

## **Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)**

The Monongahela National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map was developed under the new Travel Management Rule (70 Federal Register 68264), dated November 9, 2005 (36 CFR Parts 212, 261 and 295) which revised regulations regarding travel management on National Forest System lands. The map displays what types of motor vehicle are currently allowed and where.

Only designated routes shown on the map are open to motorized use, and **all motorized vehicles must be licensed and street legal under state law.** 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.

The map does not change travel management direction; rather it simply reflects what, where and when motor vehicle use is currently allowed. For the Monongahela National Forest this includes:

**Seasonal and year round use by vehicles that are licensed for highway use**

**No trails or areas are open to motorized use.**

Travel management regulations and restrictions were established in the 2006 Monongahela National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. These travel management decisions are reflected on the MVUM.

The Motor Vehicle Use Maps are available to the public free of charge at all forest offices and visitor centers or on-line at the link below.

The Motor Vehicle Use Map will be published annually starting (March, 2007) and will reflect any changes in allowed uses after appropriate environmental analyses and public involvement.

Under the new travel management rule, users are responsible for knowing where and when to drive as displayed on the map. In the past, users relied on routes being posted open/closed. With the publication of the map under the new Travel Management Rule, posting is no longer required to restrict travel. Since the MVUM is now the enforcement tool, knowing where you are driving is critical to staying only on open approved roads/routes. Roads will still have road number identification signs. However, only those roads displayed on the map will be open to the general public. Other maps and information may be needed to determine additional recreational opportunities and restrictions on routes/roads not managed by the Forest Service.

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