

Get Informed!

The 2006 Interim Motor Vehicle Use Maps for the Colville National Forest are available on-line at www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/, and at Colville National Forest offices.

We are implementing a new National Forest travel management rule that requires all motor vehicle routes to be identified on a motor vehicle use map. This includes designating routes for *off-highway vehicles* (such as all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles) as well as *passenger vehicles* (such as cars and pick-up trucks).

Understand the Map!

Please review the map carefully! We regret that few of the motorized trails are shown incorrectly on the printed maps:

- Trails numbered 98, 102, 107 and 109 are open to *all vehicles*.
- Trails numbered 313, 314, and 315, also known as the Middle Fork and Calispell ATV Trails, are open to *vehicles less than 50" wide*.

It is your responsibility to understand the motor vehicle use map. The maps are best used in conjunction with our Forest Visitor Map and we're here to help you if you have questions.

Stay Involved!

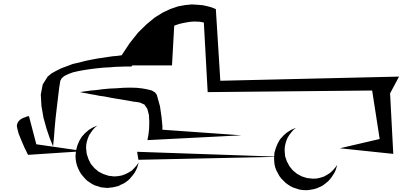
Members of the public, representing various special interest groups, were involved in Colville National Forest's first round of motor vehicle route designation. We will continue to involve the public as additional routes are identified. Watch for information about future meetings, and stay involved!

Tread Lightly!

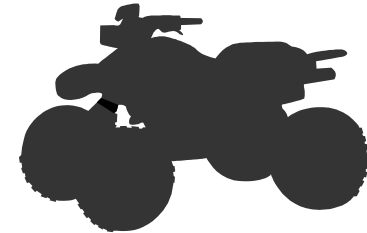
An estimated 16 million Americans participate in off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. Irresponsible actions cause tremendous damage. Please:

- Stay on OHV designated routes.
- Stay in the middle of the trail so that the trail does not widen.
- Cross streams at designated fording points or at the same location that the trail crosses the stream.
- Approach streams slowly and cross them at a 90-degree angle.
- Avoid stopping at the apex of a switchback when climbing since it gouges the trail when you start again.
- Avoid brake-sliding during descents since this also gouges the trail.
- On slick trails, gain maximum traction and minimum wheel-spin by moderating the throttle and using the clutch.
- Avoid travel on muddy trails.
- Pack out whatever you pack in. Carry a trash bag with you and carry your litter out.
- Avoid spreading noxious weeds - wash your OHV and the support vehicle immediately after each use.
- Dispose of human waste and toilet paper properly. Pack it out with your trash, or bury it at least six inches deep.
- Take an ATV safety training course.
- Always wear a helmet, eye protection, and other safety gear.

Tread Lightly! is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching people to enjoy the outdoors responsibly. You may find additional information at: www.treadlightly.org



USDA Forest Service Travel Management Rule Implementation



A Guide to Using Your Motor Vehicle on the Colville National Forest



Know the Law!

State laws regarding motor vehicle use such as age, speed, safety equipment and licensing requirements, also apply to National Forest lands.

These laws can be found in Title 46 of the Revised Code of Washington. Chapter 9 applies to Off-road and non-highway vehicles. Here are a few excerpts to help keep you safe.

RCW 46.09.115 Nonhighway use.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, it is lawful to operate an off-road vehicle (ORV) upon a nonhighway road and in parking areas serving designated off-road vehicle areas if the state, federal, local, or private authority responsible for the management of the nonhighway road authorizes the use of off-road vehicles.

In other words, you may only use off-road vehicles on roads that have been designated for such use on the Colville National Forest's Interim Motor Vehicle Use Map.

RCW 46.09.040 Use permit prerequisite to operation.

Except as provided in this chapter, no person shall operate any off-road vehicle within this state after January 1, 1978, unless the off-road vehicle has been assigned an ORV use permit and displays a current ORV tag in accordance with the provisions of this chapter: PROVIDED, That registration and display of an unexpired ATV use permit shall be deemed to have complied with this section.

However, RCW 46.09.050 exempts some off-road vehicles from use permits and tags. These include: off-road vehicles owned by a resident of another state that have a valid ORV permit or vehicle license issued in accordance with the laws of the other state. This exemption shall apply only to the extent that a similar exemption or privilege is granted under the laws of that state.

RCW 46.09.117 Operation by persons under thirteen.

(1) Except as specified in subsection (2) of this section, no person under thirteen years of age may operate an off-road vehicle on or across a highway or nonhighway road in this state.
(2) Persons under thirteen years of age may operate an off-road vehicle on a nonhighway road designated for off-road vehicle use under the direct supervision of a person eighteen years of age or older possessing a valid license to operate a motor vehicle under chapter 46.20 RCW (*drivers' licenses*).

RCW 46.09.120 Operating violations.

(1) It is a traffic infraction for any person to operate any nonhighway vehicle:

- (a) In such a manner as to endanger the property of another;
- (b) On lands not owned by the operator or owner of the nonhighway vehicle without a lighted headlight and taillight between the hours of dusk and dawn, or when otherwise required for the safety of others regardless of ownership;
- (c) On lands not owned by the operator or owner of the nonhighway vehicle without an adequate braking device or when otherwise required for the safety of others regardless of ownership;
- (d) Without a spark arrester approved by the department of natural resources;
- (e) Without an adequate, and operating, muffling device ...
- (f) On lands not owned by the operator or owner of the nonhighway vehicle upon the shoulder or inside bank or slope of any nonhighway road or highway, or upon the median of any divided highway;
- (g) On lands not owned by the operator or owner of the nonhighway vehicle in any area or in such a manner so as to unreasonably expose the underlying soil, or to create an erosion condition, or to injure, damage, or destroy trees, growing crops, or other vegetation;
- (h) On lands not owned by the operator or owner of the nonhighway vehicle or on any nonhighway road or trail, when these are restricted to pedestrian or animal travel;
- (i) On any public lands in violation of rules and regulations of the agency administering such lands...

(2) It is a misdemeanor for any person to operate any nonhighway vehicle while under the influence of

intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.
(3)(a) Except for an off-road vehicle equipped with seat belts and roll bars or an enclosed passenger compartment, it is a traffic infraction for any person to operate or ride an off-road vehicle on a nonhighway road without wearing upon his or her head a motorcycle helmet fastened securely while in motion...

It is your responsibility to know and adhere to applicable laws and stay informed of route, area, and seasonal closures.

For more information, please contact your local Colville National Forest Office, Washington State Patrol Office, or County Sheriff's Office.

Additional information can be found at:
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/>

Please, Be Safe!

We have restricted OHV use to designated routes for your safety! Numerous hazards exist. Travel on these routes can be difficult or dangerous, even for high clearance vehicles. Many routes have been designated for mixed use.

On single lane roads, vehicles will be approaching you in the same lane. Be aware that your available stopping distance is less than half the distance to an oncoming vehicle.

- Drive Defensively
- Keep to the right.
- Expect to meet logging trucks.
- Don't drive in the dust of other vehicles.

For additional information, please contact:

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