

# Understanding your Motor Vehicle Use Map

## Olympic National Forest



### BACKGROUND

The 2005 Travel Management Rule (the Rule) provides a consistent method for all National Forests to show which roads and trails are open to use by motor vehicles. The Rule requires each Forest to issue a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). The

MVUM benefits forest users by providing a consistent method of displaying uses allowed by vehicle class, dispersed camping, seasonal allowances, as well as providing information on other travel rules and regulations. Roads and trails not shown on the map are closed to motor vehicle use.

Users will be required to have a copy of the map in much the same way that they are required to have a Hunting and Fishing Guide. The MVUM is a black and white map with no topographic features, and is best used in conjunction with a Forest Visitor Map.

The MVUM will show roads and trails open to motorized vehicles, and what type of motor vehicles the public can use on each one. Roads and trails not shown on the map are closed to motor vehicle use. The Rule requires annual updates to the MVUM that will reflect changes to the Forest road and trail systems as a result of any changes made as a result of Travel Management Planning that may be made during the year.

### WHAT TYPE OF VEHICLES ARE PERMITTED ON FOREST ROADS AND TRAILS

All Forest Roads shown on the MVUM are open ONLY to vehicles licensed by the state and operated by persons with a

driver license. Mixed use by licensed and unlicensed vehicles is prohibited on all roads. Cross country travel is prohibited in all areas of the Forest.

### WHAT IS SHOWN ON THE MAP

This MVUM does not show all roads and trails on the Olympic NF. For consistency nation wide, the map only shows those roads and trails that are open to use by wheeled motorized vehicles. The following types of roads and trails are not shown on the MVUM and are closed to all motor vehicle use by the public:

- Roads which are in storage.
- Some roads which appear on the Forest Visitor Map and other District maps, may not appear on the MVUM as they have been closed by subsequent decisions following a public analysis process.
- Roads which are gated and under special use permit for specialized permitted access are not shown.
- Trails not open to motorized use.



## DISPERSED CAMPING

Dispersed camping is a popular activity across the Forest and many favored campsites are located alongside Forest roads. To protect valuable forest resources, please select your campsite on foot. Avoid camping within 50 feet of a water body or wetland area. Use proper precautions when building campfires. The following restrictions apply forest-wide for dispersed camping:

- Vehicle use is allowed within 150 feet of an open road only to access dispersed campsites. Campsites further than 150 feet of

an open road can still be accessed via foot.

- Access is allowed only where an established route leads to an existing campsite.
- Motorized vehicles must stay on designated roads or parking sites within developed areas such as campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads, and boat launches.
- You may not move, go around, or go over barriers such as gates, rocks, berms, or signs.
- It is unlawful to construct roads or trails, as well as cut, damage, or harm any vegetation.
- Driving through streams or wetlands to access a camp on the far side is prohibited.
- Pack out all trash and dispose of human waste properly.

*Dispersed campsites are in areas that have not been improved or developed for recreation; generally, no facilities are available and no fee is required for their use.*

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