

Protected areas a travesty

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There are copies of a petition throughout Guysborough and Antigonish counties which some of you have already seen and signed.

For those of you who haven't, this petition is pertaining to these Wilderness Protected Areas which the Government of Nova Scotia sees fit to just assign, at random, in our counties without any consultation or input, whatsoever, from the general population.

We have trails (a good many of these are multi-use trails) throughout our two counties and, whenever the government feels like it, they tell us that we no longer can access these trails with recreational vehicles (snowmobiles, off-road bikes and ATVs).

One of the results of these decisions made by government is that the 104 (Trans-Canada Trail) has been severed in two in Guysborough County. Another is that privately owned land and cottages are inaccessible to their owners except by walking. It's time that we stood up to the government (and its affiliates) imposing their will on county residents without public input and consultation from us, the people whose lives are affected by these decisions.

The government agreed in 1995 to implement a management plan and to consult with the locals on these issues. This has never been done!

We need support, and signatures on this petition, if we are to stop these injustices.

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