

# Motorized Trail permits for the South Dakota Portion of the Black Hills National Forest

**Black Hills National Forest Offices: Open 8am to 4:30pm Monday thru Friday**

## **Maps and Guidance at any of the Forest Service Offices**

**Northern Hills Ranger District** – 2014 N. Main Street - Spearfish, SD (605) 642-4622

**Mystic Ranger District** – 8221 S. Highway 16 - Rapid City, SD (605) 343-1567

**Supervisors Office** – 1019 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street - Custer, SD (605) 673-9200

**Hell Canyon Ranger District** – (Newcastle, WY Office) 1225 Washington Blvd (307) 746-2782

**Bearlodge Ranger District** – 101 S. 21<sup>st</sup> Street – Sundance, WY (307) 283-1361

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***7 Day = \$20.00***

***Annual Permits - \$25.00***

**ANNUAL PERMITS ARE SOLD AT ALL FOREST SERVICE OFFICES, Black Hills Badlands Visitor Center (Rapid City) I-90 Exit 61 (605) 355-3700. Online sales can be purchased from Black Hills Badlands at:**

<https://www.blackhillsbadlands.com/store/permits-passes>

### **NORTHERN HILLS**

**Big D Oil**—2800 Junction Avenue, Sturgis, SD (605) 720-4051

**Big D Oil**—15003 Sturgis Road, Piedmont, SD (605) 342-6777

**Buffalo Chip Campground**—20622 Fort Meade Way, Sturgis, SD 57785 (605) 347-9000

**CBH/Cenex**—2030 Lazelle St., Sturgis, SD 57785 (605) 720-2946

**Custer Crossing Campground** – 22036 US Highway 385, Deadwood, SD (605) 584-1009

**D&K ATV Rentals**—12737 Guest Ranch Loop, Nemo, SD (605) 578-1354

**Deadwood Outdoor Rentals**—206 Mountain Shadow Ln, Deadwood, SD (605) 641-8737

**Recreational Springs Resort**—11201 US Highway 14A, Lead, SD (605) 584-1228

**Rice's Canyon Motor Sports**—3245 E Colorado Blvd, Spearfish, SD 57783 (605) 642-7731

**Spearfish Canyon Lodge**—10619 Roughlock Falls Road, Lead, SD (605) 584-3435

**Steel Wheel Trading Post**—21399 US Highway 385, Deadwood, SD (605) 578-9767

**Lynn's Dakota Mart**—145 Glendale Dr, Lead, SD (605) 584-2905

**Minuteman Food & Fuel**—820 East Colorado Blvd, Spearfish, SD (605) 642-4793

**Minuteman Too**—611 East Jackson Blvd, Spearfish, SD (605) 642-4945

**Mystic Trails Rentals**— 2716 Custer Peak Rd, Deadwood, SD (605) 584-4794

**Wickiup Cabins**—21381 US Highway 85, Lead, SD (605) 584-3382

**Whitetail Creek**—11295 US Highway 14A, Lead, SD (605) 584-9085

### **CENTRAL HILLS**

**Adventure Rentals**—12670 Robins Roos Road, Hill City, SD 57745 (605) 673-4540

**Black Hills & Badlands Visitor Information Center**—1851 Discovery Cr., Rapid City, SD (605) 355-3700

**Black Hills Power Sports**—3005 Beal Street, Rapid City, SD (605) 342-5500

**Four Seasons Motorsports & Marine**—1600 E St Patrick Street, Rapid City, SD (605) 342-1110

**Heart of the Hills Exxon**—101 Main Street, Hill City, SD (605) 574-2077

**Johnson Siding General Store**—12300 West, SD-44, Rapid City, SD (605) 348-2280

**Keystone Country Store**—408 1st Street, Keystone, SD (605) 666-4912

**Mt Meadow Resort at Deerfield Lake**—11321 Gillette Prairie Road, Hill City, SD (605) 574-2636

**Polaris of the Black Hills**—11778 Constitution Street, Summerset, SD (605) 718-2290

**Rice's Rushmore Motorsports**—3337 East Mall Drive, Rapid City, SD (605) 342-2242

**Sturgis ATV & Small Engine**—2043 Lazelle St., Sturgis, SD (605) 561-2887

### **SOUTHERN HILLS**

**Addie Camp General Store**—23835 HWY 385, Hill City, SD (877) 226-9453

**Adventure Rentals**—444 Mt. Rushmore Road, Custer, SD (605) 673-4540

**Lynn's Dakota Mart**—800 Mt. Rushmore Road, Custer, SD (605) 673-4463

## Licensing in the Black Hills

- License Plates and Driver's License are required on Highway Legal Roads. See State of SD requirements for registration of OHVs. (Below)
