

**Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board  
Travel Management Subcommittee**

**User Needs  
Assessment Summary**

# 1. Do you currently own/use an Off-Highway Vehicle, such as those listed below?

	<b>559</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>211</b>
	<b><u>ALL USERS</u></b>	<b><u>OHV USERS</u></b>	<b><u>NON-OHV USERS</u></b>
<b>Yes:</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>38%</b>

**If your answer is yes, we would like to know the type of vehicles used each year for off-highway recreational purposes on trails or dirt roads.**

<b>Off-Highway Motorcycle:</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>4WD SUV/PU (Stock):</b>	<b>408</b>
<b>ATV:</b>	<b>438</b>
<b>4WD SUV/PU (Modified):</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Other:</b>	<b>324</b>

**Other Types: Mostly snowmobiles, but also several mountain bikes, go-carts, ATUV's (all-terrain utility vehicles), mules, and a horse.**

## **2. How many people do you usually ride with?**

**0-2 people: 70%**

**3-8 people: 9%**

**No Response: 21%**

**Total: 100%**

**3. If you are an OHV user, list the type of use you would be interested in for an OHV trail system in the Black Hills.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Off-Highway Motorcycle</b>	<b>ATV</b>	<b>4WD Vehicles</b>	<b>Other OHV</b>
<b>Competition or Challenge:</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Recreational Trail Riding:</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Hunting:</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>3%</b>

**Other: All types used primarily for agriculture purposes (especially ATV's).**

#### **4. Please circle one response for each item listed below.**

**Strongly**

**Strongly**

**Disagree   Disagree   Neutral   Agree   Agree**

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

**5**

**Places for OHV motorized use should: (Scores: All, OHV & Non-OHV)**

--be on existing roads and trails: **3.76, 3.76 & 3.75**

--have long loops beginning and ending at the same trailhead: **3.62, 3.85 & 3.23**

--provide long distance (point to point) riding opportunities: **3.77, 4.10 & 3.19**

--be located away from human activities (subdivisions etc.): **3.66, 3.69 & 3.61**

--have clear understandable signs posted at trailheads indicating trail length and difficulty: **4.18, 4.22 & 4.12**

--require a permit if money directly supports the trail system: **4.03, 3.96 & 4.15**

--have technical challenges: **3.37, 3.70 & 2.80**

--be located away from sensitive wildlife and botanical areas: **3.93, 3.66 & 4.37**

--be multi-use (many recreation user groups allowed): **3.62, 3.81 & 3.28**

--offer a variety of OHV opportunities and riding opportunities: **3.8, 4.22 & 3.19**

--include concentrated use areas where OHV's can travel cross-country: **3.46, 3.89 & 2.73**

**5. Do you support user fees (OHV registration or other) if the money goes directly back to help with management of the OHV riding area?**

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<b><u>ALL USERS</u></b>		<b><u>OHV USERS</u></b>		<b><u>NON-OHV USERS</u></b>	
<b>Yes:</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>Yes:</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>Yes:</b>	<b>82%</b>
<b>No:</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b><u>No Response:</u></b>	<b><u>8%</u></b>	<b><u>No Response:</u></b>	<b><u>7%</u></b>	<b><u>No Response:</u></b>	<b><u>7%</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>

## **6. The priorities placed on the following (Ranked 1 through 13, top priority is 1):**

### **OHV USERS**

- 1- trail maintenance (**4.16**)
- 2- new trail construction (**4.18**)
- 3- trail signing (**4.34**)
- 4- area/route maps (**4.47**)
- 5- trailhead informational signing (**4.81**)
- 6- planning (**5.02**)
- 7- trailhead construction (**5.21**)
- 8- education & safety programs (**6.60**)
- 9- restroom facilities (**7.62**)
- 10- law enforcement (**7.71**)
- 11- campground development (**8.66**)
- 12- drinking water at trailhead (**9.07**)
- 13- loading ramps (**9.55**)

### **NON-OHV USERS**

- 1- trail maintenance (**3.75**)
- 2- trail signing (**3.94**)
- 3- planning (**4.09**)
- 4- law enforcement (**4.16**)
- 5- education & safety programs (**4.60**)
- 6- area/route maps (**4.63**)
- 7- trailhead informational signing (**4.81**)
- 8- trailhead construction (**6.25**)
- 9- restroom facilities (**6.47**)
- 10- new trail construction (**6.98**)
- 11- drinking water at trailhead (**7.79**)
- 12- campground development (**8.08**)
- 13- loading ramps (**8.09**)



**7. Regardless of whether you are an OHV user or not, do you favor designating an OHV trail system on the Black Hills NF where all use must stay on designated routes/areas (no cross-country motorized use except on designated trails/areas)?**

**OHV USERS**

<b>Yes:</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>No:</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b><u>No Response:</u></b>	<b><u>4%</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>

**NON-OHV USERS**

<b>Yes:</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>No:</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b><u>No Response:</u></b>	<b><u>6%</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>

# ALL USERS

## Demographics

**Average Age: 48 years**

**Male: 72.6%**

**Female: 24.7%**

**No Gender Response: 2.7%**

# OHV USERS

## Demographics

**Average Age: 46 years**

**Male: 79.6%**

**Female: 17.8%**

**No Gender Response: 2.6%**

# **NON-OHV USERS**

## **Demographics**

**Average Age: 51 years**

**Male: 61.1%**

**Female: 36.0%**

**No Gender Response: 2.9%**