



ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!



Introduction to VASA

House Committee on
Transportation

Tommy O'Connor- Executive Director

- Named Executive Director in June 2023
- Serve as the Vice Chair of the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council and oversee the Legislative/Policy Committee
- In 2024 Governor Scott approved my nomination to be named the Motorized representative to the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC)



What is VASA

- VASA is a member-based association that manages the ATV and SXS network here in Vermont
- Vermont hosts roughly 1,000 miles of trail, with a majority of trail being hosted by private landowners
- VASA also hosts educational classes for riders needing to complete the Youth Safety Course (online & in person)
- VASA is also responsible for the maintenance of the trails and hosts a trails team and construction equipment.



Membership Breakdown 2024

5,704 TOTAL MEMBERS

Avg age: 51 years



Top 5 Clubs in Membership

Borderline (Newport): 1,263

Top of the World (Concord): 478

Green Mountain ATV (Hyde Park): 396

Northwest VT Wheelers (Enosburg): 384

Jack Pines Pirates ATV Club (Readsboro): 383

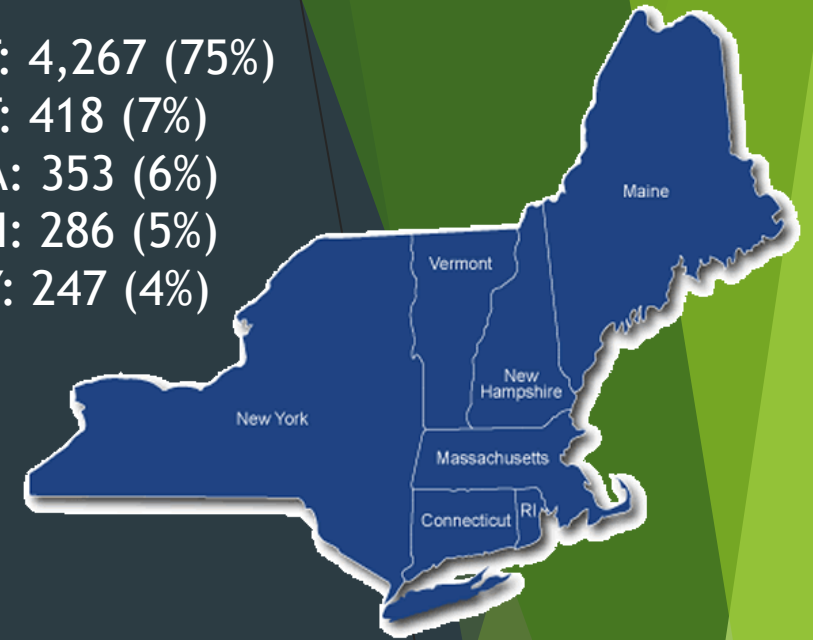
VT: 4,267 (75%)

CT: 418 (7%)

MA: 353 (6%)

NH: 286 (5%)

NY: 247 (4%)



Traditional ATV: 1,826

2 Seat SXS: 2,967

4 Seat SXS: 911



2024 Partners

- NOHVCC- Trainings and national conference, our Trails Coordinator also sits on their board, represents Private Landowner conversations
- Yamaha provided a grant to make the Youth Safety Course Free during 2024 and part of 2025
- Polaris Ride Command is our map software (GPS) and donated to add more Helmets Required signage.
- Axel Off Road provides discounts to our members on helmets
- Tread Lightly promotes responsible recreation through stewardship, education, and communication.
- Vermont Trails & Greenways- we sit on the board and work to discuss the best outcomes for Vermont Trail Networks





Law Enforcement

- ▶ VASA carries a budget line item to support patrols on the trail network.
- ▶ Most patrols are conducted by the game wardens and then the remainder is through local sheriff offices and one municipality.
- ▶ VASA receives reports on tickets and stops to assist in the education of safe riding

