



**DEFINITION OF OFF-HIGHWAY (OHV) VEHICLE.**

OHV is any motor vehicle designated for or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swamp land or other natural terrain.

OHV includes the *Revised*

*Code of Washington (RCW) definition* of nonhighway vehicles. Such vehicles include, but are not limited to, all-terrain vehicles (ATV), off-road vehicles (ORV), motorcycles, four-wheel drive vehicles and dune buggies.

**Tread Lightly**

Travel responsibly on designated roads and trails or in permitted areas.

Respect the rights of others.

Educate yourself by obtaining travel maps and regulations, planning for your trip, and knowing how to use and operate your equipment safely.

Avoid sensitive areas such as meadows, lakeshores, wetlands and streams, unless on designated routes.

Do your part by leaving the area better than you found it.

Tread Lightly! is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching people to enjoy the outdoors responsibly. You may find additional information at: [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org)



**Colville National Forest**

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(509) 684-7000

Newport Ranger Station

(509) 447-7300

Republic Ranger Station

(509) 775-7400

Sullivan Lake Ranger Station

(509) 446-7500

Three Rivers Ranger Station,  
Kettle Falls.

(509) 738-7700

**Spokane BLM District Office**

(509) 536-1200

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(509) 892-1001

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US FOREST SERVICE  
TRAVEL MANAGEMENT



OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE  
(OHV) USE ON THE  
COLVILLE NATIONAL  
FOREST



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## REQUIREMENTS FOR OHV OPERATIONS ON THE COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST

- OHVs must have a current Washington ORV registration. *36CFR261.15(i), 36CFR261.54(d), RCW.46.09.115*

Non-Resident OHV operators must have valid ORV registration from their state of residence, or a valid Washington permit.

- OHVs must have a USFS (or other) approved spark arrestor and muffling device (muffler) which meets noise standards when the machine is operated. *36CFR261.54(d), 36CFR261.15(d), RCW 46.09.120*
- OHV must be equipped with working headlights and taillights when the OHV is operated between the hours of dusk and dawn, or when otherwise required for safety of others. *36CFR261.54(d), 36CFR261.15(c), RCW 46.09.120*
- Vehicle must have adequate brakes. *36CFR261.54(d), 36CFR261.15(b), RCW 46.09.120*
- It is prohibited to operate an OHV with a suspended or revoked state driver's license. *36CFR261.54.(d), 36CFR261.15(i), RCW 46.20.342.1-3*
- It is prohibited to operate an OHV while under the influence of intoxicating drugs or alcohol. *36CFR261.54(d), 36CFR261.15(e), RCW 46.09.120*
- It is prohibited to operate an OHV in a reckless manner that endangers persons or property. *36CFR261.54(f), 36CFR261.15(g), RCW 46.09.130*

- OHV operations cannot unreasonably disturb or damage vegetation, soil/water, or wildlife. *36CFR261.15(h), RCW 46.09.120*
- Do not operate in areas/routes restricted to non-motorized use. *36CFR261.55(b), 36CFR261.18(a), 36CFR261.53(b)(f)*



**Share the roads and trails.  
Many routes are listed for both  
motorized and nonmotorized use.**



## ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS SPECIFIC TO OHV OPERATIONS ON COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST ROADS

- OHVs may only be operated on NFS roads officially designated for OHV use on the Colville National Forest 2007 Interim Motor Vehicle Use Map. *36CFR261.54(d)*

\* The 2007 Interim Motor Vehicle Use Maps for the Colville National Forest are available at the offices listed on the back of this brochure (maps will be available on line at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/)). The map identifies designated routes only, and is best used in conjunction with the Forest Visitor Map. It is your responsibility to understand the map. Please contact us if you have questions.

*State laws regarding motor vehicle use such as age, safety equipment, and licensing requirements, also apply on NFS roads.*

- Helmet use is required for OHVs operated on NFS roads. There is an exception for OHVs equipped with seat belts and roll bars or an enclosed passenger compartment. *36CFR261.54(d), RCW 46.09.120*
- Persons under thirteen years of age may operate an OHV under the direct supervision of a person eighteen years of age or older, and who possesses a valid driver's license. *36CFR261.54(d), RCW 46.09.117*
- Do not drive on the shoulder or inside bank or slope of NFS roads designated for OHV use. *36CFR261.54(d), RCW 46.09.120*