- License plates or Motorized Trail Permit and Driver's License are required on Roads Open to All.
- A Motorized Trail Permit is required for use of vehicles on any motorized **trail** in the Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota. These trails, subject to change, can be found on the Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) which is updated every year.

## South Dakota State Laws

OHVs which are licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles and operated by a person with a valid driver's license over the age of 14, are permitted to drive on public highways (e.g., state, county, or city streets and roads, and Forest Service roads) throughout the state with the exception of Interstate Highways.

The State of South Dakota requires any all-terrain vehicle with four or more wheels with a combustion engine having a piston or rotor displacement of two hundred cubic centimeters or more (OHV for the purposes of this Vendor Guide) to be licensed as a motorcycle to be used on a public highway. This applies to all Forest Service roads.

Three-wheeled ATVs and ATVs under 200cc cannot be licensed and therefore cannot operate on roads. However, these vehicles may operate on Forest Service trails.

- ◆ Licensed OHVs may not be operated on the interstate highway and must be equipped with a horn, headlight, brake light, and rear-view mirror.
- ◆ Operators of licensed vehicles operating on roads must be at least 14 years of age with a valid driver's license.
- ◆ Helmets are required by all users (operators and passengers) under 18 years of age. Eye protection is required for all operators.
- ◆ Drivers must obey all traffic laws.

Out-of-state residents will need to purchase a \$50 off-road decal which is valid for a (1) year by contacting the Department of Revenue and Regulation. 605-773-3541 or contacting a county motor vehicle office. You can submit an application to a South Dakota county treasure's office, or electronically online.

<b>Custer</b>	605-673-8172
<b>Fall River</b>	605-745-5145
<b>Pennington</b>	605-394-2163
<b>Meade</b>	605-347-5871
<b>Lawrence</b>	605-578-1862

A bill of sale or assigned title must be presented. If the applicant is from a state that does not title or register an ATV, an affidavit attesting to this fact and attesting to ownership of the ATV is acceptable.

Reference: [http://dor.sd.gov/Motor\\_Vehicles/Titling\\_and\\_Registration/Off-Road\\_Vehicles.aspx](http://dor.sd.gov/Motor_Vehicles/Titling_and_Registration/Off-Road_Vehicles.aspx)

The state of South Dakota honors other states plates that are issued to the OHVs by their states DMV or BMV (same entities that license cars or trucks).

QR-code links to MVUM on Avenza Maps  
**MVUM Motor Vehicle Use Map**



Bundle of 4  
 below MVUM  
 maps

## --Districts--

**Northern Hills RD**  
 2014 N. Main Street  
**Spearfish, SD 57783**  
 (westside of town)  
 (605) 642-4622



**Mystic RD**  
 8221 Mt Rushmore Rd  
**Rapid City, SD 57702**  
 (south of town)  
 (605) 343-1567



**Hell Canyon RD**  
 1019 N. 5th Street  
**Custer, SD 57730**  
 (northside of town)  
 (605) 673-9200 -and-  
 1225 Washington St  
**Newcastle, WY 82701**  
 (eastside of town)  
 (307) 746-2782



**Bearlodge RD**  
 101 S. 21st Street  
 P.O. Box 680  
**Sundance, WY 82729**  
 (eastside of town)  
 (307) 283-1361



Free paper copy of MVUM maps  
 available from forest offices above

**Black Hills  
 National Forest  
 Supervisors Office**  
 1019 N. 5th Street  
 (northside of town)  
**Custer, SD 57730**  
 (605) 673-9200

