



ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR RESTRICTING THE MOTORIZED VEHICLES USE OF ROADS, TRAILS AND OFF ROAD AREAS ON THE HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS

Under the authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551), and the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and or (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the Roads, Trails and Off Roads within the Huron-Manistee National Forests as described within the Forests Management Plan and Forests Road Plan.

A. FOREST ROADS

1. Using a motor vehicle, snowmobile, motorcycle, or OHV on Forest roads unless that road or portion of road is designated open to that type of vehicle. 36 CFR 261.54(a)
2. Operation or possession of vehicles, trailers or motor homes without a valid vehicle license. 36 CFR 261.54 (a)
3. Operating or using roads for commercial hauling without permit or written authorization. 36 CFR 261.54(c)
4. Operating or possessing a vehicle on Forest Roads in violation of any Michigan State law. 36 CFR 261.54(d)
5. Operating a motor vehicle, snowmobile, or OHV on a Forest Road, former road or trail which has physical barriers in place, such as a gate, signage, berm, trench, posts logs, rocks or natural vegetation which blocks or impedes passage. 36 CFR 261.54(e)
6. Operating a vehicle carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the rights or safety of other persons, or in a manner or at a speed that would endanger or likely to endanger any person or property. 36 CFR 261.54(f)
7. Violate posted regulations and instructions. 36 CFR 261.53(e) and 36 CFR 261.54(a)

B. FOREST TRAILS

1. Operating a motor vehicle, snowmobile, motorcycle, or OHV on a trail, which has barriers in place, such as: a gate, signage or symbol, berm, trench, posts, logs, rocks or natural vegetation, which blocks or impedes passage. 36 CFR 261.55(a)
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C. OFF ROAD OR TRAIL

1. To possess or use a motor vehicle, snowmobile, motorcycle, or OHV off Forest roads, off trail, into, across, or over forestland, wetlands, streams or beaches unless the area is designated open. 36 CFR 261.56

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Definitions for the purpose of this order:

Forest Road means a road wholly or partly within or adjacent to and serving the National Forest System that the Forest Service determines is necessary for the protection, administration, and utilization of National Forest System lands. This includes any hard surfaced, gravel, or dirt road, fire lane, abandoned railroad right-of-way, logging road, or travel route cleared to a width greater than 50 inches, established for the purpose of vehicle travel.

Vehicle means any device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported, including any frame, chassis, or body of any motor vehicle, except devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

Snowmobile (or Over-Snow Vehicle) means a motor vehicle that is designated for use over snow and that runs on a track or tracks and/or ski or skis, while in use over snow.

Commercial Hauling means any vehicle engaged in transportation of heavy cargo, for profit.

Trail means a trail wholly or partly within or adjacent to and servicing a part of the National Forest System and having a width less than 50 inches which has been included in the Forest Development Trail System plan.

Former road or trail means a road or trail that at one time was established and maintained for public use but is no longer open or maintained for vehicles or foot travel. Such roads or trails may still be recognized by the remaining depressions left by tires, or foot traffic, however the travel corridor will be re-vegetated with woody trees, shrubs or grasses and such vegetation appears to be upright, undisturbed, and in an untrammelled condition.

Motor vehicle means any vehicle, which is self-propelled or any vehicle, which is propelled by electric power, obtained from batteries, but not operated on rails.

OHV (Off-highway Vehicle) means any motor vehicle designed for or capable of crosscountry travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain.

Undesignated Mode of Transportation means that the modes of transportation are specified per trail. The authorized modes of transportation will be posted for the specific area. For example: foot travel, bikes and snow skiing are authorized on the Big M Ski trails but horses are not.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons will be exempt from the order:

1. Any Federal, State, or Local officers, or members of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a valid permit in their possession signed by the District Ranger or Forest Supervisor specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 and imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both under the authority of Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.

Dated this 7th day of October 2014 at Cadillac, Michigan.

X Leslie Auriemmo

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Forest Supervisor
Signed by: Department of Agriculture



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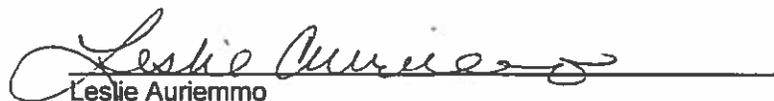
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