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Town of Spruce
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Subject: Confirmation of Local ATV/UTV Ordinance-
Town of Spruce, Oconto County

Thank you for submitting a copy of your ATV/UTV ordinance to the Department of Natural Resources. In compliance with Wisconsin law we will have this ordinance on file for future reference. If the municipality revises or amends this ordinance, please provide WDNR the new information so WDNR files are updated and accurate.

Wisconsin law does not give the Department of Natural Resources advisory or review authority of ATV/UTV ordinances and has similarly not been delegated any authority to promulgate rules or standards regarding local ordinances enacted under Wis. Stat. § 23.33(11). Additionally, the Department's state conservation wardens do not have authority to enforce local ATV/UTV ordinances, so the legality of local ordinances does not impact the Department's enforcement practices, but enforceability of such ordinances does impact the local law enforcement jurisdiction entity. Local governments will need to rely on their retained general counsel for guidance and risk analysis representing the municipality's interests while limiting their liability.

Note: Before an ordinance can be implemented in its entirety proper route designation and signage posting in relations to the roadway(s) will need to be completed. For routes related to state highways, additional resources can be found on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website at: <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/doing-bus/real-estate/permits/atv-utv.aspx>

If you have any general questions or concerns related to ATV routes and/or regulations please feel free to contact your local recreation warden for assistance (see attached map).

Sincerely,

April Dombrowski

April Dombrowski
Recreational Safety and Outdoor Skills Section Chief
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Recreation Warden Administrative Area Map

Recreational Safety & Outdoors Skills Section Chief: April Dombrowski 608-852-9456
Recreation Warden Supervisor: Vacant
Boating Law Administrator: Vacant; Penny Kanable: 608-228-9362
OHV Law Administrator: Vacant