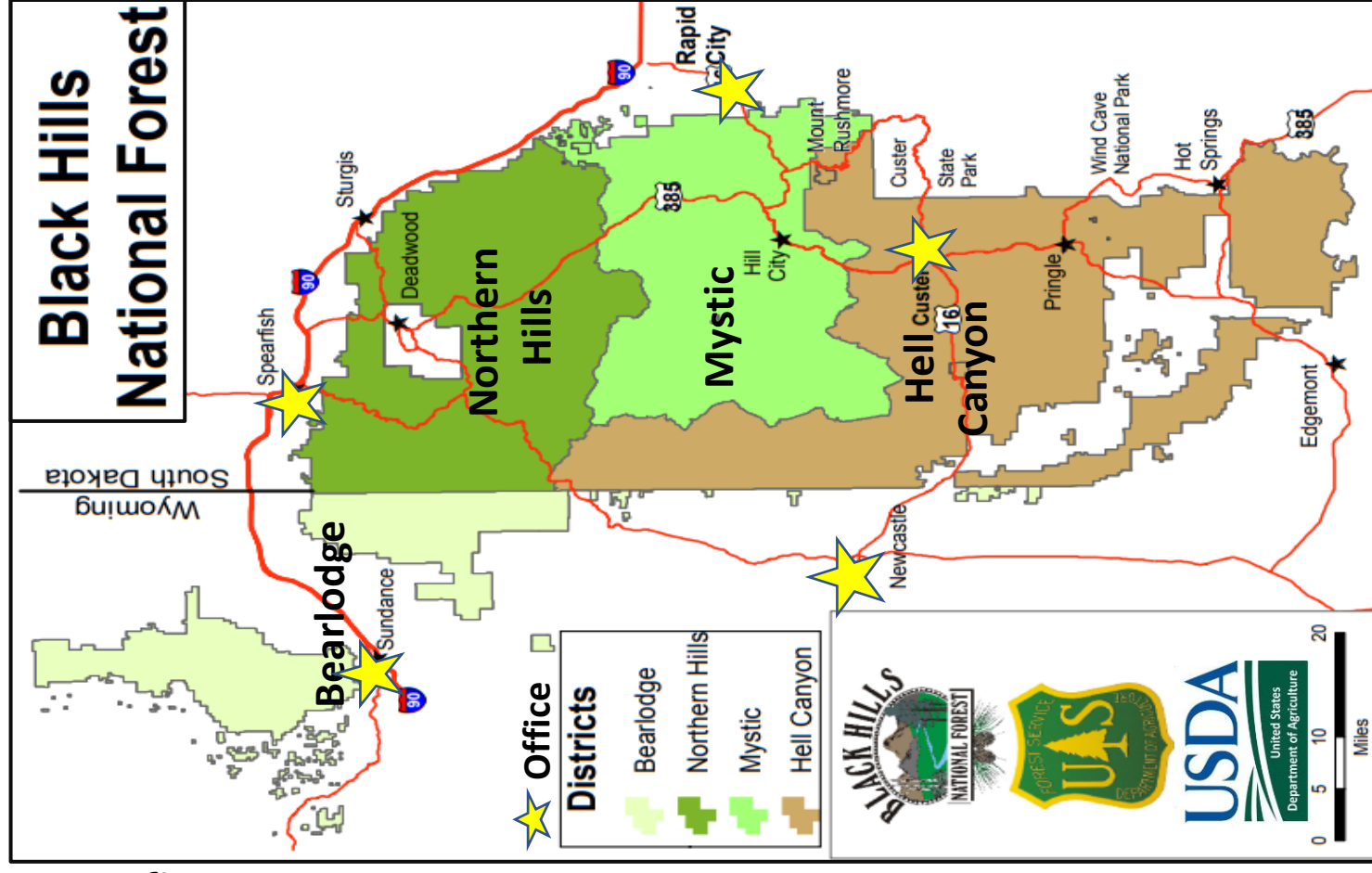
Link to forest  
 webpage with maps



**Forest Visitor Map**  
 North half  
**\$4.99**  
 South half


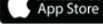



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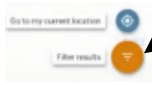


## View the Black Hills National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) on your Mobile Device

If you own a mobile device such as an iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch or Android (4.0.3 or newer), you can take the Black Hills National Forest MVUMs with you.

