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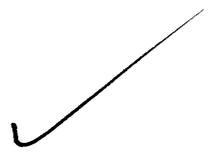
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COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

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NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Russ Ehnes, Executive Director, National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council/Montana Trail Riders Association
Thomas Yager, Vice President, Safety Programs, ATV Safety Institute
David Murray, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, LLP (representing Yamaha)
Randy Rasmussen, Natural Trails and Waters Coalition
Scott Kovarovics, Natural Trails and Waters Coalition
Sean Oberle, Product Safety Letter
Rachael Weintraub, Consumer Federation of America



SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Mr. Ehnes described the two organizations he leads, the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) and the Montana Trail Riders Association. NOHVCC has 44 state and numerous local chapters, which engage in a variety of activities, including organizing trail rides (typically only after a rider has engaged in safety training) and to otherwise facilitate group off-road activities and safe behaviors. Part of NOHVCC's national efforts to encourage safe ATV use includes the "Adventure Trail Program," which provides youth-oriented publications and in other ways seeks to encourage the safe, responsible use of ATVs. This independent, non-profit education effort is also supported by the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA).

When asked about ways that ATV safety might be improved, Mr. Ehnes indicated he believed that mandatory helmet, youth supervision, age restrictions and other elements of the "model legislation" being promoted by SVIA and others should be implemented by all states, but that some of the restrictions, including mandatory helmet laws, face opposition from agriculture groups. He did agree with the general proposition that safe practices should be begun at an early age, and thought that a "transitional machine" for older and/or larger children might help facilitate this. (Mr. Ehnes also indicated he might be able to poll NOHVCC's chapters to get riders general views and specific ideas on how to improve ATV safety).