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Summer Motor Vehicle Use Map

White River National Forest

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PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

The designations shown on this motor vehicle use map (MVUM) were made by the responsible official pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51; are effective as of the date on the front cover of this MVUM; and will remain in effect until superseded by next year's MVUM.

It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current MVUM. This MVUM shows the National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and the areas on National Forest System lands in the White River National Forest that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. This MVUM also identifies the vehicle classes allowed on each route and in each area, and any seasonal restrictions that apply on those routes and in those areas.

Designation of a road, trail, or area for motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle under 36 CFR 212.51 should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use or implying that the road, trail, or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Motor vehicle designations include parking along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System resources. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated roads and trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. Many designated roads and trails may be passable only by high-clearance vehicles or four-wheel-drive vehicles. Maintenance of designated roads and trails will depend on available resources, and many may receive little maintenance.

This motor vehicle use map identifies those roads, trails, and areas designated for the motor vehicle use under 36 CFR 212.51 for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13. This is a limited purpose. The other public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only and are not subject to designation under the Forest Service travel management regulation.

These designations apply only to National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands.

PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the White River National Forest other than in accordance with these designations (CFR 261.13)

Violators of 36 CFR 261.13 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000, imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

This map does not display nonmotorized uses, over-snow uses, or other facilities and attractions on the White River National Forest. Obtain forest visitor information from the local national forest office.

Designated roads, trails and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures. As a visitor, you must comply with signs notifying you of such restrictions. A national forest may issue an order to close a road, trail or area on a temporary basis to protect the life, health, or safety of forest visitors or the natural or cultural resources in these areas. Such a temporary and/or emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52 (b)), 36 CFR 261 subpart 5).

The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede State traffic law.

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must you know and follow all applicable traffic laws, you need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. As a motor vehicle operator, you are also subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially off-highway vehicle use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features, such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote driving conditions. By your participation, you voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Take care at all times to protect yourself and those under your responsibility.

Much of the White River National Forest is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the White River National Forest. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the White River National Forest for clarification.

As a motor vehicle operator on a National Forest System road, trail, or area you must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is your responsibility.

BLANKET STATEMENTS FOR TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

Motor vehicles may be parked up to 30 feet from the edge of the road surface when it is safe to do so without causing damage to NFS resources or facilities, unless prohibited by state law, a traffic sign, or an order (36 CFR 261.54).

BLANKET STATEMENT FOR TRAVEL MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVE DATES

This Motor Vehicle Use Map covers the summer season which occurs from May 21 to November 22. Please refer to the Winter Motor Vehicle Use Map for dates outside the summer season.

Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles

Roads Open to All Vehicles

Special Vehicle Designation (See Table)

Dispersed Camping (See Table)

Seasonal Designation (See Table)

Interstate

Highways, U.S. State

Other Public Roads

Other Public Trails

Short Route Identifier

Milepost Marker

FS Campground

Picnic Area

Motorized Trailhead

Information Site

Peaks

Forest or Unit Boundary

National Forest System Lands

Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest

Wilderness Areas

Political Boundary

Township and Range Lines

Section Lines

Lakes and Rivers

0 0.5 1 2 3 4 Miles

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EXPLANATION OF LEGEND ITEMS

Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only:

These roads are open only to motor vehicles licensed under State law for general operation on all public roads within the state.

Roads Open to All Vehicles:

These roads are open to all motor vehicles, including smaller off-highway vehicles that may not be licensed for highway use (but not to oversize or overweight vehicles under State traffic law).

Special Vehicle Designation:

This symbol indicates the road or trail is open to classes of vehicles other than those listed above. Refer to the Seasonal and Special Designation Table for further instructions.

Dispersed Camping:

Dispersed Camping

This symbol is used along with a designated road or trail to indicate limited cross-country motor vehicle use within a specific distance of that route, solely for the purpose of dispersed camping. The dots indicate where this activity is permitted. They may be on the left, right, or both sides of the route. Refer to the Dispersed Camping Table for specifics.

Seasonal Designation:

This symbol, used in conjunction with one of the other road or trail symbols, indicates that the road or trail is open only during certain portions of the year. Refer to Seasonal and Special Designation Table for further instructions.

Other Public Roads and Trails:

Interstate

Highways, U.S., State

Other Public Roads

Other Public Trails

These symbols are used to show routes the Forest Service does not have jurisdiction over and has not designated for motorized use. These symbols are part of the reference layers showing connections to towns and cities outside the forest boundary.