1. Download the free [Avenza Maps app](#)  at your App Store or Google Play   to your mobile device.
2. Once you have Avenza Maps on your mobile device, use your device to download the maps while running the App.
3. The first time you open Avenza Maps, you can either log in or click the **x** on the screen to bypass logging in.
4. Go to the **Shopping Cart** (store).
5. For Apple devices only, click **Find Maps**. For Androids skip this step.
6. IMPORTANT! Select **List**.

Apple:  Android: 

7. **Filter** maps. Apple:  Android: 
8. Select **Free maps only** and **Parks, Forests, & Grasslands**. Uncheck everything else.
9. For Apple: Select **Close**. For Android: Select back arrow in the top left corner.
10. Click on **Name, region or keyword** and type **Blackhills MVUM** (type Blackhills as one word) to download free MVUMs for Bearlodge, Northern Hills, Mystic and Hell Canyon Ranger Districts.
11. Click the **Free** rectangle and then click **Install Now** for each map you want.
12. You can also download the free color version of the maps by clicking on **Name, region or keyword** typing **Black Hills National Forest Recreation Map**.
13. Again, click **Free** rectangle and then click **Install Now** for each map you want.
14. Once the map has installed, you will see a popup screen **Success. Your map is now downloading**. Click **OK**.
15. Click **My Maps**.
16. Click on the map you want to open.
17. Once the maps are downloaded to your device, cell coverage is not required to navigate.

With the app and maps installed on your mobile device, you will be able to:

View your location on the MVUM using the built-in GPS device, measure distances and areas, plot waypoints, view maps offline and more.

**Limitations:** The travel aid has several shortcomings, as described below.

- WiFi-only tablets can provide some limited non-GPS positioning service, but only where WiFi coverage exists. Devices with 3G/4G capability, on the other hand, are able to provide true GPS positioning, even in the absence of 3G/4G coverage.
- Depending on the mobile device, the map's orientation may be set to "north up", and cannot be set to "track up" when GPS positioning is active. In other words, a motorist's view of the map could show north-up even when driving in a southerly direction.
- GPS positioning consumes more power than normal operation, so use of an approved power adapter is recommended.
- Feature labels are static and, in some situations, could be off-screen.
- Travel aid functionality could be compromised if steeply rising terrain, dense vegetation, or other overhead obstructions significantly degrade GPS reception.

*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*



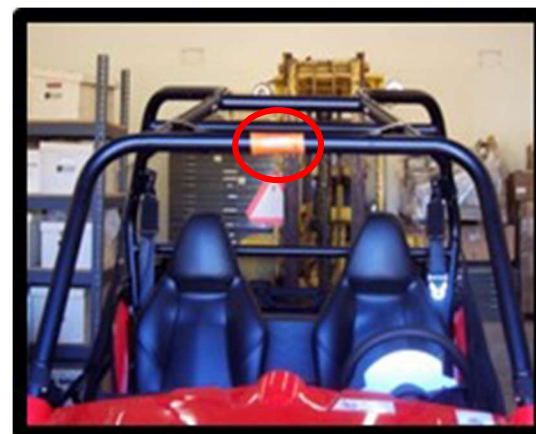
## Placement of Trail Permits on Motorized Vehicles

All vehicles on motorized trails are required to have a permit adhered to the vehicle.

Receipts of permits or permits that are not adhered to the vehicle are not valid.

For vehicles with windshields, the permit should be affixed to the driver's side on the front windshield. Vehicles other than motorcycles, without windshields (such as ATVs or UTVs), should affix the permit on the front left external wheel panel.

Permits will have the year in large numbers and are colored by year. To be valid, permits will need to be affixed in the proper locations on the vehicle and kept visible (not covered with attached items, gear, or accumulated dirt or mud).



## Wyoming State Laws

Black Hills National Forest partners with the Wyoming State Trails Program which helps provide funding, labor, and equipment for trails. Since the trails on the National Forest are covered by this partnership, trail users are required to have a Wyoming State ORV Permit displayed on their vehicles. A Black Hills National Forest Trail Permit is not required by OHVs using trails in Wyoming.

