



Ottawa, Ontario – February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – The Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs would like to announce that the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance Board has voted to end the long standing, informal reciprocal trail agreement between the Ontario Federation of All-Terrain Vehicles (OFATV) and the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance (EOTA).

Communication was received today from the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance that they would no longer be accepting OFATV trail permits on the EOTA trails. The main point of contention communicated to us from the EOTA was the loyalty discount that OFATV has begun to offer to its loyal members when renewing their membership before expiring.

We recognize that there are many ATV/UTV owners who have bought EOTA permits with the understanding that they are welcome on OFATV trails. The OFATV would like those riders to know that EOTA permits will be honored on OFATV trails for the remainder of 2018. We would also like to ask all OFATV Trail Permit holders to respect the wishes of the EOTA board and cease the use of EOTA trails with an OFATV permit immediately.

We hope to again one day work with the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance in the future.

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**Mission Statement:**

The Ontario Federation of All-Terrain Vehicle Clubs (OFATV) is a not-for profit volunteer driven association that along with support staff, provides resources to our member clubs, so that together, we are able to strengthen the public's perception, and the position: that our clubs strive to provide responsible, safe, legal, and environmentally friendly trails, for riding all-terrain vehicles (ATVs, ROVs) in the province of Ontario.

**Vision Statement:**

**“To have one trail access model available, from one sustainable organization that represents the interests of recreational ATVers in Ontario.”**