



## The Travel Management Rule . . .

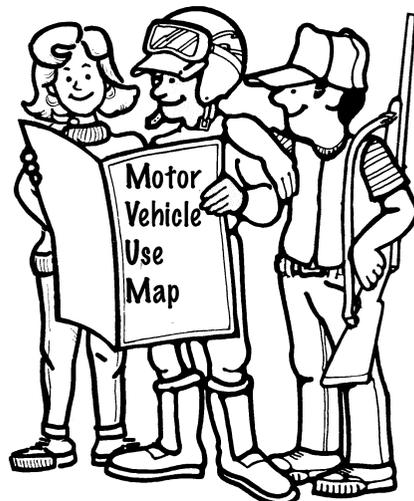
The travel management rule requires each national forest and grassland:

- To designate those roads, trails, and areas open to motor vehicle use by vehicle class and, if appropriate, by time of year, and identify these routes and areas on a motor vehicle use map. Motor vehicle use outside of designated routes and areas are provided for fire, military, emergency and law enforcement purposes and for use under Forest Service permit or written authorization. The rule also maintains the status quo for snowmobile use, as determined in individual forest management plans.
- Once the map is published, motor vehicle use inconsistent with designations is prohibited.
- Until designation is complete, current rules and authorities remain in place.

The motor vehicle use map (MVUM) will show the class of vehicle allowed to travel on each route and the times of year for which travel is allowed. They will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis as necessary.

The Forest Service is committed to working with local communities, interest groups and tribal governments which will result in a system of designated routes and areas tailored to local conditions and needs. Together, we'll sustain our natural resources.

Contact your local national forest to find out the status of designations and to learn more about opportunities to become involved in the travel management planning process.



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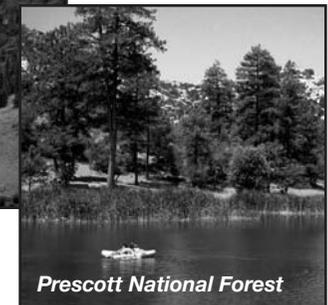
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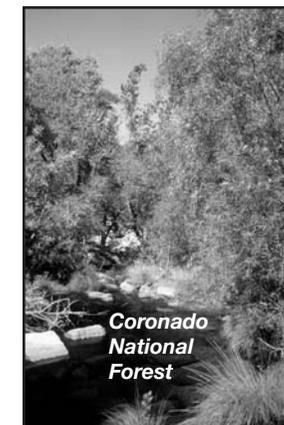
## Why Change OHV Use on Arizona's National Forests?



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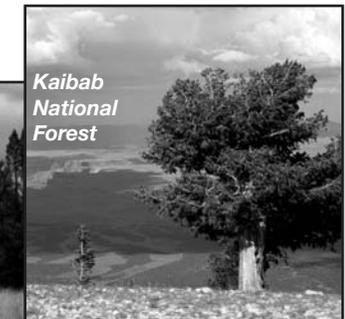
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## Off-Highway Vehicle Use . . .

More Americans than ever are using off-highway vehicles (OHV) to enjoy the outdoors. Nowhere is this more apparent than in our own state of Arizona where OHV ownership has skyrocketed. Visit any of Arizona's national forests or other public lands and you'll see scarred hillsides and meadows and rut-marked roads. Public land managers are also concerned about the number of unauthorized roads and trails that are created when people traveling on their OHV blaze a new trail that soon invites others to follow.

Outdoor recreation is central to the work of the Forest Service. We understand that America's national forests are special places for many people. They offer opportunities for us to connect with the land in a variety of ways, such as hiking, horseback riding, wildlife watching and OHV use, and the demand for recreation opportunities is growing.

Today, appropriately managed recreation, including use of OHVs, is one of the key issues affecting national forests and grasslands. Policies must be adapted to accommodate an increasing number of OHV users on National Forest System lands. In the right places, and managed carefully, motor vehicles are an appropriate use of national forests and grasslands.



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## Moving to Sustainable Motorized Recreation . . .

In 2005, the Forest Service announced travel management regulations governing OHVs and other motor vehicle use on national forests and grasslands. Under the new rules, forests that do not restrict OHV travel to "designated roads and trails" must do so, and OHVs must remain on designated road and trail systems while on the national forest. Motor vehicle use specifically allowed under written authorizations, such as contracts or permits, will be exempt from designations.

The rule addresses the growing demand for motorized recreation while protecting the environment and assuring that our national forests and grasslands provide clean air, clean water, and abundant wildlife for future generations.

In order to comply with the new rule, the national forests and grasslands of the Southwestern Region are identifying a system of roads, areas, and trails to remain open to motorized use, and which will be socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable over time.

The rule provides a uniform set of guidelines for travel management decisions on public lands. The end result will be consistent, high quality motorized recreation opportunities on designated roads, trails, and areas.

The travel management rule itself doesn't open or close a single route. Route designation decisions are being made at the local level in a fair and open travel planning process that anyone can join.

*The maps for all national forests and grasslands will use standard symbols and features which will make it easier for the public to use. Maps will be available at no cost at all Forest Service offices and on the web.*

