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OHV VIOLATION ON FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST BRINGS STIFF FINES

On September 27, 2004, Federal magistrate Judge Robert Braithwaite sentenced Paul E. Turgeon, Beaver, for an Off-Highway Vehicle violation on the Beaver Ranger District of the Fishlake National Forest. Two Forest Protection Officers saw the defendant drive his dirt bike out of alpine area that is closed to motorized vehicle use. Turgeon was fined \$300 plus court costs. Hunters are reminded that traveling off-road for the purpose of retrieving game is not allowed within restricted areas on the Fishlake National Forest. Violaters may be fined up to \$5,000 and/or six months in jail.

Much of the national forest remains open for OHV use. Those wishing to use their OHV to retrieve game should confine their hunting activities to these open areas. The Fishlake National Forest and the Richfield BLM Field Office are currently working on travel plans that will designate trails and areas for future motorized use.

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