In Wyoming vehicle width is limited to 50" or less. Most UTVs will not be allowed on the trails.

Roads that are enrolled in the Wyoming Trails Program require a state registration and can only be travelled by licensed drivers age 15 and over. There is no reciprocity for OHV out-of-state registrations. All people who will be operating OHVs must purchase a Wyoming OHV permit and a license if travelling on roads. If vehicles will be only on trails, no license plate is necessary.

Permits can be purchased online at <https://wyomingstateparks.reserveamerica.com/pos.page> (to order online it requires 7-10 business days to receive by mail), by vendor locations at <https://wyoparks.wyo.gov/index.php/orv-trails/orv-permits-trails> or by phone at 877-996-7275. Confirmations cannot be used as a "temporary" permit.



### Wyoming Trails Program

State Parks, Historic Sites, and Trails  
Headquarters Barrett Building, 4th Floor

2301 Central Avenue

Cheyenne, WY 82002

(307) 777-6323

## Roads VS Trails

Roads are governed by **State** laws while trails are primarily governed by National Forest Rules. On the Black Hills National Forest, **roads** are generally numbered with three digits followed by a point and another number or letter.

**Trails** are numbered with four digits with “TR” on top.

The first digit generally indicates the district the trail is administered by (1- Bearlodge, 3 -Hell Canyon, 6-Mystic, and 8-Northern Hills) but there are occasions where a trail will start on one District and end in another.

Road



Trail





















On the ground brown fiberglass signs like this one will be posted. The numbers will correspond with the road or trail numbers on the motor vehicle use map.

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- License plate and driver's license are required on any roads. See State of SD requirements for registration of OHVs.



## Legend

-  Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only
-  Roads Open to All Vehicles
-  Trails Open to All Vehicles
-  Special Designation: Trails Open to Vehicles 62" or Less in Width
-  Trails Open to Vehicles 50" or Less in Width
-  Trails Open to Motorcycles Only
-  Seasonal Designation
-  Area Open to Cross Country Travel
-  Dispersed Camping / Elk Retrieval
-  Elk Retrieval (ER) Zone
-  Interstate
-  Highways, US, State
-  Other Public Roads
-  Motorized Trailhead
-  FS Campground
-  Picnic Area
-  Information Site
-  Peaks









→ A LICENSE PLATE AND DRIVERS LICENSE ARE REQUIRED ON ALL ROADS (FOREST SERVICE ROADS, COUNTY ROADS, HIGHWAYS)

→ EITHER LICENSE PLATE OR TRAIL PERMIT REQUIRED

A MOTORIZED TRAIL PERMIT IS REQUIRED ON ALL TRAILS. TRAILS ARE MARKED WITH A CAROSITE SIGN FOLLOWED BY FOUR DIGITS; LICENSE PLATE NOT REQUIRED

SEASONAL DESIGNATION IS MARKED ON MANY ROADS AND TRAILS INDICATING THAT THEY ARE CLOSED DECEMBER 15 – MAY 15.

A LICENSE PLATE AND DRIVERS LICENSE ARE REQUIRED ON ALL ROADS (FOREST SERVICE ROADS, COUNTY ROADS, HIGHWAYS)

	Driver's License	License Plate on Vehicle	Motor Vehicle Use Permit (Sticker)
<b>Highway Legal Road/ Other Roads</b>  Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only  Highways, US, State  Other Public Roads	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Road Open to All</b>  Roads Open to All Vehicles	<b>X</b>	Either license plate or sticker	Either License plate or sticker
<b>Trail</b>  Trails Open to All Vehicles  Special Designation: Trails Open to Vehicles 62" or Less in Width  Trails Open to Vehicles 50" or Less in Width  Trails Open to Motorcycles Only			<b>X</b>



- Most trails on the South Dakota side of the Black Hills National Forest are designed for vehicles less than 62" in width.
  - Not all 62" and under trails have signs or measured gates indicating the width restriction. For width indication, follow the MVUM.
- In Wyoming, the width cannot exceed 50".
- There are some trails open to all, some trails open only to single track (motorcycle) and roads open to all.
- For the Width Restricted Trails that are 62 inches or less, The OHV will be measured from the outside of one tire to the outside of the opposite tire.
- Measuring the widest tread width (front or rear).



