

APPENDIX E

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE USE DESIGNATIONS

A total of 22,164 acres of public land is designated as a seasonally restricted area for off-road travel, and 45,407 acres open to ORV use. **Motorized** ORV use within the Big Gumbo area (Map C-1) would be restricted to maintained roads during the period of March 1 through June 1. Travel necessary for emergency, scientific, and maintenance purposes would be excluded from restrictions.

Off-road travel restrictions were developed to protect fragile vegetation and soils during spring thaw when the risk of impacts is greatest. ORV travel stipulations would be incorporated in all future oil and gas leases. Emergency closures may be implemented when needed.