

Motor Vehicle Use

Many of the roads on the Colville National Forest are closed for periods of time during the year to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat. This Forest User's Map adopts the most current Colville National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) data. However, if there are discrepancies or if the MVUM is updated, then the most current MVUM takes precedence. The Colville MVUMs will still be posted on our website at www.fs.usda.gov/colville, at our offices, and you can access them directly by scanning the QR code below. Please note that MVUMs are enforceable pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51 and Forest Orders.

If you notice a segment of road is closed, refer to the MVUM information on the Colville National Forest website for specific road closure information. There are times that roads shown as open on the map need to be temporarily closed for safety reasons. Before venturing out, please verify that the areas you have chosen to travel to haven't been temporarily closed. These road closures will be lifted as work is completed. Such temporary and/or emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52 (b), 36 CFR 261 subpart B). Please note, signage out on the ground supersedes the map.

Information on how to contact our various offices, road closures, and other relevant sources can be found at: www.fs.usda.gov/r06/colville

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 Colville National Forest is remote, therefore medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas. 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.** Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the Colville National Forest for clarification. As a motor vehicle operator on a National Forest System road or trail, you must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is your responsibility.

Designation of a road or trail 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 or trail 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. 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.

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Colville National Forest other than in accordance with these designations (36 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.

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 temporary and/or emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52 (b), 36 CFR 261 subpart B). The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede State traffic law.

For digital download of MVUM,
scan QR code.



DISPERSED CAMPING

Except where specifically prohibited, motor vehicle use off of designated roads and trails for the purpose of dispersed camping is permitted up to 300 feet from the centerline of roads or trails on the Colville National Forest. Please adhere to any seasonal road closures or areas posted as closed to camping.

PARKING

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 CFR261.54).

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).
- == Trails Open to All Vehicles: These trails are open to all motor vehicles, including both highway legal and nonhighway legal vehicles.
- Trails Open to Vehicles 50 inches or Less in Width: Trails open only to motor vehicles less than 50 inches in width at the widest point on the vehicle.
- Trails Open to Motorcycles Only: These trails are open only to motorcycles. Sidecars are not permitted.
- Seasonal Designation: Roads highlighted in gray, 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. The majority of seasonal closures on the Colville National Forest are from December 1 through March 31 each year; a small number of routes have alternate seasonal closure dates. Refer to the Seasonal and Special Designation Table on the Colville National Forest MVUM website for additional information.
- Other Public Roads and Trails: U.S. Highways, State, or other Public Roads. 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.
- Roads Closed to Firewood Cutting: Roads displayed in orange are closed to firewood cutting because of active timber sales, high recreational use, or other reasons. Forest roads not shown on this map are also closed to firewood cutting.

Not all trailheads, campgrounds, and recreation sites are shown on this map. For a more complete map showing these amenities and our non-motorized trails, please purchase a Forest Visitor or District Map. For additional information, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/colville/maps-pubs>.

Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) now available as PDF maps! If you own a smartphone or tablet, you can take the Colville National Forest MVUMs with you. These maps are georeferenced and will display your current location, even without cellular service. Download the free Avenza Maps app available at <http://www.avenza.com/avenza-maps> to your mobile device. Search for "Colville National Forest MVUM" to download MVUMs for Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest parts of the Colville National Forest. With the app and maps installed on your mobile device, you will be able to measure distances and areas, plot waypoints, and view and zoom into maps offline. If your device has GPS capability, you can even view and track your location on the maps. Through a no-cost contract with Avenza Systems, Inc., the USDA Forest Service has made electronic versions of its Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) available as free downloads for smartphones and tablets.

treadlightly!

- Travel Responsibly
- Respect the Rights of Others
- Educate Yourself
- Avoid Sensitive Areas
- Do Your Part

For more information on Tread Lightly!, go to www.treadlightly.org or call 1-800-966-9900

Getting Around on National Forest Roads

Driving on National Forest roads is different than driving on city streets or state highways. It requires making good choices about your vehicle capabilities and driving experiences.

Most roads suitable for passenger car travel are identified by one of the two types of markers shown below. These markers are posted at the entrance of the road.



Most roads not recommended for passenger car travel are identified by a brown stake with vertical numbers. They may also be identified by ditches and earth obstructions across the roads and very rough driving surfaces. If you choose to drive these roads, plan to encounter rocks, boulders, washouts, downed trees, and brush encroaching on the roadway. Roads marked for logging should not be used.

Please remember...

- Most roads are low-standard, gravel-surfaced, one-lane roads with turnouts for meeting oncoming traffic.
- Most roads are not maintained or snowplowed in winter.
- Encounters with logging trucks are likely, even on weekends.
- Driving rules on state highways apply to National Forest roads.
- When driving on one-lane roads, be prepared to stop.
- Not all roads are shown on this map.
- Most access to Forest Service sites is via state highways and county roads. For current road conditions in Washington visit www.wsdot.com/traffic/alerts/

MOTOR VEHICLE USE MAP (MVUM)
Motorized travel is restricted to designated roads, trails, and areas throughout National Forests and Grasslands. Cross-country travel with motorized vehicles, off designated roads, trails, and areas, is prohibited. The MVUM is the legal document that identifies designated motorized roads and trails on National Forest land. MVUMs are available FREE for download at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/colville/maps-guides/motor-vehicle-use-colville-national-forest>

Three Rivers Ranger District

