

NEW MEXICO

Off-Highway Vehicle Program

STEPS TAKEN TO TRANSITION OHV PROGRAM
TO GAME AND FISH FROM TOURISM



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MOU & CONTRACTS

- MOU prepared between agencies to coordinate efforts
- Contracts reviewed with Institute of Public Law (certification of instructors) and HK Advertising (promoting safety and registration)



PUBLICATIONS

- Developed, printed and distributed rack card
- Developed OHV poster for printing
- Prepared distribution list for rack cards and posters, 6-26-09



OHV PROGRAM TRANSITION

- Created office space for two employees at Game and Fish headquarters
- Developed DPS-certified OHV enforcement training
- Trained all Game and Fish officers in new OHV law and rules
- Trained DGF phone team in OHV rules
- Wrote PAQ for program manager



ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

- Met with concerned individuals from the Jemez Mountains
- Performed Law Enforcement sweeps around the state (6-19/20-09)
- Request that DPS Board make OHV enforcement a required training course for all certified peace officers
- Interim Legislative Committee hearing



SAFETY EDUCATION

- Contacted ATV Safety Institute regarding training classes
- Reviewed Oregon State Parks online Safety Training Class
- Offering training at Outdoor Expo on Saturday.



WEBSITE & PERMIT SALES

- Construction of online permit sales went live 8/7/09
- Transferred and redesigned www.B4uRide.com website.



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OHV Highway Motor Vehicle Registration
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Registration is required for OHVs prior to using on any Public OHV in New Mexico.

Permits that are considered to be OHVs & must be registered including:

- All-terrain vehicle (ATV)
- Ski-doo
- Off-road vehicles (ORVs, utility or work type vehicles)
- Snowmobiles

REGISTRATION AND FEES
New Mexico residents are required to register their OHV at any Motor Vehicle Service Point Office. Contact: New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) at Tucson and Nevada.
Phone: (505) 327-4632 Fax: (505) 324-4632
MVD for more information: 800-NewMexico
OHVs that are licensed across the state - if used on public lands

OHV Safety Classes for Youth
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Required Training and Safety Permits
Persons under 18 years of age MUST complete a certified OHV course and obtain a safety permit prior to riding on public lands and must carry the safety permit when operating on public lands.

Safety Training courses include:

- Age Appropriate Size Fit & Use of OHVs
- Reasonable Use of OHVs related to environment, private property, agricultural, cultural and local heritage and communities
- Operating Laws
- Trail Etiquette
- Penalties for Driving Under the Influence

To sign up for a class, call Brooke Strong at 505-475-6140 or email brooke_mstrong@dnr.nm.us.

Important Links:
BLM OHV permitted Areas
Bureau of Land Management (New Mexico)
United States Forest Service

OHV - OHV Safety Links
<http://www.breadlightny.org/>
<http://www.ohvsafety.org/>

Please be considerate of the other users of our lands including ranchers and their livestock, wildlife, fish and mountain sheeps.

Use the proper equipment that will keep you and your children as safe as possible while riding. Please respect and obey the laws and rules that are put in place to protect New Mexico's precious land and people that help preserve our custom and culture that is deeply woven into our state.

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UPCOMING ACTIONS

- Modify rule to address changes from OHV Board to NMDGF
- Certification of trainers
- Development of management plan
- Appointment and organization of Advisory Board



CHALLENGES

- Making safety certification classes readily available
- Training costs to youth and families
- Databases tracking OHV accidents
- Forest Service Travel Management Planning



PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Prepared and distributed news release, 6-17-09
- Prepared and distributed video news release, 6-19-09
- OHV one-minute spot for TV show

An informational poster for the New Mexico Off-Highway Vehicle Program. It features a central image of a silver utility vehicle. The poster is divided into several sections:

- PROHIBITED USES:** It is illegal for any person to use an OHV for:
 - Damage to drinking water, wetlands or other property
 - Operate any OHV in a way that damages the environment, plants, animals or creates excessive noise.
- DESIGNATED TRAILS:** Trails are designated by the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, or the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. It is the responsibility of the user to find out about the location of trails and to follow the rules.
- REGISTRATION:** Vehicles that are considered to be OHVs & must be registered:
 - All-terrain vehicles (ATVs)
 - Dirt bikes
 - Off-road vehicles (OHVs, UTVs or like type vehicles)
 - SnowmobilesVehicles not required to be registered for off-highway motor vehicle use:
 - Motorcycles registered for use on public streets
 - Vehicles used strictly for agricultural use
 - Vehicles used strictly on private land
- SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:**
 - Riders under 6:**
 - They not operate an OHV on public land.
 - Riders under 18 MUST:**
 - Wear an approved, securely fastened helmet.
 - Wear approved, protective eye wear.
 - Never carry a passenger, even on OHVs designed for two persons.
 - Be visually supervised when operating an OHV, unless:
 - Age 13 and above with a valid motorcycle license.
 - Age 15 and above with a valid driver's license.
 - Complete a certified OHV course and obtain a safety permit.

At the bottom, it says "Be Safe • Stay on trails • Head Lightly • Enjoy" and "www.B4uRide.com". There is also a logo for "NEW MEXICO GAME & FISH" featuring a bighorn sheep head.