The Path Toward Strategic Success

Help create solutions that address positive OHV recreational experiences and other interests in the Black Hills and develop a Strategy for Success.

Finding Solutions Together

In February 2021, the Forest hosted a two-day stakeholder and partner Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Summit. Over 100 participants and multiple agencies and organizations shared concerns and opinions about OHV issues. The collective dialogue created a well-defined list of challenges that require attention. Follow-up actions included collaborative learning workshops in August / September 2021. Due to COVID-19, the gatherings were postponed until 2022. This year, the Forest is moving forward with two sets of workshops, scheduled on various dates in different locations (and virtually) to create solutions for positive OHV recreational experiences in the Black Hills.

March 15 / Holiday Inn (Rapid City, SD) 6 – 9 PM; doors open at 5:30
March 16 / Black Hills State University – Joy Center (Spearfish, SD) 6 – 9 PM; doors open at 5:30
March 22 / Virtual (Zoom Meeting) 6 – 9 PM

April 5 / Hill City High School (Hill City, SD) 6 – 9 PM; doors open at 5:30
April 6 / Crook County Administrative Building (Sundance, WY) 6 – 9 PM; doors open at 5:30
April 12 / Virtual (Zoom Meeting) 6 – 9 PM

NOTE: Each set of collaborative learning workshops are offered three times. The topics covered in each set of workshops are identical. For more information on the OHV workshops listed above, including the report from the 2021 OHV Summit, please visit the Forest online.

Focus Areas from the 2021 Summit

The Summit raised awareness toward many OHV-related issues. Ranging from agency concerns to situations on (or near) private land, participants openly shared their frustrations and potential solutions. The challenges organized themselves into the following five broad themes:

1) OHV Use Compliance and Law Enforcement
2) OHV Road and Trail System Design and Engineering
3) OHV User Engagement, Education, Behavior, and How to Improve the General Situation Building on Tread Lightly and Ride Responsibly
4) Developing a Successful, Long-Term Strategy for Stakeholder / Partner and Public Engagement
5) Collaborate Across All Political and Ownership Boundaries on Solutions
A Strategy for Success

February 2021
OHV Summit
- Identified OHV Issues
- Gathered Ideas for Improvements

March and April 2022
Collaborative Workshops
- Refine Potential Solutions
  Regarding Five Themes
  Resulting from 2021 Summit

April 16, 2022
Implementation Workshop
- Identify Strategies to
  Implement Solutions

April 28, 2022
Collaborative Workshop
  Share Draft Black Hills
  OHV Strategy

Fall 2022
- Final Draft Black Hills
  OHV Strategy
- USFS to Incorporate Components
  into Forest Plan Revision Process