

TO: Members of the HB1188 OHRV Study Commission  
FROM: Ann Davis: representative for NH Timberland Owners Association  
& NH Farm Bureau Federation  
RE: Energizing the OHRV Study Commission  
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The organizations I represent - NHTOA and NH Farm Bureau Federation unhappy are annoyed that the commission has made little progress in the past year. In light of this, here are some suggestions that could re-energize the commission.

1. At least two weeks prior to every meeting the chairman should ask commission members, or delegate this task to the commission's clerk, to suggest topics for the agenda. Those seeking to have a topic included on the agenda should provide the clerk with supporting documents at least one week prior to the meeting. This will allow the clerk to send the information to the commission.
2. We could follow the same method for inviting guests. Their names would be included on the agenda and they would provide the clerk with a short description of their background, experience, expertise that also would be included with the packet emailed to commission members prior to the meeting.
3. HB1188, which established it in 2022, stipulates that the commission has the duty to study eight topics. We have tackled some of them. As the representative for two significant landowner organizations, from a landowner rights standpoint it's time for the commission to study and discuss "*(d) The effects of noise, dust, and careless or reckless behavior of riders on abutters to trails and roads where OHRVs are used.*" Let's make this the topic for our meeting in May.
4. To meet the November 1 deadline, "to report its findings and recommend proposed legislation," the commission should start now to record its findings and recommend proposed legislation.