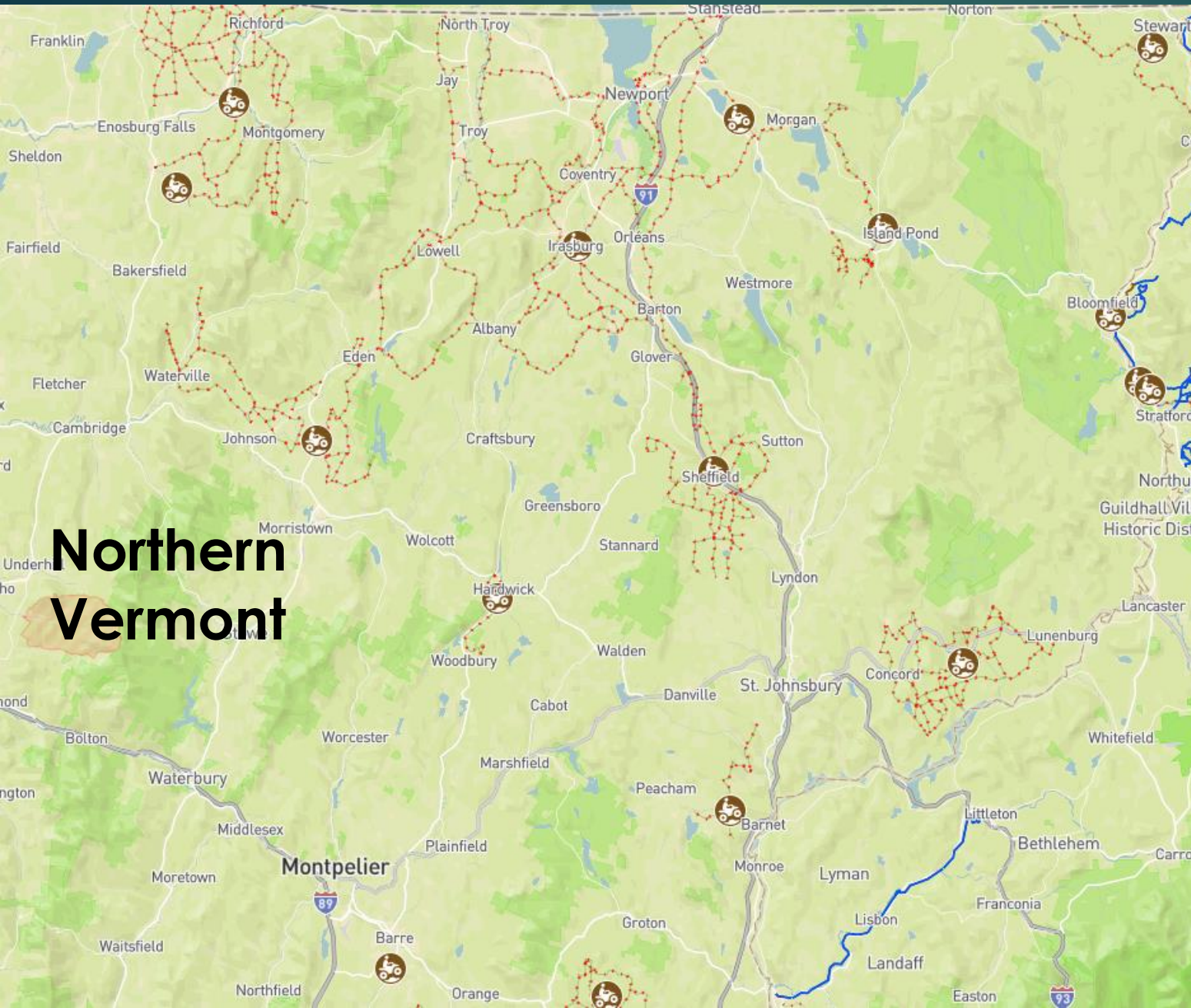


Trail Maintenance

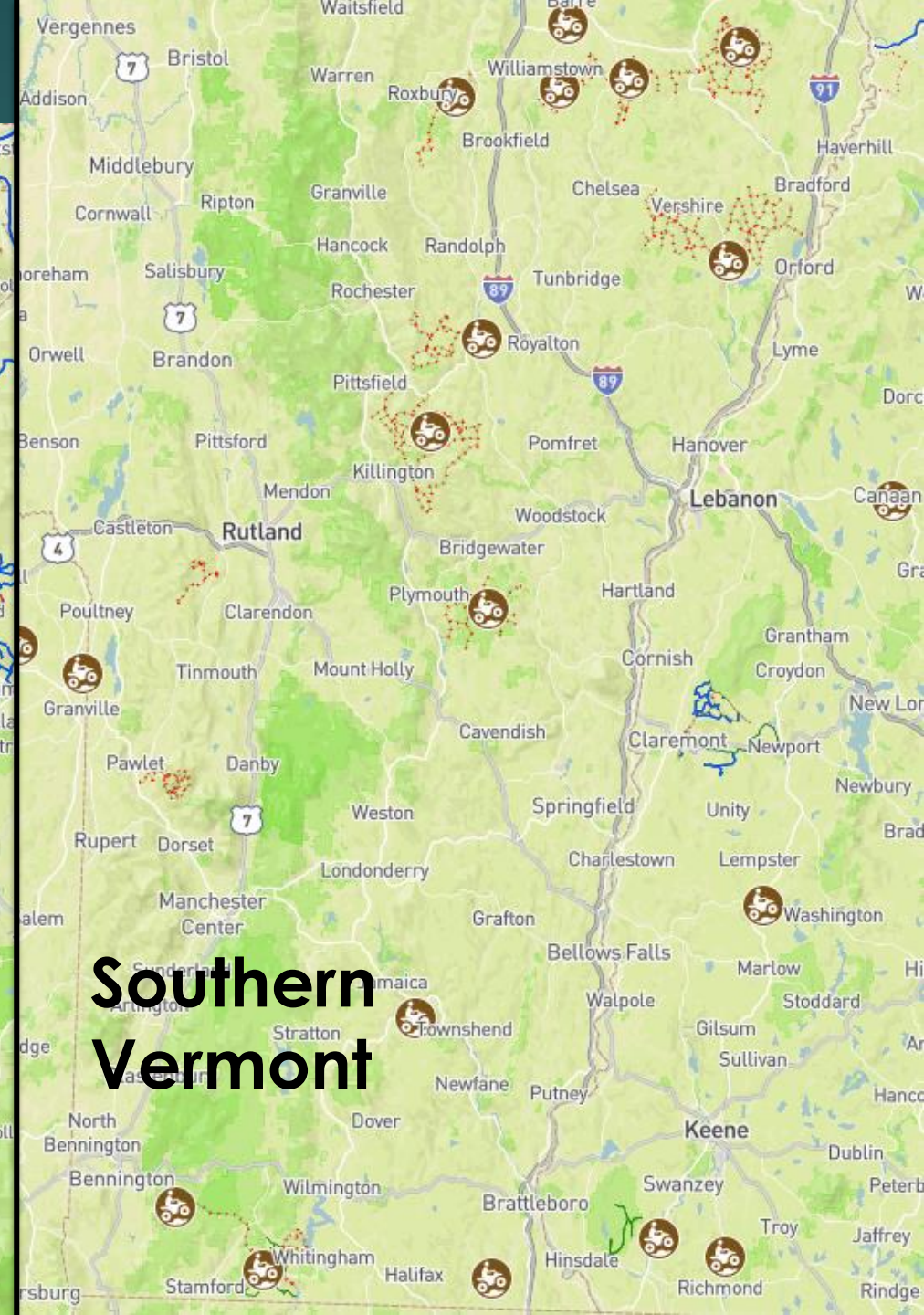
- ▶ VASA owns several pieces of equipment to work on our trails throughout the year
- ▶ All maintenance is done in accordance to the NOHVCC Great Trails Program which is also approved by the State of Vermont
- ▶ The Best Management Practice (BMP) is always reviewed and changed to support sustainability of trails, particularly through large scale weather events
- ▶ Our funding is supported through our Trail Access Deval Program and support from the RTP Grant Program.
- ▶ Our Trails Team has 3 employees with specialized trainings and required Professional Development
- ▶ VASA has won national awards for their work in the National Forest



