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I need to make you aware of a serious safety issue on Jack Lake and possibly you and your office can contribute to a short-term resolution by simply having signage installed

Basically.... an establish short snowmobile trail which.... for as long as I remember provided for a safe crossing over private lands existed and was useddividing the two major water basins of Jack Lake.... in order to circumvent the use of the hazardous often open water in an area known as the Narrows.

Last Fall a private landowner on Jack Lake erected a gate effectively stopping the safe established route which has resulted in this winters snowmobile traffic now going through a nearby hazardous area known as the Narrows... risking another tragedy.

As background I am providing:

- Letter I send to Havelock Belmont Methuen Jan 27 which was discussed by HBM at their Council meeting today
- Follow up letter today to HBM following their meeting response today
- Letter today to Bancroft Acting Manager MNRF

Confusion exist as to what level of government should take responsibility to simply erect warning signs.

Hopefully your office can have an influence in getting someone to act before a tragedy occurs leading to a lot of finger pointing.

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