**ORV RIDER SAFETY TIPS**

1. **Understand your ORV**: Most ORVs are motorized vehicles with low-pressure tires and designed for off-road use only. They have a higher center of gravity and can roll over easily. ORVs can weigh from 100 to 800-plus pounds and travel 75-plus miles per hour. Speed can be the number one killer in ORVing.

2. **One Size Definitely Does NOT Fit All**: Fitting the ORV and your body weight is most important in the ability of rider active techniques while riding. The NHMAQH to shift your body weight and balance the forces applied to the center of gravity may cause loss of control, resulting in contact, injury or death. Research and learn the proper fit equipment.

3. **Educate Yourself**: Before you ride for the first time, read your owner’s manual and take a training course from a qualified ORV safety instructor. Practice in a safe area with supervision.

4. **One Operator, No Passenger**: Single-operator ORVs are designed for one rider and no passenger.

5. **Never Ride Alone**: You should travel with other ORV riders and each person should be riding his or her own ORV. Riders under the age of 16 should be supervised by an adult at all times.

6. **Protect Your Head**: A helmet is your best protection against serious brain injury. Always ride with a helmet that fits well and has a face shield. If the helmet doesn’t have a face shield, wear goggles to protect your eyes from debris.

7. **Wear Protective Gear**: Boots should be strong, over the ankle or calf, with low heels. Off-road style gloves protect hands from cold and soreness.

8. **Respectful Rider’s Ethics**: "TREAD LIGHTLY! PLEDGE" all ORV users, campers and others to allow them to enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.

9. **Respect the Rights of Others**: ORVs are not built for tricks – don’t try it.

10. **No Stunts**: ORVs are not designed for off-road use only. They can be dangerous if not ridden properly.

11. **Be Prepared**: Bring along a cell phone, or proper communication devices, tell someone where you plan to ride. Do you have a map? Take a small pack with a compass, first aid kit, and water.

12. **Don’t Use Alcohol or Drugs**: Alcohol and many drugs, including prescription and over-the-counter varieties, can impair vision and motor coordination. ORVs and alcohol or drugs don’t mix.

**AGE AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Operations that do not have a driver’s license or permit (normally those under 15 years of age and under) can operate on ORV only on designated enrolled trails, designated riding areas, and private properties with permission. Operators over the age of 14 years with proper drivers license endorsement can ride on roads, routes, trails that are designated for ORV travel and non-enrolled roads if the ORV is street legal. It is highly recommended that an adult accompany youth under 18 years of age while they ride. ORV operators should never ride alone.

**EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

All ORVs are required to have certain equipment in working order while being operation on public lands in Wyoming, including:
- A headlight and tail light while operating between sunset and sunrise.
- Some land management agencies require a bright colored flag attached to the ORV, extending eight feet from the ground while operating on designated sand dunes areas.
- A muffler which does not exceed 102 decibels with an approved spark arrestor.

**NOXIOUS WEEDS AND ORVS**

Noxious weeds are a big problem in Wyoming and the region. Sometimes these weeds are unknowingly carried into the vehicle, packed up in mud, lodged in the exhaust or underbelly of the vehicle, and left in some other location, starting a new infestation. You will prevent noxious weeds from spreading.

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The ORV Definitions:

**Off-Road Vehicle (ORV)** – Any recreational vehicle type 1, unlicensed motorcycle type 2, or multi-wheeled motorized vehicle type 3. ORV Definition per Wyoming Statutes WS 31-1-101 (K).

**Type 1:** A personal utility vehicle designed to be ridden off-road and must weigh an unladen weight of 1200 pounds or less.

**Type 2:** An unlicensed motorcycle designed to be ridden off-road and has an unladen weight of over 1000 pounds but not to exceed 1300 pounds. (Effective July 1, 2011)

**Type 3:** A multi-wheeled motorized vehicle or ATVs are designed to be ridden off-road and weighs less than 600 pounds.

**III.** The ORV must be registered. Be sure to verify the area is open for ORV use. Make sure your ORV is clean and free of loose or broken parts, and your spark arrestor is in proper working order. Check that your ORV is in proper working condition, all fluids are topped off, there are no unusual odors, and it has no loose parts. Make sure the area you are going to ride in is open and not blocked off.

**SAFETY NOTICE**

**PUBLIC LAND MANAGER CONTACTS**

**Wyoming USDA Forest Service Districts**

- **Ranger District Offices**
  - Big Piney (307) 276-3375
  - Blackrock Station (307) 253-2196
  - Jackson (307) 734-3286
  - Jonah (307) 371-3436
  - Pinebluff (307) 371-3436

**Wyoming Game & Fish Departments**

- **Cheyenne State Headquarters**
  - 4500 Bishop Boulevard
  - Cheyenne, WY 82006
  - (307) 777-4800

**For information or to donate:**

- **Wyoming Search & Rescue**
  - (307) 777-4900

**Pre-ride Checklist**

- Notify someone of where you intend to ride and when you expect to return.
- Make sure you have proper riding gear for the weather planned, including a helmet, long sleeves, long pants and eye protection.
- Carry basic tools and survival gear, including plenty of drinking water.
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**PROHIBITED USES/BEHAVIOR**

- It is unlawful for any person to use any ORV in connection with acts of vandalism, harassment of wildlife or domestic animals, or in commission of a crime. It is also unlawful for anyone to operate any ORV in such a manner to cause resource damage; which can be defined as, but not limited to, damage to the environment by excessive pollution of air, water, or land, destruction of plant or animal life, or the creation of excessive noise.