Short Route Identifier:

This symbol is used for roads that are too short to show a symbol type on the map. The symbol contains the number of the road or trail. Users should refer to the corresponding number in the Short Route Table for designation information.

Milepost Marker:

This symbol is used to display the beginning and ending mileposts of a road that has a change in the designation but not the symbology.

Motorized Trail Access:

This symbol indicates a trailhead for access to a motorized route. Not all motorized routes have trailheads and those that do may range from primitive to developed.

Dispersed Camping Table

Motor vehicle use off of designated roads and trails for the purpose of dispersed camping is permitted for up to 300 feet from the centerline of the road or trail (both sides of the road or trail), where not specifically prohibited, unsafe, or causing resource damage. Motor vehicles used for dispersed camping shall be the same vehicle as the road or trail allows and shall be the same season as the road or trail is open. Motorized access for dispersed camping is allowed only on National Forest System land.

This applies to the following roads:
211, 245, 245.4A, 245.4C, 245.4D, 245.4I, 302, 601, 601.2A, 601.2C, 601.2E, 601.2F, 601.2H, 601.3A, 601.4E, 602, 603, 603.1A, 603.1E, 603.1M, 603.1P, 603.1R, 614, 631, 631.1G, 632, 632.1C, 632.1D, 635, 636, 637, 637.1A, 638, 640, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 653, 653.2A, 800, 801, 801.2A, 804, 808, 811, 812, 814, 816, 818, 819, 820, 821, 821.1B, 822, 824, 825, 827, 830, 832, 832.2D, 832.2X, 833, 834, 835, 837, 839, 841, 843, 845, 847, 848, 853, 860, 860.1A

This applies to the following trails:
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Seasonal Designations - Roads					
Route Number	Legend	Dates Allowed	Beginning Mile Post	Ending Mile Post	
211		05/21-11/22	0.0	0.5	
211		05/21-11/22	10.5	12.7	
211		06/21-11/22	12.7	17.7	
245		05/21-11/22	13.5	24.2	
603		05/21-11/22	1.1	12.0	
603		05/21-11/22	12.0	19.0	
800, 812		06/14-11/22	Entire Length		
801		05/21-11/22	3.6	17.4	

Seasonal Designations - Roads					
Route Number	Legend	Dates Allowed	Beginning Mile Post	Ending Mile Post	
841		05/21-11/22	1.8	4.3	
843		05/21-11/22	0.7	4.7	
847		05/21-11/22	1.7	4.8	
233.2, 245.4A, 245.4C, 245.4D, 245.4J, 302, 601, 601.2A, 601.2C, 601.2E, 601.2F, 601.2H, 601.3A, 601.4E, 602, 603.1A, 603.1E, 603.1M, 603.1P, 603.1R, 614, 631, 631.1B, 631.1G, 632, 632.1C, 632.1D, 635, 636, 637, 637.1A, 638, 640, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 653, 653.2A, 654, 801.2A, 804, 808, 811, 814, 816, 821, 821.1B, 823, 824, 825, 825.1A, 827, 832, 832.1A, 832.2B, 832.2D, 832.2X, 833, 834, 835, 848		05/21-11/22	Entire Length		
462, 822, 845, 860, 860.1A		05/21-11/22	Entire Length		
830		06/21-11/22	Entire Length		
821.1O, 823.1A, 823.2A		06/13-10/27	Entire Length		
837, 839		06/21-11/22	Entire Length		

Seasonal and Special Designations - Trails					
Trails open to motor vehicles less than 62 inches in width at the widest point on the vehicle					
Route Number	Legend	Dates Allowed	Beginning Mile Post	Ending Mile Post	
1271, 1846, 2290, 2293, 2294		05/21-11/22	Entire Length		
2804		06/21-11/22	Entire Length		

Seasonal Designations - Campgrounds					
Campground	Route Number	Legend	Dates Allowed	Beginning Mile Post	Ending Mile Post
Meadow Lake Meadow Ridge	All			Entire Length	

Campground roads open mid to late May/early June (snow dependent) and close early October with some remaining open later. Refer to the WRNF website: www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver campground table or call the Ranger District (970) 625-2371 for more information.

Where are e-bikes currently allowed on national forests and grasslands?

Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes are allowed on motorized trails and roads on national forests and grasslands. Additionally, several year-round resorts operating under a special use permit have established e-bike use within their permit boundary.

Local Forest Service officials may consider new opportunities for e-bike use on non-motorized trails and in non-motorized areas by utilizing a designation process in accordance with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR Part 212, Subpart B). Designations involve appropriate environmental analysis, public involvement, and local decision-making.

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