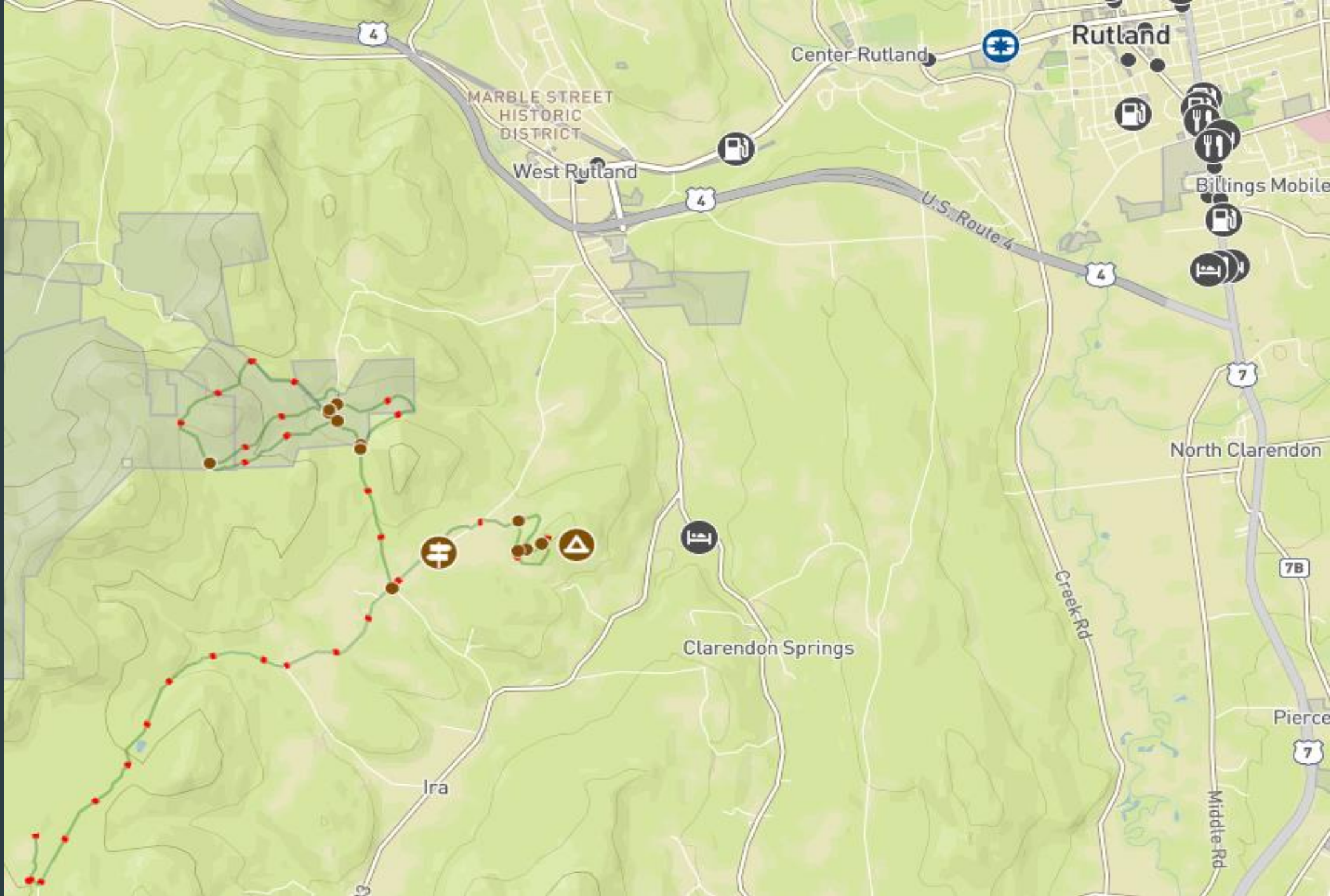
VASA Trail Map *as seen through ride command app*



**Northern
Vermont**



**Southern
Vermont**





SAFETY!!!

- This of course is our top priority
- Youth riders under the age of 18 are required to take a course (online or in person)
- Helmets are required
 - DOT certified for traditional ATV
 - Sport rated if in a SXS



Legislative Priorities

- In 2025 our priorities are to monitor the following bills
- S.4 Legal Trails
- H.233 Grants
- Misc DMV Bill





THANK YOU AND QUESTIONS

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the local clubs and the Trail
Maintenance Program

For More information visit:

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