



Kaibab National Forest

WILLIAMS & TUSAYAN RANGER DISTRICTS

Travel Management Guide & Helpful Information

Did You Know....

The rules for vehicle travel across National Forests have changed?

The Travel Management Rule was implemented on the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts of the Kaibab National Forest in 2011. This was a federal rule that required all national forests and grasslands to designate a system of roads, trails and areas for motorized use, and to prohibit all motor vehicle use off the designated system.

Travel Management will help us balance the public's enjoyment of motorized travel with the best possible care of the land and its precious resources.

Forest planners undertook a lengthy process to determine what roads were most important to the various user groups, what areas were most in need of protection and what members of the public had to say.

Motor Vehicle Use Maps indicate what roads are open to motor vehicle travel. Maps are available at Kaibab National Forest offices and on our website at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/kaibab/tmr.



You Can Still Get There

Under the new system, visitors can still drive on most of the same roads they had previously.

Certain roads have been closed to address specific resource concerns, but the majority of forest roads are still open to motorized vehicle use.

In many areas on both the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts, short routes have been added to the open road system. These routes access historically-popular motorized dispersed camping sites and were added specifically to provide visitors with a more enjoyable motorized dispersed camping experience.

The Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) is the key to understanding the forest transportation system and can be used in conjunction with the Kaibab National Forest visitor map. Use the MVUM to determine what roads are open and how far you are allowed to drive off of the road.

What You Need To Know...

🚗 These new rules only affect motor vehicle use. They **DO NOT** restrict hiking, biking, horseback riding or other non-motorized activities.

🚗 All roads on the forest are numbered. However, only roads appearing on the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) are open to public motorized use.

🚗 On the Williams Ranger District, there are 1,114 miles of roads available for motorized use. On the Tusayan Ranger District, there are 566 miles of roads available for motorized use.

🚗 Driving off of designated roads is no longer allowed except in very specific circumstances. However, motorists may drive and park up to 30 feet from the side of all open roads, unless otherwise specified.

🚗 Within one mile of all open roads (except where prohibited), hunters can drive off the road to retrieve a legally killed elk using the most direct and least ground disturbing route in

and out (one trip in, one trip out) during all elk hunting seasons as designated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and for 24 hours following the end of each season.

🚗 Rules for gathering fuelwood are handled through fuelwood permits. Check the map that accompanies the permit.

🚗 Arizona State law applies to all maintained roads on the forest. For additional information, visit:

www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/off_highway.shtml.

🚗 Driving off road or off the designated open road system is a violation that could result in a ticket.

🚗 It is your responsibility to ensure you are driving on a designated road. Use the free MVUM to determine whether your route is a designated route.

🚗 Nature rules! Please stay on designated roads and trails.

Common Questions & Answers...

1. What is Travel Management?

The Travel Management Rule is a federal regulation that all National Forests and Grasslands are required to implement. The Travel Management Rule limits motorized use to designated roads, trails and areas. The intent of the rule is to protect natural resources while also providing for motorized recreational opportunities.

2. What roads am I able to drive or ride using my vehicle/ATV/motorcycle?

Both the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts have free Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) that show the open road system. These maps are available at all Kaibab National Forest offices and on our website at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/kaibab/tmr. Visitors are responsible for carrying this map to inform them of motorized travel regulations.

- Roads not on the MVUM are closed to public motorized use.
- Travel off of the designated road system is prohibited, except as identified on the MVUM.
- The MVUM will be updated annually to make adjustments and fix errors.

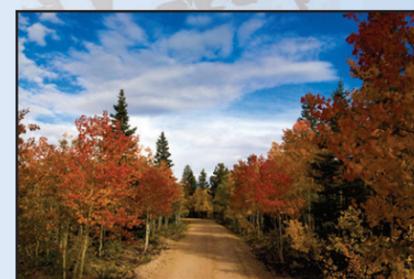
3. Am I allowed to go off-road to gather fuelwood?

On the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts, cross-country motorized travel to collect fuelwood is authorized within designated fuelwood gathering areas only. In all other areas, motorists may drive up to 30 feet off of all open roads in order to park and collect fuelwood. A fuelwood permit is required for all fuelwood collection. The fuelwood permit and accompanying map identify designated fuelwood gathering areas within which cross-country motorized travel is authorized. Both the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts are committed to increasing the number of acres and areas within which fuelwood can be gathered using motorized vehicles.

4. Why is Motorized Big Game Retrieval (MBGR) only allowed for elk? Why not for deer?

MBGR was the most polarizing and controversial topic during the public comment period. In an effort to provide a compromise on the topic, MBGR was included for elk only. This was based on several things:

- Consideration of all the public input received,
- Coordination with the Arizona Game and Fish Department,
- Consideration of the ability to pack an animal out (elk pose the greatest challenge),
- The need to reduce impacts from off-road motorized use,
- The need to meet management objectives in the Forest Plan.



5. Can I still car camp?

Yes. However, visitors may no longer travel cross-country in their motorized vehicles in order to camp. Motorists may drive up to 30 feet from the side of all open roads to park and camp, unless otherwise posted. Vehicles pulling trailers must park within the 30-foot zone from the edge of open roads. In many areas on both the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts, short routes have been added to the system to access historically-popular motorized dispersed camping sites. These routes are recommended for motorized dispersed camping.

6. I found an error on your map. How do I provide comments and updates?

If you discover errors on the MVUM, please provide your comments via our public web site at: <http://go.usa.gov/mhV>. (This Web address is case-sensitive, so please enter exactly as shown)

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