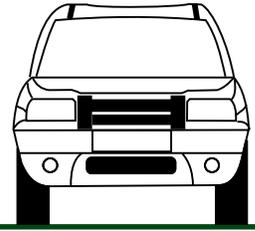


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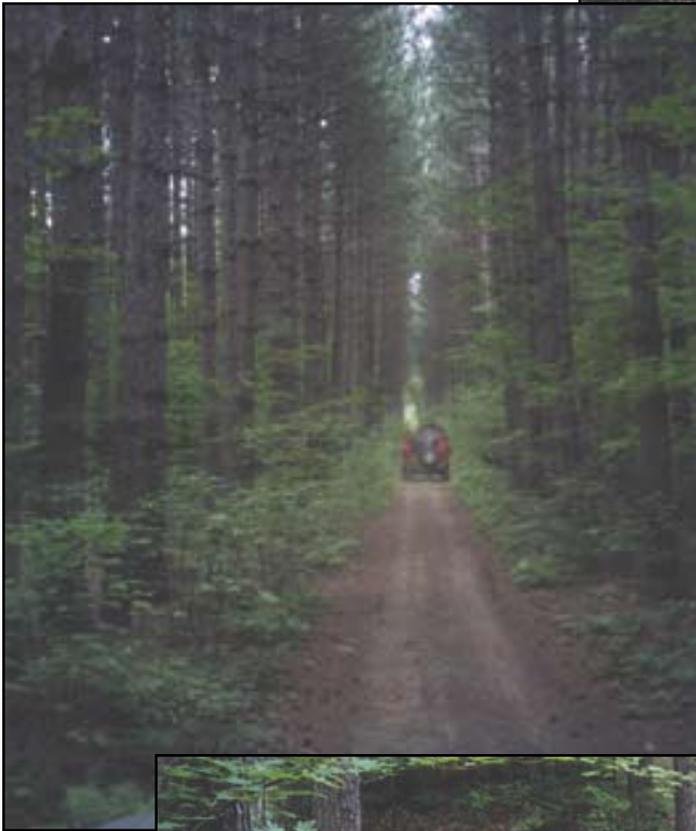


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## Hey man, what's going on?

### OVLR Calendar of Events

#### Socials

Socials are held at the Prescott Hotel on Preston St., Ottawa, the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

#### Executive Meeting

Executive meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. Please contact Jean-Leon Morin for location. [morinjl@sympatico.ca](mailto:morinjl@sympatico.ca)

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Annual Christmas Party — TBD.

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Please see:

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# First Annual Guy Fawkes Rallye in Madoc

*On the weekend of November 3-4, 30 intrepid members of OVLR and Toronto area Land Rover clubs gathered in Madoc at Dom Perodeau's place to commemorate Guy Fawkes. On Saturday, they headed out to Lingham Lake for an offroad trip which combined water, rocks and some hill climbing. Fred Barrett was there and took photos, including these. (ed)*



*Dave and Fergie on the trail at Lingham Lake.*



*Fergie climbing the rocks*

# Update on Larose Forest

*Editor's note: the following thread of email was received at OVLRL and is passed on in its entirety to inform its members. None of the information has been verified by the club executive at this point, but members are encouraged to do so.*

**All,**

The bottom line folks is that if the 4WD community totally lose access into Larose it will add to the negative precedent already set in other Land Use policy agreements where by many forms of motorized use are allowed and we are specifically not allowed (Simcoe County Rec. policy <http://www.county.simcoe.on.ca/municipal-and-corporate-services/forestry/county-forest-recreation-policy/> – promoted by the OTC and other as a model management plan (this one is not dead yet), EOTA – don't allow 4x4 but do allow Snowmobile, ATV etc., Kawartha Highland Signature Site). Given the Ontario Trail Strategy is in full swing – Legislative changes planned (goes to cabinet in Dec.), MNR have a program in place to map as many of the known trails as possible and current usage, we are clearly trending towards a more managed trail infrastructure.

Given the powerful and well represented environmental lobby and others, it is an uphill battle for all the motorized recreational groups to maintain access to trails. We need to be active. Without representation, 4WD recreation will be, over time, systematically closed down. The other groups – Snowmobile guys are very well represented with a full time staff of around 20 people and a total annual budget of around \$10M. The OFATV and OFTR also have some full time staff funded through dues/trail passes and significant sponsorship from COHV <http://www.catv.ca/Whower.html>. The 4WD need good representation too. The OF4WD does a reasonable job relying purely on a volunteer base. We have been/are actively involved with the Ontario Trail Strategy consultations. The currently active projects are legislative review work, Ontario Parks QEII management planning consultation, Greens Mountain and Larose. The OF4WD have 2 seats on the OTC Board. We have active relationships with MNR, MHP and through the OTC with other trail organizations. We have

an MOU agreement with VMUTS so we can use practically all of their trails.

OTC - Ontario Trails Council <http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/>

EOTA - Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance <http://www.thetrail.ca/>

VMUTS -Voyageur Multi Use trail System <http://www.vmutts.com/>

OF4WD - <http://www.of4wd.com/>

MHP - Ministry of Health Promotion (lead ministry on trails)

MNR - Ministry of Natural Resources

## **On the subject of Larose:**

Whilst EOTB and myself have tried to engage in the public consultation the response from UCPR has, not untypically, been dismissive. Ontario Parks gave us a similar run around over QEII. Dogged determination is the only way to make in roads. We need to adopt that strategy with UCPR.

