

## Citizen letter re ATV speed limit - routes

I would like to make the board aware of the deleterious effects of the ATV, UTV ordinance. I did not pay much attention to the machinations of the formulation of the ordinance. A mistake on my part. I have received many, many complaints by customers that utilize ATV's and UTV's as a mode of transportation to visit our community and my business. The common refrain is dismay at the absurdly low speed limit and the hodgepodge of approved ATV routes within the town proper.

I personally have no issue with the 20 mph speed limit in town but, 20 mph on Stage Road and other roadways outside of town is nuts. I personally use a UTV for transportation and find 20 mph as essentially a punishment for using that mode of transportation. Likewise in view of budget constraints, a lot of money could have been saved by using existing speed limit signs instead of adding the essentially unenforceable 20 mph ATV signs.

Several times I have been asked why the Town of Bell hates ATV's. These enthusiasts point out the fact that on the trail maps Cornucopia currently has limited travel routes to access businesses in town without breaking the law. A glance at the map shows communities such as Iron River with unfettered access throughout the town and places like Cornucopia with highly restricted access in town. Not inviting and definitely a deterrent to visiting the community via ATV or UTV. With tourism the lifeblood of our community and Bayfield County as a whole, adding layers of restrictions on this segment of tourism is not in anyone's best interest.

Lastly as it relates to ATV, UTV, Snowmobile access to town. Perhaps a route down Klemik Road across 13 and a trail along the power right of way on the north side of 13 could be a nice route to provide better access to town.

Thanks for listening and feel free to share this with others as you deem appropriate. Also if you have questions or if I can be of assistance with any of this, don't hesitate to ask.

Thanks.