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ATV Trail Developments Inside Protected Water Supply Areas

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Overview

- What is a PWSA?
- Why ATV guidelines?
 - Sedimentation
 - Erosion

- Trail Design
 - Planning
 - Location
 - Drainage features
 - Water Crossings
- Surfacing
- Monitoring

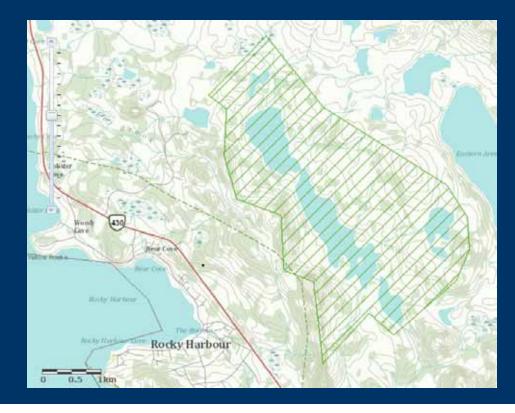
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What is a PWSA?

"The legislated protection of your communities source watershed area!"

- Public, community driven process
- Water Resources Act



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Most Damage!

Why is everybody always picking on me?



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How does trail degradation effect me?

Erosion

Sedimentation



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Trail Design - Planning

Legislative Considerations

- Water Resources Act
- Environmental Protection Act

- Historic Resources
 Act
- Lands Act

Users? Frequency? Liability?

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Trail Design - Location

 Choose a path that minimizes erosion, soil disturbance & drainage structures

Land Use

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Soil

Slope Category

Flat to Mild

Moderate

Steep

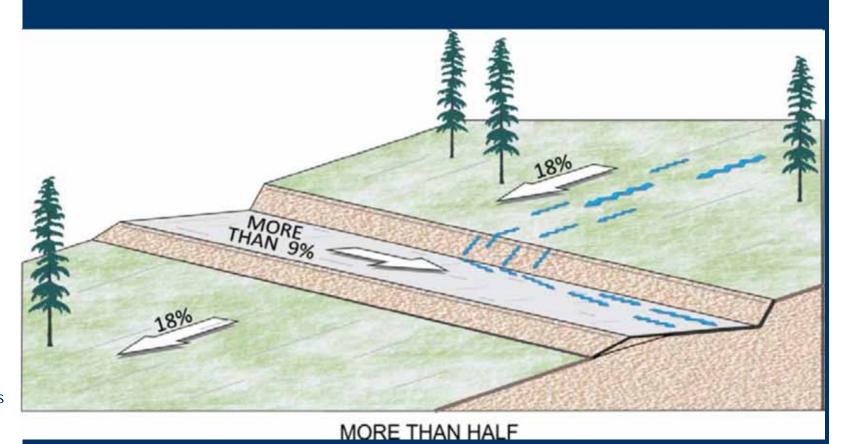
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The 'Half Rule'



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Drainage Features

Natural

- Outslopes
- Grade Reversals
 - Drain Dips

Hillside turns

- Climbing Turn
- Switchback

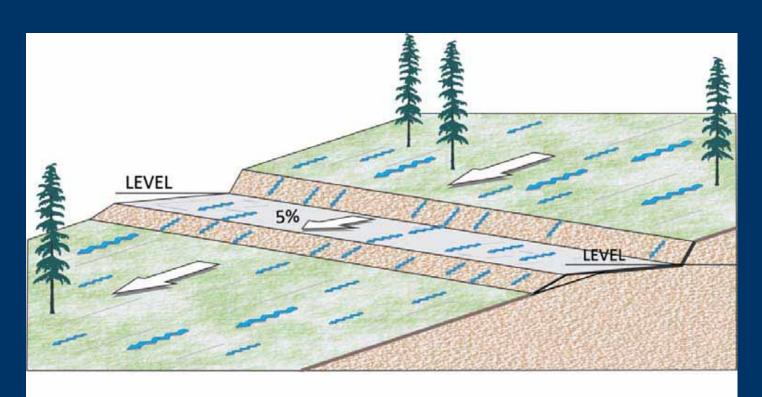
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- Water Bars
- Culvert/Ditch