I would be very interested to hear your views (supportive or otherwise, I would like to hear them) and any background you may be able to provide me regarding 4WD use in the Larose Forest ? Also, will you lend your support and help on this project ?

## **The latest news:**

Based on my call with Mr Prevost today – If we do wish to further pursue access rights in Larose the next step open to us is to make a presentation to the “Planning and Forestry Committee” of UCPR at their next meeting in December or January. We need to be well prepared with some very convincing arguments.

We have exchanged a number of emails with Mr Prevost, my last email being:

*Dear Mr. Prevost,*

*As I'm sure you are aware all forms of trail use leave some footprint. In some cases, especially walking trails, the solution is to lay some form of paving down, e.g. gravel bed, i.e. create a developed/built trail. This is done primarily for the convenience of the user. Beyond the convenience*

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*and perceived optics I would suggest the actual relative environmental impact of a built trail versus a natural trail deserves further examination. Clearly persistent long term use by a number of user groups, likely motorized has contributed to some excessive impact. We are very supportive of the idea of some remediation and adoption of clear user guidelines, e.g. seasonal use and defined trails. There will likely be areas where motorized use is appropriate and areas where it is not. This is where I believe the value of meaningful consultation comes into play.*

*As I have mentioned, all forms of trail use on a natural trail leave some form of footprint. I do not believe arbitrarily defining an absolute cut off between 4WD (banned) and ATV use (allowed) is an appropriate first response, especially when UCPR have made no attempt to consult with the 4WD community.*

*In the interests of good governance I ask that the Planning and Forestry Department at least give the 4WD community an opportunity to work with you on an inclusive strategy. The process is important. Beyond the final result, the process will allow for greater mutual understanding and improved relationship with members of your local community.*

Regards,  
Peter Wood

From: LPrevost@prescott-russell.on.ca  
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2007 3:11 PM  
To: peter wood  
Subject: RE: Larose Forest Protection and Development Plan - in-depth analysis doc.

Mr. Wood,

The information you are looking for will be



Kevin Willey and Scott King trimming

presented in the final report.

It was determined by the Forestry advisory committee not to recommend the use of 4WD in the Larose Forest because of the nature of the soils as well as other obvious reasons. On that matter, I invite you to have a look at the attached pictures and to please visit the following link....

I look forward to hearing from you.

From: normand matte  
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2007 4:57 PM  
To: OVLRL  
Subject: Larose forest  
Nov. 14th, 2007

Good afternoon everyone,

I am an avid member of the Eastern Ottawa Trail Blazers club and I want to inform you about a fight that most of you already know is going on at this time. As you must be all aware, the Larose Forest that we have all shared at one time or the other as been closed to all 4x4 vehicles. I have been following this process and gaining information since it started last fall. I also went to the meetings that I knew of.

This decision has been made last year before the public meetings had started. I missed the 1st meeting whose purpose was to hear every individual from each category. This meeting was the most important. At that point, we started on the wrong foot by not being there and not giving our opinion.

The people that organize the meetings are from "planning and forestry dept. of Prescott-Russell" situated in l'Original Ont. Above them, there is another group that consists of different member of society. The only member that I have been able to identify is the mayor of the nation (sic) Mr. Denis Pommainville. He is one of the persons that has asked that the 4x4 enthusiast be banned from the forest.

Myself, Mr. Peter Wood from 4wd.com and Evan Croskery, secretary of EOTB, have contacted Mr. Louis Prevost (LPrevost@prescott-russell.on.ca) who is the person in charge of the research and meetings. We asked to be informed of the process , the progression, and the dates of meetings. At first, we were not been informed of

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the dates for the public meetings.

The reason given for the 4x4 ban is the condition and species of the soil (see below). ATV's are allowed and have their own trails. They have been classified as not harming the soil. Also, you can see below when the next scheduled meeting will be held. This meeting will be covering the "RECREATIONAL" aspect of the forest. The following e-mail from Louis Prevost in response to Mr. Woods tells us exactly what situation we are in. You will notice that we are welcome up to a maximum of 2 people. I have been told personally by Mr. Prevost that I (we) are welcomed, but us being there will be of no value.

Mr. Wood,

*Please find enclosed the information you requested. The next meeting is scheduled for November 29th, 2007. The location has not been confirmed yet. This meeting is by invitation only since it will focus on user groups. Your group is welcome to attend (max 2 persons). I must inform you however that that trails for 4X4 trucks will not be allowed within the Larose Forest. Due to the nature of the soils within the Larose Forest, the County Forest Lands Advisory Committee decided to exclude this type of use.*

Regards,

Louis Prévost, MCIP, RPP

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I think the time is CRUCIAL FOR US TO JOIN HANDS and being heard. If we put our knowledge and dig in our clubs to find key people we might come up with a plan. Basically, we are at the point of having no more ideas and I don't want to lower our arms yet. Any ideas, participation, suggestions, will be appreciated. Remember, time is short.

Normand Matte

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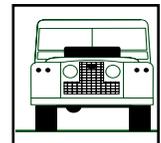
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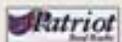
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