

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR  
OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AND SNOWMOBILE RESTRICTIONS  
SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST**

Under authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, 16 USC 551, and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth at 36 CFR 261.50(a) and 261.50(b), effective September 14, 2004, the following acts or omissions are prohibited on National Forest System lands, roads, and trails in St. Louis, Lake, and Cook Counties, Minnesota, on the Superior National Forest:

**OFF-ROAD USE**

1. It is prohibited to possess or use a motor vehicle off National Forest System roads, except snowmobiles when snow depth on the ground is four (4) inches or more. 36 CFR 261.56 See Exhibits C and D for maps of Superior National Forest.
2. It is prohibited to possess or use a snowmobile off National Forest System roads within the following management areas: Semi-primitive non-motorized Recreation; Research Natural Areas; Candidate Research Natural Areas; Unique Biological Areas; and wild segments of Eligible Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers. 36 CFR 261.56 See Exhibits C and D for locations.

**NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROAD USE**

3. It is prohibited to use an off-highway vehicle on Forest System roads designated as Objective Maintenance Level 3, 4, or 5. 36 CFR 261.54(a). See Exhibits A, B-1, C and D for exceptions and locations.
4. It is prohibited to use an off-road vehicle on Forest System Roads designated as Objective Maintenance Level 1. 36 CFR 261.54(a). See Exhibits B-1, C, and D for locations.
5. It is prohibited to use snowmobiles on any plowed National Forest System road, except those listed in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibits B-1, C and D. 36 CFR 261.54(a)
6. It is prohibited to use a snowmobile on unplowed Forest System roads within the following management areas: Semi-primitive non-motorized Recreation; Research Natural Areas; Candidate Research Natural Areas; Unique Biological Areas; and wild segments of Eligible Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers. 36 CFR 261.54(a) See Exhibits B-1, C, and D for locations.

**NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAIL USE**

7. It is prohibited to use a motor vehicle on National Forest System trails, except on those trails designated for off-highway vehicle use. 36 CFR 261.55(b) See Exhibits A, B-2, C, and D for exceptions and locations.

For the purpose of this order, the following definitions apply:

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) means any motorized vehicle which is not registered or lawful for use on all State, county or municipal roads and highways in the State in

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accordance with State law, except tracked vehicles that are specifically designed for use over snow. The term off-highway vehicle generally includes all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), off-highway motorcycles, and off-road vehicles.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) means motorized, recreational vehicles capable of cross-country travel on natural terrain, such as four-wheel-drive trucks and ATVs that have an engine displacement of more than 800 cubic centimeters and total dry weight of more than 900 pounds. Vehicles not considered ORVs include snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, watercraft, or aircraft. Farm, logging, military, emergency, law enforcement, utility, trail-grooming and construction vehicles are not considered to be ORVs when used for their intended purpose.

Definitions of National Forest System road maintenance levels may be found in Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 7709.58, Section 12.3.

**THESE PROHIBITIONS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS FOUND AT 36 CFR PART 261, SUBPART A, AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL TERMINATED OR RESCINDED BY THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2004, at Duluth, Minnesota.

/s/ James W. Sanders

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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. [16 USC 551; 18 USC 3559 and 3571]