

Chippewa National Forest

Administrative Correction 8 9-18-2006 Change to National ORV Definitions

Administrative corrections are defined at 36 CFR 219.7(b) and may be made at any time and are not plan amendments or revisions.

Administrative corrections include the following:

- (1) Corrections and updates of data and maps,
- (2) Corrections of typographical errors or other non-substantive changes;
- (3) Changes in the monitoring program and monitoring information
- (4) Changes timber management projections; and
- (5) Other changes in the Plan Document or Set of Documents, except for substantive changes in the plan components.

Forest Plan Various (36CFR 219.7(b)(2))

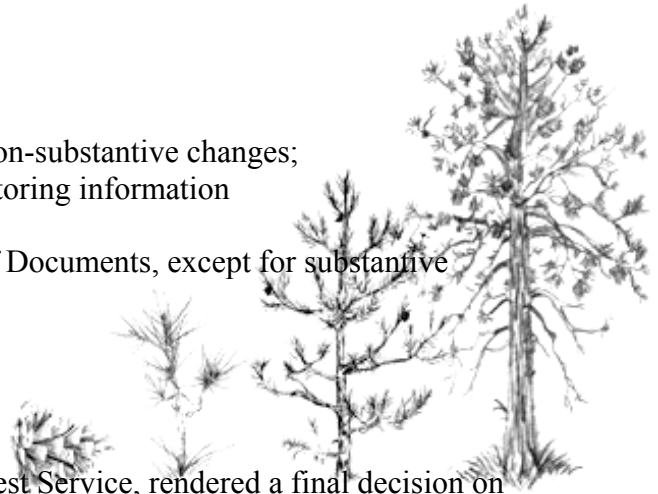
In August, 2005 Dale Bosworth, Chief of the Forest Service, rendered a final decision on the appeals received on the 2004 Chippewa National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). The Chief upheld the Regional Forester on all appeal issues but instructed the Regional Forester “to clarify terminology in the Revised [Forest Plan] for motorized vehicles to be consistent with Agency definitions. The Revised [Forest Plan] adopts definitions for motorized vehicles from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources *Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations* to maintain consistency with the State. Similar terminology in Forest Service National Regulations and Policy has different meaning.” He goes on to state that “The use of definitions that are consistent with State regulations is laudable; however, the definitions should be consistent with national direction”

After review of the documents, it was determined that following changes would meet the direction provided by the Chief.

1. National Definition of OHV (Off-highway vehicle)

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.
(36CFR 212.1)

There is no need to define or use this term in the Forest Plan. This national term is defined in such a way to include any motorized vehicle designed for, or capable of cross country travel over land and water, so motor boats and motor vehicles used over



the water are included in this definition. The Forest Plan does not make use of this broad category, so there is no need to use or identify OHV.

Correction: Do not include the national definition of OHV in the Forest Plan. Eliminate the existing definition of OHV in Glossary of Forest Plan.

2. National Definition of ORV (Off-Road Vehicle)

Off road vehicle means any motorized vehicle designed for or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain, excluding motorboats, vehicles used for emergency or military purposes, and any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized by the respective agency head under a permit, lease, license or contract. Executive Order 11644.

The national definition of ORV is similar in description and intent to the Forest Plan definitions of Recreation Motor Vehicle (RMV).

Correction: Add the National Definition of ORV to the Glossary. Substitute the acronym ORV wherever the acronym RMV appears in the Forest Plan.

3. National definition of ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle)

A type of off-highway vehicle that travels on three or more low-pressure tires; has handle-bar steering; is less than or equal to 50 inches in width; and has a seat designed to be straddled by the operator. (FSH 2309.18.05)

The national ATV definition and the ATV definition in the Forest Plan are similar. The Forest Plan definition talks to motor size and vehicle weight, that are not included in the national definition, but the resulting description refers to the same vehicle as the national definition.

Correction: Change the Forest Plan ATV definition to the national definition in the Glossary. Keep all references to the acronym ATV in the Forest Plan wherever it currently appears.

4. National definition of Over Snow Vehicle

A motor vehicle that is designed for use over snow and that runs on a track or tracks and/or a ski or skis, while in use over snow. (212.80)

Over snow vehicles is a broader category that includes snowmobiles but also includes such vehicles as ATVs with tracks installed or other vehicles with tracks or skis that can travel over but may not be exclusively designed for over snow travel.

Correction: Substitute over-snow vehicle for snowmobile where it currently provides specific management direction in the Forest Plan. Add the definition of over snow vehicle to the Forest Plan Glossary.

The corrections listed above bring the Chippewa National Forest Plan into compliance with the Chief's Plan appeal decision and with National policy. The corrections are to terminology only and clarify, but do not change, the intent of the management direction contained in the Forest Plan.

Corrected Pages are attached:

Plan pages 2-31, 2-42, 2-43, 2-48, 3-18, 3-37, 4-8, 4-13, Glossary 2, Glossary 18, Glossary 19, Glossary 20-21