

Sides drawn in new push to ban ATVs on state land

By Gordon Woodworth
 Chronicle News Editor

Environmental groups have launched an effort to enact a law to ban ATVs — All-Terrain Vehicles — from all state land, including the 6-million-acre Adirondack Park.

ATVs are already prohibited on Forest Preserve land by the Department of Environmental Conservation, but advocates of new legislation say there aren't enough Forest Rangers to enforce current laws and some ATV operators ignore the restrictions because penalties aren't harsh enough.

"Illegal ATV use is a continuing scourge across the public Forest Preserve in the Adirondacks," Peter Bauer, executive director of Protect the Adirondacks, was quoted in an April 8 joint press

Environmental groups: Law being ignored; Users: 'Room for everyone'



release.

Peter Bauer: Damage done

"These machines destroy hiking and snowmobile trails. They cause extensive damage to soils and wetlands...These machines are marketed for wild riding to make the mud fly and to chew up the forest. The State...needs to pass legislation that protects public and private lands from ATV damage."

Willie Janeway, executive director of the Adirondack Council, which issued the release, said, "What is needed is a law that makes it clear that ATVs are not allowed on public lands, with very few exceptions."

There's resistance to the drive. "The Adirondacks are big enough to have room for everyone," contends Jon Wood, president of the 250-member

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St. Lawrence County Trails photo

Kate White's Lake George murder mystery

By Mark Frost
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Glens Falls native Kate White's newest murder mystery, *Such a Perfect Wife*, is set in Lake George and involves people and places from Queensbury to Fort Ann. Kate, of course, is the St. Mary's grad who went on to become editor of *Cosmopolitan*.

In this novel (and prior ones), her main character Bailey Weggins is a reporter for a website called Crime Beat. She's sent here after a woman disappears.

She connects with a *Post-Star*

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More on dogs in Cole's Woods: Leash them

Dear Chronicle,

I've read with interest the various views expressed in your paper regarding dogs in Cole's Woods.

As a neighbor to the Cole's Woods property I am a frequent visitor and enjoy walking and running the trails.

Before my boxer passed he loved joining my family on rambles through the woods.

I will never forget his last trek. We rounded a corner and

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