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**OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE USE ON THE
UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST**

Salt Lake City, Utah June 23, 2008 - Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest managers are encouraging visitors who ride Off Highway Vehicles (all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles and snowmobiles) on National Forest System Lands to be aware of resource damage that can occur when recreating. OHVs may only be used on roads, trails and areas that are designated open to OHV use.

Use that results in resource damage is illegal; with fines up to \$5,000. The individual responsible for the damage can also be held liable for the cost of repairs to the resources. Riders may obtain travel maps from each Forest Service Office on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Remember it is the responsibility of the rider to know which roads; trails and areas are open for OHV use.

No one under the age of 8 years old may operate an OHV. Anyone from 8 through fifteen years old must have an Education Certificate issued by Utah State Parks and Recreation. To obtain an Education Certificate, users must attend courses offered by Utah State Parks and Recreation. Certificates can be issued for all terrain vehicles, (ATVs) and motorcycles between March and October and snowmobile courses from October to March. All operators under the age of eighteen are required to wear a helmet when riding on an OHV, and all OHVs must have a current registration. For more information about these courses call the Utah State Parks and Recreation at (801) 538-7220 or visit their website at www.stateparks.utah.gov.

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Responsible use of off highway vehicles is the key to the future of motorized recreation on public land. Riding on public land is a privilege. Remember to share trails with all other users.

Listed below are a few courtesy tips for OHV users:

- Don't harass wildlife that you may encounter on your ride, slow down and stay a good distance from the animals.
- Always stay on designated roads, trails and areas.
- When you encounter other users on the trail, pull over and turn-off the engine and let them get out of sight before restarting the engine.
- Follow others at a safe distance and be courteous while passing.
- Obey posted signs, respect closed areas.
- Don't ride across meadows and stream banks.
- Always tread lightly on the land. For more information about the Tread Lightly program call 800-966-9900.

If you would like more information about OHV use on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest call (801) 236-3400 or visit our web page at www.fs.fed.us/r4/wcnf

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