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January 6, 2017

Dear Col. Wilkinson,

Again this year, July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, the ATV Law Enforcement Grant Program has been a very popular program with state, county, and local police agencies. The program has supplied agencies with much-needed funds with which to help police the ATV community and thereby help reduce the number of citizen complaints regarding illegal ATV activities. The funds from this program are dedicated strictly to ATV law enforcement, training and equipment needed to work ATV law enforcement as this recreational activity continues to grow with the opening of more and more ATV trails.

During fiscal year 2015-2016, the ATV Law Enforcement Grant Program received 62 grant requests totaling \$433,248.02. The ATV Law Enforcement Grant Committee approved \$148,125.82 in grants of which \$127,015.96 was actually used by the requesting agencies. These expenditures accounted for 2343 man hours dedicated strictly to ATV law enforcement. From this effort, 217 citations were issued, 636 warnings were issued, and 4851 ATVs checked by law enforcement officers.

Since the spring of 2006, this program has received grant requests totaling \$4,670,887.62. The ATV Law Enforcement Grant Committee has approved \$2,314,620.21 in grants with \$1,782,552.12 of these funds being used and reimbursed to the participating agencies. As a result of these expenditures, 37,049 man hours have been dedicated to ATV law enforcement, 3,213 citations have been issued, 6,502 warnings issues, and 57,948 ATVs checked by law enforcement officers.

Sincerely,

William Allen
ATV Law Enforcement Grant Coordinator
Maine Warden Service