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All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV). A type of off-highway vehicle that travels on three or more low-pressure tires; has handlebar steering; is less than or equal to 50 inches in width; and has a seat designed to be straddled by the operator (FSM 2353.05, FSH 2309.18.05, FSM 7705).

Closed road. A road placed in storage between intermittent uses. The period of storage must exceed 1 year. These roads are not shown on motor vehicle use maps. They are closed to all vehicular traffic but may be available and suitable for non-motorized uses. A closed road is not the same as an obliterated or decommissioned road. A closed road may be opened again for use at some time in the future. (Region 3 Transportation Glossary)

Coincident route: Where a road and trail overlap; that is, they are located in the same path. (Santa Fe National Forest)

Fixed distance “corridor.” A specified distance within certain designated routes solely for the purposes of dispersed camping or retrieval of a downed big game animal by an individual who has legally taken that animal. (Santa Fe National Forest)

Forest road or trail. A road or trail wholly or partly within or adjacent to and serving the National Forest System that the Forest Service determines is necessary for the protection, administration, and utilization of the National Forest System and the use and development of its resources. (Travel Management Rule)

Interdisciplinary team: A team of people having different specialties, such as wildlife or recreation, that work together on the design and analysis of a project. (Santa Fe National Forest)

Motorized big game retrieval: Driving off a route to retrieve a legally killed elk or mule deer. (Santa Fe National Forest)

Motorized cross-country travel. Driving off a designated road or trail for any purpose. (Santa Fe National Forest)

Motorized dispersed camping. Driving off a road and parking to camp. (Santa Fe National Forest)

Motor vehicle. Any vehicle that is self-propelled, other than: (1) A vehicle operated on rails; and (2) Any wheelchair or mobility device, including one that is battery powered, that is designed solely for use by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion, and that is suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area. (Travel Management Rule)

Off-highway vehicle (OHV) includes any motor vehicle designed for or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. (Travel Management Rule) This, for example, includes pickup trucks, cars with four-wheel drive, and motorcycles.

Open road or trail. A forest system road or trail designed and managed for motorized use. (Santa Fe National Forest)

Open to vehicles legal on paved highways: A road open to vehicles with licenses to drive on highways. At the time of this writing in New Mexico, most ATVs and some kinds of motorbikes are not allowed to drive on paved highways, but they are allowed on dirt roads. Some highways

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in New Mexico are dirt. This designation would not allow most ATVs and motorbikes to drive on the road. (Santa Fe National Forest)

Road decommissioning: (1) Activities that result in the stabilization and restoration of unneeded roads to a more natural state (36 CFR 212.1). (2) Activities that result in restoration of unneeded roads to a more natural state (FSM 7705, FSM 7734).

Road obliteration: To deconstruct, decommission, deactivate, or dismantle a road; the denial of use, elimination of travelway functionality, and removal of the road from the forest development road system; return of the road corridor to resource production by natural or designated means (“A Guide for Road Closure and Obliteration in the FS,” June 1996, T and D Publication 9677 1205).

Route: Term used to refer to roads and trails. (Santa Fe National Forest)

Unauthorized road or trail. A road or trail that is not a forest road or trail or a temporary road or trail and that is not included in a forest transportation atlas. (Travel Management Rule)