

KNF Amendment #8

Amendment to the Revised Forest Land and Resource Management Plan for the Kisatchie National Forest (Forest Plan) for the Providing Off-Road Vehicle Management Environmental Assessment, Calcasieu Ranger District.

Current language in Forest Plan	New language in Forest Plan from implementation of modified-Alternative 5
<p>Page 1-12 of the Plan, paragraph 3, lines 13-16</p> <p>A variety of recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) classes will be available; with greatest emphasis on roaded natural and semiprimitive motorized opportunities. Seventy-eight percent of the Forest will be open to ORVs; while 22 percent will be closed year-round, seasonally, or due to military use.</p>	<p>A variety of recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) classes will be available; with greatest emphasis on roaded natural and semiprimitive motorized opportunities. <i>Fifty-seven</i> percent of the Forest will be open to ORVs; while 43 percent will be closed year-round, seasonally, or due to military use. <i>Off-road vehicles on the Calcasieu Ranger District will be limited to designated routes and areas.</i></p>
<p>Page 2-33 of the Plan, FW-344 (standard):</p> <p>Allow the use of ORVs off of roads and trails except where specifically restricted or prohibited by law, regulation, Forest Plan, or Forest Supervisor order. Use of ORVs is restricted or prohibited in developed recreation sites; research natural areas; special interest areas; Saline Bayou National Scenic River corridor; Kisatchie Hills Wilderness; designated walk-in hunting areas; Stuart Seed Orchard; Breezy Hill no-entry artillery range; Fort Polk Intensive Use Area; Peason Ridge Intensive Use Area; U.S. Air Force Reserve Claiborne Bombing & Gunnery Range and safety fan; segments of special use utility rights-of-way on the Evangeline Unit and Kisatchie District; Louisiana pearlshell mussel habitat; RCW cluster sites and certain sensitive plant communities.</p>	<p>Allow the use of ORVs off of roads and trails except where specifically restricted or prohibited by law, regulation, Forest Plan, or Forest Supervisor order. Use of ORVs is restricted or prohibited in developed recreation sites; research natural areas; special interest areas; Saline Bayou National Scenic River corridor; Kisatchie Hills Wilderness; designated walk-in hunting areas; Stuart Seed Orchard; Breezy Hill no-entry artillery range; Peason Ridge Intensive Use Area; Kisatchie District; Louisiana pearlshell mussel habitat; RCW cluster sites and certain sensitive plant communities. <i>Use of motorized vehicles off designated routes and areas is prohibited on the Calcasieu Ranger District.</i></p>