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HIAWATHA NATIONAL FOREST

Off Highway Vehicle Use
and the
Travel Management Rule

*What should I know about MVUM
on the Hiawatha?*

The Hiawatha National Forest is pleased to announce that its first Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) is now available to the public. The maps stand alone as a tool to help you determine where you can ride. This brochure is designed to answer key questions about MVUM and its implementation on the Hiawatha. For more details, check the Frequently Asked Questions document on our website!

The Motor Vehicle Use Mapping is a national policy that is implemented locally.

- Motorized use is a legitimate use of national forest land.
- The 2005 Travel Management Rule requires all National Forests to designate roads, trails and areas for motorized use.

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Motor Vehicle Use Map Hiawatha National Forest East & West Units



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Motor Vehicle Use Mapping (continued)

- The Hiawatha National Forest has had designated roads, trails and areas for motorized use since 1986. So for the Hiawatha, the job of creating the MVUM was largely one of documenting our existing condition.
- The policy requires each Forest to provide a free map of its motor vehicle transportation system.
- To view the Hiawatha's maps online, visit our website.
- Obtain a free copy map by visiting one of our Forest offices.
- The MVUM maps will be updated annually. In order to remain current, responsible riders must obtain and use a current map to guide their use of the Forest transportation system.

The Motor Vehicle Use Map documents the Forest's designated travel management system for all motorized vehicles.

- The first edition of the Hiawatha's Motor Vehicle Use Maps documents the existing condition.
- Motorized travel off of the designated system is still prohibited, as it has been since 1986.
- There are over two thousand miles of roads open to OHV use on the Hiawatha National Forest.

For More Information

Additional information on the Travel Management Rule and its implementation is available online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/ohv> or by calling your local Forest Service offices.



Users shouldn't see much difference on the ground because the Hiawatha National Forest has always had a designated motorized use transportation system.

- Motorized travel off of the designated system is still prohibited, as it has been since 1986.
- The MVUM map supercedes the old "headshake rule." While the system of usable roads has changed very little from the old "head shake rule" system, the MVUM map is the new method for determining whether and what type of motor vehicle use allowed on a given road/trail.
- Seasonal restrictions are keyed in the maps.
- The rules apply to all wheeled motorized use, not just ORVs and ATVs. Snowmobile use on the Hiawatha will not be affected.
- Law enforcement will continue to enforce these rules.

The Motor Vehicle Use Map is the result of much public involvement. Public involvement will be welcomed as we develop subsequent annual updates.

- Public involvement was used in development of the maps and that the maps will be updated annually, so that the burden is upon the user to obtain and use a current map to guide their use of the Forest transportation system.
- MVUM maps will be updated annually in order to correct any errors and ensure the map is an up-to-date reflection of the motorized transportation system. The public is welcome to contact the Forest to provide feedback or corrections.