Not all 62" and under trails have gate restrictors.



**Do not play in mud or water. This causes resource damaged to Forest Roads and Trails.**



Routes not shown on the MVUM are **not** open to public motor vehicle travel. Routes designated for motorized use may not always be signed on the ground but will be identified on the MVUM. **It is the user's responsibility to reference the MVUM and stay on designated routes.** The MVUM is updated annually. **If a route is posted closed, even if it is on the MVUM, it is not legal to ride on**



## Mud Holes

- Don't avoid them...go through them slowly, avoid trail creep
- No mudding, it severely damages the trail and creates unsafe conditions

## Weather and trail condition

- Heavy precipitation can cause hazardous conditions
- Watch speed, avoid creating unnecessary trail damage
- Ride within ability

## Illegal trails

- OHV's must stay on the legal trail system
- No off trail / road hill climbing
- Violation Notice may include, fine and reparations.

## Yielding

- Multiple users on motorized trails...stay aware
- Yield to horses and non-motorized users (be respectful)
- Yield to users going uphill (unless it is obviously simpler for the opposite)

## Respect the Property Owners

- Go slow where residences are present (avoids dust)
- Many complaints of speeding
- Children present
- **Leave all gates as you found them!** If they are open leave them open, if they are closed close them after you pass through.

## **TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY**

- ◆ Travel responsibly on designated roads, trails, or areas.
- ◆ Travel only in areas open to all-terrain vehicle (ATV/UTV) use.
- ◆ Minimize wheel spin. On switchbacks, avoid roosting around the apex of the turn when climbing or brake-sliding during descent, both of which gouge the trail. Drive over, not around obstacles to avoid widening the trail.
- ◆ Slow down when sight lines are poor. Cross streams only at designated fording points, where the trail crosses the stream.
- ◆ Comply with all signs and respect barriers.
- ◆ Buddy up with two or three riders, reducing vulnerability if you have an accident or breakdown. Designate meeting areas in case of separation.
- ◆ Listening to headphones or ear buds can make it difficult to hear and communicate with other reactionists. In some areas it is illegal to operate ATVs with both ears covered.
- ◆ Don't mix riding with alcohol or drugs.

## **RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS**

- ◆ Be considerate of others on the road or trail. Learn the basics of trail etiquette.
- ◆ Leave gates as you find them. If crossing private property, be sure to ask permission from the land-owner(s).
- ◆ Yield the right of way to those passing you or traveling uphill. Yield to mountain bikers, hikers, and horses.
- ◆ Proceed with caution around horses and pack animals. Sudden, unfamiliar activity may spook animals possibly causing injury to animals, handlers, and others on the trail.
- ◆ When encountering horses on the trail, move to the side of the trail, stop, turn off your engine, remove your helmet and speak. You want the horse to know you are human. Ask the rider how to proceed.
- ◆ Do not ride around in camping, picnicking, trailhead, or residential areas.
- ◆ Keep speeds low around crowds and in camping areas.
- ◆ Keep the noise and dust down.

### **TRAIL NAVIGATION MADE EASY:**

- You are responsible to know where you can ride in the Forest. Download Motorized Vehicle Use (Trail) Maps to your Smartphone using the "Avenza" APP. Maps show Open Roads, Restrictions and Seasonal Wildlife Closures.

### **ACT RESPONSIBLY:**

- Close all gates that you open, and do not chase or harass livestock, or wildlife.
- Help ensure that fences, water tanks, restrooms, historic buildings, and lookout towers are not damaged.

### **FOR YOUR SAFETY:**

- Be aware of, and stay clear of, logging activities, log truck traffic, mines, and mining activities.

### **HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF WEEDS:**

- Stay on designated routes. Wash your vehicle after use to remove non-native weeds and their seeds, so they are not spread by your vehicle.

### **PROTECT OUR ROADS AND TRAILS:**

- To prevent erosion and damage to roads & trails, avoid wet surfaces. Do not drive through wetlands or stock ponds. If you encounter a wet area, or stream crossing, drive slowly thru it. Do not make a new route around it.