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Dear Sara,

I am sorry to say that someone, and from the look of the tire tracks it seems an ATVer, has completely torn off the gate at the entrance to the forest from the South Line west of Camp Oliver Road. I am calling around but it seems to have happened very recently. It is obvious this required a lot of force as the welds are sheared apart where the gate and post were attached as well it required considerable anger on the part of the perpetrator.

I sincerely hope that this is only a correlation with the recent meeting about allowing ATV access to the forest as opposed to a causation of that meeting.

However this incident, the ongoing vandalism, the continual illegal and dangerous trespass of ATV's and the discovery of pot plants along the trail two years ago all have led many regular users of the forest to feel unsafe walking alone and even in small groups.

Furthermore the West Grey Police were mistaken in reporting to you that they have not received complaints about ATV's in Camp Oliver. I have called the police twice to investigate and was simply told that they could not take their cars in the forest and once I was told that the Chief and his Deputy were both away for 11 days on a trip to Europe and the Middle East and that the responding officers had no authority to use the police ATV's to investigate.

My wife has also called and the officer who responded insisted that ATV's were allowed in the forest until she drove with him and showed him the sign at the entrance.

This is becoming a dangerous situation and I am requesting that both Grey County, West Grey and the West Grey Police work together to enforce the law and quickly address this problem before it escalates into something more costly and more serious.

I am enclosing photos taken earlier today. Please note that I have called the West Grey Police to report this destruction of Grey County property and subsequent trespass.

Sara it would be greatly appreciated if you could circulate this e-mail to the other members of the Planning and Community Development Committee as well as to the full Grey County Council.

Yours truly

David Sugarman



