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Message from the President of QuadNB, Roger Daigle:

Good day everyone:

I have been contacted by the Honorable Premier Blain Higgs and he is asking us for our help. Because of some miscommunication or misunderstanding, QuadNB was given the green light to re-open our quad trails by mistake. For the safety of our sport, our members, their families and the public, under the direction of the Government of NB, and in order to be in compliance with the Emergency Measures declaration, QuadNB is temporarily closing all managed quad trails in the province again until further notice. We must do our part to ensure the Public Health and we must follow the Emergency Measures Act and make sure to follow the protocols in place to prevent the spread of Covid-19. I ask for your support with this decision to help our Government fight this virus.

In that regard, I received the following letter from the Minister of Public Safety:

Sir:

I am following up on your telephone conversation today with Premier Higgs. You know that he and I are both enthusiastic users of off-road vehicles and both appreciate deeply the work of the Federation, and you personally, to support and expand ATVing.

Still, as you know, your managed trails must be closed to all users for public health reasons. The Order I issued under the Emergency Measures Act provides in paragraph 8 that every owner and occupier of any building or land on which people may gather must take all reasonable steps to prevent gatherings, and to ensure that persons on their premises do not come within 2 metres of each other. These obligations extend to you as the trail manager of your thousand of kilometres of trail. You and I both know that the vast majority of all trail users are safety-minded and respectful of the rules, but we also know you cannot ensure over those thousands of kilometres that people will not gather and that they will not come closer than 2 m to each other.

I look forward to the opportunity to get back out on the trails, as I know my fellow trail users do, but today is not the day for that.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this, and to your agreeing to close all trails this date.

Yours truly,

Carl Urquhart
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General Province of New Brunswick

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