

>> Senator Beall - As a citizen in Jackson Co. Ia., I am concerned about the legislation being considered which will allow 4 wheelers on gravel roads. Living in Jackson Co. for 61 years, I make my views based on my personal experiences and observation.

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>> Allowing 4 wheelers on gravel roads at first glance may seem to be ok. What is going to happen when 4 wheelers are allowed will be as follow.

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>> 1 - Speed limits won't stop a 70 MPH 4 wheeler from going 70 MPH.

>> 2 - Enforcement will be very limited, hardly ever see a Deputy on gravel roads.

>> 3 - Tourism will be from bar to bar.

>> 4 - Lack of proper insurance, registration , and safety devices like brakes, lights, and tires will add to accidents.

>> 5 - Younger drivers than the law requires will be running the roads also, again without any Deputy patrolling the roads.

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>> Having snowmobiled for over 40 years, I can see the parallel with 4 wheelers. As a snowmobiler, we don't just ride around in a single file at a speed limit of ?. Quick acceleration, challenging drifts, outrunning your buddy, climbing hills, etc is the main reason we snowmobile. Riding a 4 wheeler on a gravel roads at 35 - 45 MPH single file will be boring. Horsing around and cutting donuts plus speeding will be the normal, mark my words. If this bill goes through, I will be out there also, but I won't be driving 35 MPH in single file, I'll have some fun. I won't act like I did when I was 18, but there will be 18 year olds that will act there age.

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