

## Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs)

displaying designated routes by vehicle class and time of year are available **free** to the public.

MVUMs can be obtained at GMUG National Forest offices or downloaded from the GMUG National Forest website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/gmug/mvum>

MVUMs are updated annually. Please reference the most current map. The GMUG National Forest is covered by the following three MVUMs:

- Grand Mesa National Forest MVUM
- Gunnison National Forest MVUM
- Uncompahgre National Forest MVUM

### What is an OHV?

#### An OHV is an Off-Highway Vehicle

36 Code of Federal Regulations 212.1 defines an OHV as any motor vehicle designed for or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land... or other natural terrain.

### Examples of OHVs



#### All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)

An off-highway vehicle that is 50 inches or less in width. Colorado does not recognize ATVs as street legal.



#### Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV)

An off-highway vehicle where passengers ride side-by-side. UTVs greater than 50 inches in width are not allowed on Forest Service ATV trails. Colorado does not recognize most UTVs as street legal.



#### Single-track motorized

A two-wheeled motor vehicle on which the wheels are in-line (e.g. motorcycles). Licensed motorcycles need to be registered as OHVs when used on OHV trails.

## GMUG National Forest Offices

Supervisor's Office  
2250 Highway 50  
Delta, CO 81416  
(970) 874-6600

Grand Valley Ranger District  
2777 Crossroads Blvd, Suite 1  
Grand Junction, CO 81506  
(970) 242-8211

Gunnison Ranger District  
216 N. Colorado  
Gunnison, CO 81230  
(970) 641-0471

Paonia Ranger District  
P.O. Box 1030  
North Rio Grande Ave.  
Paonia, CO 81428  
(970) 527-4131

Ouray Ranger District  
2505 S. Townsend  
Montrose, CO 81401  
(970) 240-5300

Norwood Ranger District  
P.O. Box 388  
1150 Forest  
Norwood, CO 81423  
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## Motorized Travel Rules Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use on the **Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests**



**Ride on Designated Roads and Trails  
on the GMUG National Forest.**

## OHVs on Forest Roads

National Forest roads open to passenger vehicles are generally open to OHVs. Some roads are closed to OHVs due to safety hazards caused by mixed use and traffic volume. Consult the Motor Vehicle Use Map for the specific route or check with the local Forest Service District Office prior to your visit.

## Temporary/Seasonal Road Closures

National Forest roads or trails may be closed temporarily for safety, to minimize impacts to wildlife, or to prevent road damage. Current conditions are available by calling the local Forest Service District Office or checking the GMUG National Forest website under "Road Conditions."

## Access Through Gates

When passing through unlocked gates, leave the gate as you found it. Gates are used to manage the movement of livestock. Parking a vehicle in front of a closed gate is not allowed. Blocked gates interfere with emergency access for firefighting, search and rescue, etc.

## Camping; Dispersed/Campgrounds

For the purpose of dispersed camping, motorized vehicles can travel up to 300 feet off a designated route in some areas - please consult the MVUM maps. Avoid causing resource damage. Don't camp right next to streams, avoid wetlands and practice "leave no trace" etiquette. OHVs are not allowed to be ridden on campground roads unless posted otherwise.

## Wilderness

By law, motorized vehicles are not allowed in Wilderness.

## Colorado State OHV Regulations & Registration

Colorado law requires all unlicensed motor vehicles, including those registered in other states, to display a current Colorado OHV registration or permit. Vehicles with a license plate are required to have an OHV permit if traveling on designated motorized trails.

OHV registration and permits can be purchased directly from hunting and fishing license vendors, online through the Colorado State Parks website, from some OHV dealerships, and some National Forest offices.

Persons under 10 years of age cannot operate OHVs on public roads. OHV 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.

The following OHV sound limits must be met:

- 99 dB(A) if manufactured before 1/1/1998
- 96 dB(A) if manufactured after 1/1/1998

Colorado counties have specific regulations regarding OHVs use on county roads. Check with local sheriff's office for specific information.

Delta County Sheriff	(970) 874-2000
Gunnison County Sheriff	(970) 641-1113
Hinsdale County Sheriff	(970) 944-2291
Mesa County Sheriff	(970) 244-3500
Montrose County Sheriff	(970) 252-4023
Ouray County Sheriff	(970) 325-7272
Saguache County Sheriff	(719) 655-2544
San Miguel County Sheriff	(970) 728-1911

The use of OHVs to retrieve game is allowed only on designated roads and trails. Cross-country travel is not allowed for game retrieval on the GMUG National Forest. It is illegal to hunt, chase, pursue, harass or shoot at wildlife from motorized vehicles and/or from road and trails.

Firearms (except handguns) and bows carried on an OHV must be fully enclosed in a hard or soft case. Firearms (except handguns) must be unloaded while carried on an OHV.

For all hunting information, contact the Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
(303) 791-1920 or online at:  
[www.parks.state.co.us](http://www.parks.state.co.us)



## Fines

Fines related to illegal motorized travel vary by offense and jurisdiction.

Forest Service fines can be up to \$5000.00 and 6 months in jail. If resource damage occurs, you may be required to pay for repairs.

State penalties for offenses incurred while hunting can include losing preference points as well as monetary fines or jail time.



- Travel and recreate with minimal impact. Carefully ride over obstacles, not around them.
- Respect the environment & the rights of others. Slow down for your fellow riders and non-motorized trail users.
- Educate yourself! Plan/prepare before you go. Check current conditions for the area and don't forget to bring a map.
- Allow for future use of the outdoors by leaving it better than you found it. Treading lightly shows respect for natural resources.
- Discover the rewards of responsible recreation. Responsible operation will help keep public lands open and available for OHV enthusiasts.



Stay the Trail Colorado ([www.staythetrail.org](http://www.staythetrail.org)) has more information about trail facts and etiquette. The website has geo-referenced MVUM maps for all National Forests in Colorado. MVUM maps are in kmz format for use in Google Earth and geo-referenced pdf for use in smart phone technology. Instructions are also provided for downloading maps for use in GPS units.

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