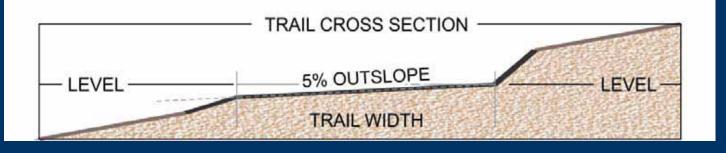
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Outslope



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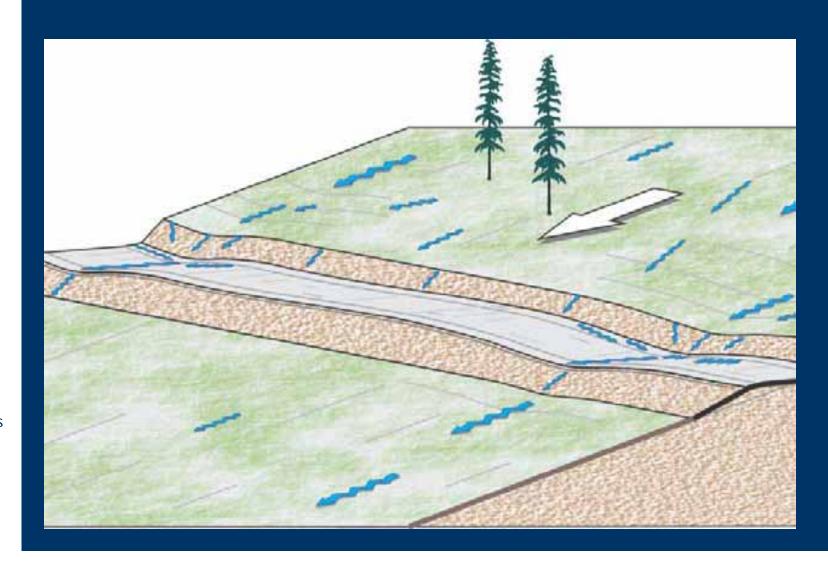
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Drainage Dip



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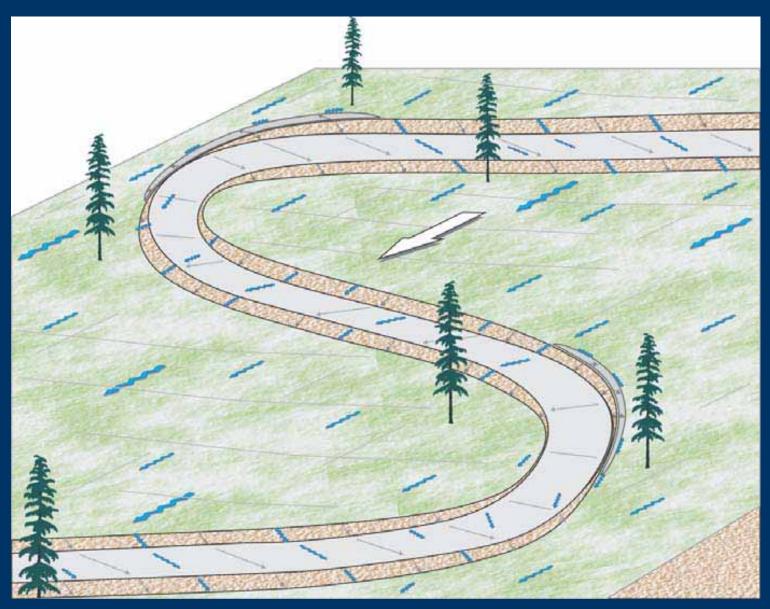
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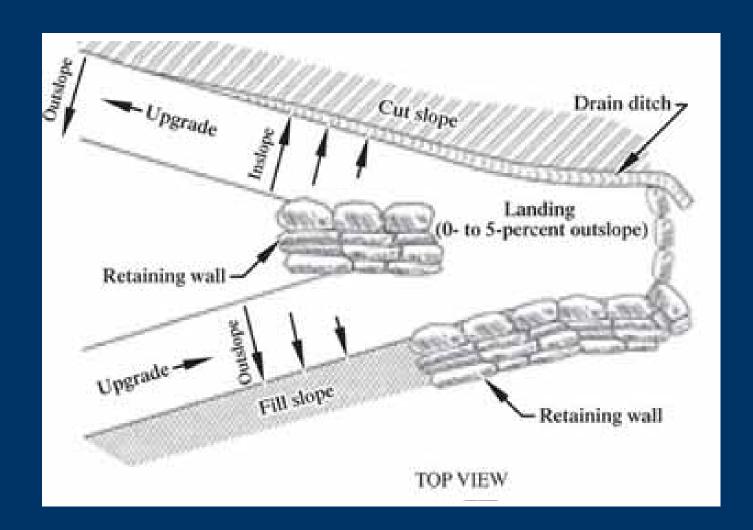
Climbing Turn



