

ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

November 20, 2020

The Honorable Cecile Bledsoe, Co-Chair
The Honorable Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
320 State Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Bledsoe and Representative Wardlaw:

As Chairs of the Arkansas Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development of the Arkansas General Assembly, in compliance with Act 671 of 2019, we are informing you that our committee met on September 10, 2019, and heard reports from the following agencies and individuals:

- The United States Forest Service
- The Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism
- The Arkansas Department of Transportation
- Arkansas Highway Police
- Individuals within the ATV Tourism Industry

Clearly, there is tremendous support for the expansion of all-terrain vehicle trail sites, as well as a considerable amount of landowners concerned with the potential of increased environmental damage. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development Committees' travel has been restricted. Therefore, unfortunately, we were not able to visit various locations around the state to study all-terrain vehicle trail sites. As a result, this study is inconclusive.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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