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Can you add this to the Wharton comments?

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Nature of Inquiry:
Message Type
Complaint
Subject
Illegal off-road vehicle use
Message
I received an email regarding illegal off-road vehicle use and vandalism. My apologies for the late response, but I have been ill and was recently hospitalized. It is my hope that you will consider my comments and concerns. I love Wharton State Forest. My family and I have always enjoyed the natural resources and occasionally would walk our beloved dogs who recently passed. Our first experience was in 1996 on our first wedding anniversary when my husband, son and I took a drive on a frigid winter night and thought the ice was frozen enough to go through a puddle. This was not the case and was actually an extremely deep and wide intersection that had been torn up from an off road vehicle. We were fortunate enough to go around a smaller hole and thought we could hurdle around the next. We were wrong. Had it not been for our family, a wench and cell phone we would have been in danger. This was not the first time we have witnessed the same type of destruction. The deep holes in some areas have made it impossible for us to enjoy certain areas the way we did. Anyone who feels that it is "fun" to spin tires until there is a gaping hole in the ground is more than destructive and shows little respect for anyone else. The incapability to appreciate the beauty of such a wonderful resource should be prohibited to have access and be held accountable for any and all damage. It is my hope that whoever is responsible for such actions will be fined and privileges to this area revoked indefinitely. Thank you for all that you do in your efforts to keep this area protected for native species, visitors and for generations to come.
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