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Switchback



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Water Bar



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	Slope						
Soil	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%	15%
Loam	350	150	100	75	50	*	*
Clay-Sand	500	350	200	150	100	50	*
Clay/Clay-gravel	+	500	300	200	150	100	75
Gravel	+	+	750	500	350	250	150
Shale/Angular			730	300	330	230	130
Rock			800	600	400	300	250

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Water Crossings

- Bridges
- Culverts



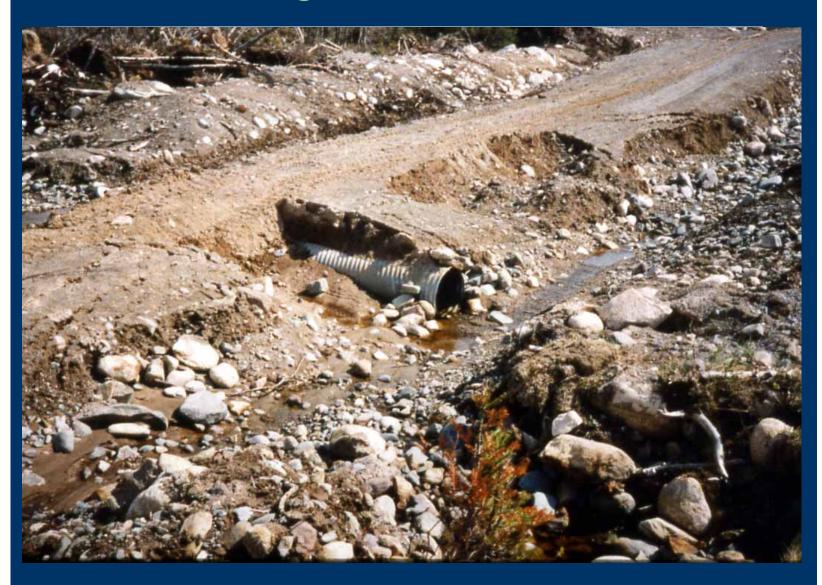
Wet areas

- Corduroy
- Raised Plank Decking
- Puncheons
- Raised Fill

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Bridges/Culverts



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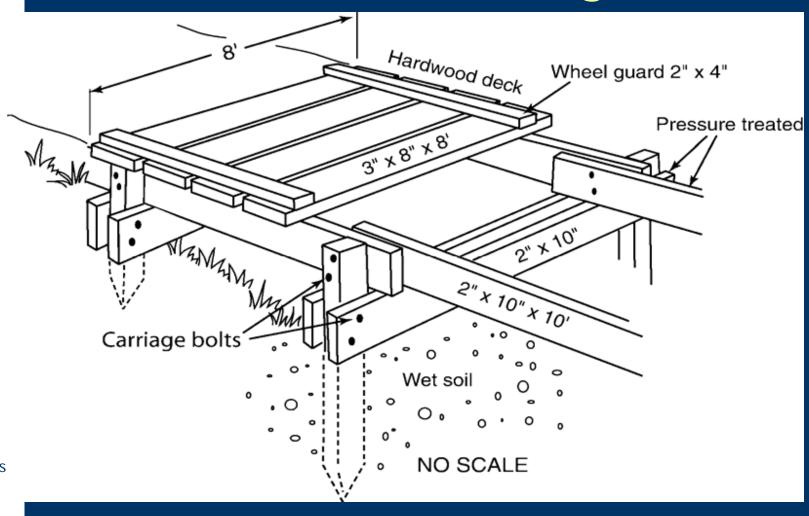
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Raised Decking



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Trail surface

Surfacing - Armouring - Hardening







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Monitoring

- Heavy Rainfall events
 - Check water features
 - Steep slopes
- Reporting



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Conclusions

- Guidelines are necessary to protect our watershed areas
- Outreach is necessary to promote sustainable use of trial systems

"WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY!"

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Thank you!



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