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Potential Bidders – Norton Stewardship Sale
Motor Vehicle Use – 36 CFR 212.51

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In April 2013, the Ottawa National Forest 2013 Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) went into effect. This map shows National Forest System roads and trails, within the Ottawa National Forest that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. The roads and trails shown on the map are coded by the types of vehicles allowed and seasonal restrictions, if any. The map is available, free of charge, at each Ottawa National Forest office and at the Ottawa Visitor Center in Watersmeet, MI.

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Ottawa National Forest other than in accordance with these designations (36 CFR 261.13).

During the advertisement period within the Norton Stewardship Contract Area, you are authorized to use off-highway vehicles 50" or less in width on the roads shown on the 2013 MVUM, and also the following:

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You are also authorized to use snowmobiles on any unplowed system roads. OHVs may not be operated to cross open, running water. This includes intermittent streams fed by melting snowpack.

Please note that a copy of this letter must be in your possession when using an off-highway vehicle on the above listed roads. Portions of the road listed above may be overgrown with vegetation and thus may not be drivable. Roads other than those shown on the 2013 MVUM or identified in the above list of roads are closed to all motorized vehicle uses.

As has been the case for some time now, cross-country use of off-highway vehicles is not permitted. In addition, per 36 CFR 261.12d, the following is also prohibited: damaging and leaving in a damaged condition any such road, trail, or segment thereof. Due to their current condition, several roads in this Sale Area require reconstruction or pre-haul maintenance activities as a condition of the timber sale contract. Please use your judgment when determining if you can travel these roads without causing further resource damage.

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