**OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands in Montana is a privilege, not a right. The operator is responsible for the motor vehicle and its operation on National Forest System lands and roads. Not only must you know and follow all applicable traffic laws, but you also need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. As a motor vehicle operator, you are subject to State traffic laws, including State requirements for licensing, insurance, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially off-highway vehicle use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Drive cautiously and adapt your speed to changing weather and vegetation conditions, including adverse road conditions. In addition to vehicle damage, you may also be responsible for the costs of damages, injuries, and incidents. Take care at all times to protect yourself and others under your responsibility.

Increased use of off-highway vehicles is increasing pressures on Federal lands, especially those with high road densities. The Forest Service encourages responsible off-highway riding and encourages the use of protective equipment. For more information, please contact your Forest Service district office.

**DISPERSED CAMPING**

Motor vehicle use off of forest roads for the purpose of dispersed camping is permitted on National Forest System lands, but up to a maximum of two vehicles per site. The operator shall remove all evidence of the site and restore the site to its natural condition. Proper disposal of all trash is the responsibility of the user. A vehicle that travels on three wheels, fully operable pedals, and an electric motor that provides assistance to the rider is pedaling and that is capable of a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour is considered an electric bicycle (E-Bike).

The Forest Service manages e-bikes under a special use permit and may restrict e-bike use in certain areas. For more information, please contact your Forest Service district office.

**EXPANSION OF LEGEND ITEMS**

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**RECREATIONAL USE**

Recreational use is used to display the beginning and ending mileposts of a road that has a change in the designations but not the typology. Motorized Trail Access: This symbol indicates a trailhead for a non-motorized trail. Non-motorized trailheads are trails that do not require any fee for access.

**SPECIAL VEHICLE DEVIATIONS**

Al Nharem Vehicle (AV): A type of off-highway vehicle that travels on three wheels, fully operable pedals, and an electric motor that provides assistance to the rider is pedaling and that is capable of a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour.

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**THE FOREST SERVICE SERVICES E-BIKES**

Also referred to as an electric mountain bike (E-MTB), a type of motor vehicle with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and an electric motor of no more than 750 watts that meets the requirements of one of the following three classes.

a. Class 1 E-Bike: An e-bike equipped with a function that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that causes the assistance when the e-bike reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

b. Class 2 E-Bike: An e-bike equipped with a function that provides assistance only when the e-bike reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

c. Class 3 E-Bike: An e-bike equipped with a function that provides assistance only when the e-bike reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.