

## Other Important Information

### Game Retrieval Policy

Game retrieval is authorized using ATVs from noon to 5:00pm (1200 to 1700) each day, unless soil and water damage will occur. When a big game animal has been legally taken, the individual who legally took the animal may drive or be driven to the downed animal. Under no circumstances may a second ATV be used to retrieve the animal. The ATV driven to the animal should be of sufficient capacity that only one trip is necessary. The number of individuals who participate in the retrieval is limited only by the ATV's capacity, and the willingness of others to walk to and from the downed animal. The ATV used to retrieve the game may be operated off of the route within the game retrieval areas defined and specified on the MVUM. If the downed game is further than the allowed distance, the vehicle may be driven only the specified distance from the designated route. All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are vehicles that do not exceed 50 inches in width and have low tire pressure (less than 10 lbs) with large tire surface on the ground. This does not include dirt bikes or conventional 4-wheel drive vehicles.

Get the free, current, local forest MVUM map for designated routes by vehicle class, and for trail and camping details. MVUM and travel rules can be downloaded from Rio Grande National Forest website:



[www.fs.usda.gov/activity/riogrande/recreation/ohv](http://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/riogrande/recreation/ohv)

Scan this QR code and get the Rio Grande MVUM map for your mobile device:



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## Your Local National Forest

### Office hours:

Monday-Friday; 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed on weekends and federal holidays.

**Emergencies:** dial 911

#### Supervisor's Office

(719) 852-5941  
TDD (719) 852-6271  
1808 Hwy 160  
Monte Vista, CO 81144

#### Conejos Peak Ranger District

(719) 657-6339  
15571 County Road TS  
La Jara, CO 81140

#### Divide Ranger District

(719) 657-3321  
(719) 658-2556  
13308 Hwy 160  
Del Norte, CO 81132  
or  
304 S. Main (PO Box 270)  
Creede, CO 81130

#### Saguache Ranger District

(719) 655-2547  
46525 State Highway 114  
Saguache, CO 81149

[www.fs.usda.gov/main/riogrande](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/riogrande)



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# Motorized Vehicle Travel in Colorado National Forests



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## Colorado OHV Registration

### Requirements

All OHVs owned and operated in Colorado (including motor vehicles and motorcycles that are not licensed for public road access) must display a current Colorado OHV registration sticker when in a person's possession on National Forest lands or operated on any designated OHV trail or route in Colorado.

### Colorado OHV Use Permit Requirements

All OHVs and motor vehicles (including motorcycles) that display a valid Colorado or out-of-state license plate must also display a current Colorado OHV use permit sticker when operated on any designated OHV roads or trails in Colorado. For more information go to:



<http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/RegistrationsOHV.aspx>

An adequate muffler and a Forest Service approved spark-arrester are mandatory on all OHVs.

### Age Restrictions

Persons under 10 years cannot operate OHVs on public roads. Operators between the ages of 10 and 16 must be accompanied by and under the immediate supervision (within direct visual contact) of a person with a valid driver's license.



## Don't Miss These Local Spots

### Overnight on the Rio Grande National Forest

**Developed campgrounds** provide you a little extra comfort with tables, fire rings, restrooms, and some provide community water.

**Dispersed camping** is available in most places throughout the forest (unless posted otherwise). Dispersed camping allows the visitor to leave a main road up to 300' to set up camp—provided no resource damage occurs in doing so. These areas are more sensitive to damage than developed sites and require extra caution and consideration of consequences.

**Rental Cabins:** Cabins are available through-out the forest for over-night stays and accessible by OHV travel. All of the rental cabins can be viewed and reserved at:

[www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com)



### Be Safe

- ◆ Weather in Colorado is unpredictable. Summer afternoon thunderstorms are common. Stay off ridges and open areas. Take extra clothing and provisions.
- ◆ Creek crossings are unpredictable and dangerous with fluctuations from morning to afternoon in early season.
- ◆ Dead trees can fall quickly and without warning. Stay aware of your surroundings and avoid stops near dead trees.
- ◆ ATV riding "2-up" on trails and roads is unsafe and careless.

## Know Before You Go

### Travel Restrictions

Motorized travel on National Forest lands is allowed only on roads and trails designated on the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). The MVUM details when each route opens and closes for the season as well as what types of motor vehicles are allowed on each route. Public use of motor vehicles in a manner inconsistent with the MVUM is a violation of federal regulations at 36 CFR 261.13. If you have any questions please call or stop by the local district office.

**By law, motorized vehicles are not allowed in Wilderness.**

### Protect Your Resources

Nothing is more destructive to roads and trails than vehicular travel on wet ground. When wet, soil is soft and ruts develop easily from tire motion. Repeated use deepens the ruts. As the soil dries and hardens, ruts remain and become channels for water accelerating and increasing erosion.

## COLORADO

### STAY THE TRAIL PRACTICES

- ◆ Ride only routes open to your vehicle
- ◆ Know your width
- ◆ Ride over obstacles, not around
- ◆ Be an ambassador to non-motorized trail users
- ◆ Consider volunteering to protect your OHV opportunities
- ◆ Pack out your trash

