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Dear Todd & Parks and Recreation Committee,

We are in unprecedented times this winter season, worse than previously experienced. Therefore, we need to look to other winter recreational opportunities not reliant on snow conditions to help stimulate our local economy. Because of this we need to take immediate action.

Landover is requesting that the shared use trail system that we use from May 1st – October 31st be opened in special circumstances.

- Opening December 15th – Closing TBD Considering Conditions.
- Operating when trails are not suitable for snowmobiles to operate.

We are not requesting use of the snowmobile trails that we do not have access to during our normal riding season, only the shared use system we use during our season. We are not trying to eliminate or take over any snowmobile club. We understand shared use as our club is ATV, UTV, Equestrian, & OHM.

Starting on the December 15th target date if the weather is favorable for the snowmobile clubs to do pre-season trail preparations and panning and are on schedule for an opening then we are not looking to disturb their trail preparations. At any time we are on the trails and the weather starts to change and become favorable for the snowmobile trails to open, we will then close down our operations. Our intention is not to compete with snowmobiles only fill the void if they are not able to operate.

Landover is looking to model this based on what is already successful in surrounding counties and throughout Wisconsin and surrounding states.

This letter and request are being written because of the vocal outcry from our community minded business sponsors, feedback from members, and visitors from downstate. We know that we have connectivity between communities and most businesses in our area, but our user group does not want to travel (3-5 hours) up north to just ride only roads.

We can also maintain these trails as we can still grade frozen ground and snow. We are still looking to close the system on October 31st and do the best job we can getting the system graded for the snowmobile clubs for their season.

The club is also exploring to add some ATV/UTV only additional trails in our area to remain open year-round.

Sincerely,

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