Roger today and as a result, we feel that the ATV community understands the significance of what we are dealing with here in NB with the current Covid-19 crisis. We also feel confident that the province wide social conduct rules can and will be followed when the federation resumes activity on the trails. As always, ride safe and be well.

Mike Holland

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