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Mr. Mike Darnell  
Via email [mikeanddarnell@gmail.com](mailto:mikeanddarnell@gmail.com)

Dear Mr. Darnell:

You may be aware that The Parks & Recreation Division's mission is to acquire, protect, and preserve the natural and cultural features of Michigan's unique resources, and to provide access to land and water based public recreation and educational opportunities. We are proud to be able to offer such a varied set of recreational experiences to a diverse visitor base.

Thank you for contacting me today in regard to the off-road vehicle use at the CCC Bridge Campground. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is able to provide a dynamic, and very popular, recreational activity through various off-road trails. Due to both the popularity, geography, and the need to protect the resource at the CCC Bridge Campground, at this time, you must trailer your equipment to the trail.

From our conversation, I understand you are a member of the ATV Off-Road Club of Michigan and currently maintain many trails. However, I also gained the understanding that you didn't have an interest in maintaining roads at the campground if the Michigan Department of Natural Resources considered opening up this type of use. If you should know of any groups, companies, or organizations who would like to become advocates of the CCC Bridge Campground and be responsible for off-road use in regard to erosion or road degradation in the campground, please forward them my contact information. We would like to look into the possibility of working toward making a change as you suggested.

We are bound by the recreation, resource protection and conservation business. One of the things I truly enjoy about managing state parks is our passionate visitors. There is an energy everyone brings when the doors open in the spring that is just catching. Thank you for your suggestions and concern. I appreciate you sharing your insight.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to continue to work with me by calling 231/922-5270, e-mailing me at [kieferc@michigan.gov](mailto:kieferc@michigan.gov), or writing me at 1132 US 31 North, 49686.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Kiefer, Park Supervisor  
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