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Comments: I have seen where quite a few people would like the ATV trails within Wayne National Forest widened to allow for larger Side by Sides. This greatly concerns me because I live close to Pike State Forest and allowing larger Side by Sides into the ATV park has destroyed it. The larger vehicles tear up the trails, dig deep and dangerous ruts for smaller vehicles, and have made the trails dangerous and sometimes impassable for other riders. We have a new Honda Pioneer and are unable to utilize it at Pike State Forest because the ruts are so deep that our 50" Side by Side bottoms out in the ruts. The ruts get so bad because the people with large Side by Sides wait until its nice and muddy and go in and drive fast and dig ruts in the trails. We travel quite a distance to be able to access safe and well maintained trails where large Side by Sides are not allowed and where we can ride safely and have a good time. I hope that you choose not to allow the bigger Side by Sides to access the trails, because honestly with the destruction these large Side by Sides cause if they are allowed you might as well allow Jeeps and Trucks. If you question the destructive nature of these vehicles I urge you to grab a regular 4 wheeler and attempt to ride Pike State Forest with it. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.