

## WHAT ROADS ON THE MEDICINE BOW NATIONAL FOREST ARE ENROLLED IN THE STATE PROGRAM?

The majority of roads open to motorized use on the Medicine Bow National Forest have been enrolled in the Wyoming State ORV program. The roads that are NOT enrolled in the program are listed below. Users will still be required under State Statute to have a valid driver's license, maintain insurance, display valid license plates, and have a fully street legal vehicle in order to operate ORVs on these non-enrolled Forest roads.

## ROADS NOT ENROLLED ON THE MEDICINE BOW NATIONAL FOREST:

- Highway 130 (Snowy Range Hwy)
- Highway 70 (Battle Hwy)
- Highway 230

## DO I NEED A DRIVER'S LICENSE TO OPERATE MY ORV ON A FOREST ROAD THAT IS ENROLLED IN THE WYOMING STATE ORV PROGRAM?

Yes. Wyoming law requires that an operator of ORVs traveling on any public roadway must be a licensed driver. Regardless of whether the Forest Road is enrolled in the Wyoming State ORV program or not, the operator must carry a valid driver's license in order to operate on any ROAD. In addition, the ORV must have brake lights, tail lights and head lamps if operating on a roadway one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

An operator does not have to have a driver's license to operate on designated motorized National Forest TRAILS.

**PLEASE TREAD LIGHTLY AND STAY ON DESIGNATED ROUTES!**

On January 1, 2002, WYOMING OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (ORV) STATE STATUTES went into effect, which guide how the use of these vehicles, (including ATVs and motorcycles), is regulated within the State of Wyoming.

The 2002 WY legislation allowed public land managers to enroll roads into the Wyoming State ORV program. Once a Forest Road is officially enrolled, ORVs traveling on an enrolled designated road are no longer required by State Law to have a license plate or be street legal in order to operate on them. They will be legal to travel the enrolled roads with the purchase of a Wyoming State ORV permit.

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Medicine Bow National Forest Supervisor's Office  
Laramie Ranger District  
2468 Jackson Street  
Laramie, WY  
307-745-2300

Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District  
South Highway 130  
Saratoga, WY  
307-326-5258

Douglas Ranger District  
2250 East Richards Street  
Douglas, WY  
307-358-4690

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# ORV Guide

## Medicine Bow National Forest



This brochure provides information to ORV users on the Medicine Bow National Forest.

Motorized users on the Medicine Bow National Forest have the responsibility of knowing where they can and cannot travel.

We need your help to provide for and ensure a successful ORV recreation program.

## **WHAT ARE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREST ROADS & TRAILS?**

Any ORV being operated on any Forest motorized TRAIL must HAVE AND DISPLAY a Wyoming State ORV permit. Wyoming State Law does not require ORVs operating on these TRAILS to have license plates or to be street legal. If your ORV has license plates, you are NOT required to purchase the Wyoming State ORV permit to travel on forest ROADS. A Wyoming State ORV permit OR valid license plate will suffice on all ROADS enrolled in the Wyoming State ORV Program. For roads that are not enrolled, there is not an option - State Law requires the ORV to display valid license plates and to be street legal in order to travel on these roads. A list of non-enrolled roads is found later in this brochure.

## **WHY CAN'T ORVS OPERATE ON FOREST ROADS WITHOUT HAVING TO HAVE PERMITS OR LICENSE PLATES?**

All open Forest Service Roads on the Medicine Bow National Forest are considered to be "public roadways" and by law, fall under Wyoming State Statutes governing public roadways. These laws require an ORV to be street legal and to have a valid license plate on all public roadways OR to have a Wyoming State ORV permit on enrolled Forest roads.

## **ARE THERE WIDTH & WEIGHT LIMITS FOR ORVS ON TRAILS & ROADS?**

ORVs are not allowed to be over 50 Inches in width on TRAILS. There are no width or weight restrictions for ORVs riding on ROADS.

## **WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO WHEN I PURCHASE A STATE ORV PERMIT?**

The funds generated through this program are used to operate the Wyoming State ORV Program. This program develops, maintains and manages ORV trails and riding opportunities. The program includes funding for the State Trail Crew, which constructs, re-constructs, and maintains many trails State-wide. The amount of funding generated in a locality will be directed back to these areas to benefit the local ORV program.

Funds are also used to print ORV maps, provide safety information, signage and facilities such as restrooms and parking areas. ORV users receive a direct benefit in the areas where they recreate. The Wyoming State ORV program produces an ORV user map for the Medicine Bow National Forest which you can obtain when you purchase your ORV permit.

## **WHAT IF I AM FROM OUT OF STATE?**

Non-resident users on Forest Roads and Trails must abide by the same regulations as resident users. Out of state license plates are accepted by the State of Wyoming to travel Forest Roads, but not TRAILS. A non-resident must have a valid Wyoming State ORV permit to travel any motorized trails. If not plated, out of state ORVs must have the Wyoming ORV permit to travel on enrolled ROADS.

## **DO I NEED A SPARK ARRESTOR?**

Yes. All ORVs operating on National Forest Lands must have a spark arrestor on their ORV to help prevent wildfires.

## **CAN I GO WHEREVER I WANT WITH MY ORV ONCE I GET THE PERMIT?**

No. Medicine Bow National Forest regulations require that all motorized users stay on designated and numbered motorized routes. All legal motorized routes are shown on the MOTOR VEHICLE USE MAP (MVUM). Users should be aware that there are routes on the ground which are NOT shown on the MVUM and thus, not legal for motorized use. All users should obtain a copy of the free MVUM available at all Forest offices to assist them in knowing where they are allowed to travel. Every attempt is made to sign designated motorized routes on the ground with a corresponding MVUM road number, however, visitors are responsible for utilizing the MVUM in determining where they are allowed to travel. Motorized travel is allowed up to 300 feet (100' on Pole Mtn.) off of a designated route for the purpose of camping, gathering firewood or game retrieval, providing no resource damage will occur by doing so.

Some of our motorized routes are closed seasonally to protect elk calving areas and/or to minimize seasonal damage to the roads.

Penalties for traveling off designated routes or in closed areas could be up to \$5,000 in fines and/or up to 6 months in jail.

We encourage all visitors to purchase a National Forest map and to acquire the free Wyoming State ORV map and the MVUM. Contact a local National Forest Office if you have questions on motorized travel regulations

Travel within campgrounds is allowed only for exit or entry into the campground.

We recommend ALL ORV users carry related insurance.