

# NEW MEXICO

## Off-Highway Vehicle Program

STEPS TAKEN TO TRANSITION OHV PROGRAM  
TO GAME AND FISH FROM TOURISM



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# MOU & CONTRACTS

- MOU prepared between agencies to coordinate efforts
- Contracts reviewed with Institute of Public Law (certification of instructors) and HK Advertising (promoting safety and registration)



# PUBLICATIONS

- Developed, printed and distributed rack card
- Developed OHV poster for printing
- Prepared distribution list for rack cards and posters, 6-26-09



# OHV PROGRAM TRANSITION

- Created office space for two employees at Game and Fish headquarters
- Developed DPS-certified OHV enforcement training
- Trained all Game and Fish officers in new OHV law and rules
- Trained DGF phone team in OHV rules
- Wrote PAQ for program manager



# ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

- Met with concerned individuals from the Jemez Mountains
- Performed Law Enforcement sweeps around the state (6-19/20-09)
- Request that DPS Board make OHV enforcement a required training course for all certified peace officers
- Interim Legislative Committee hearing



# SAFETY EDUCATION

- Contacted ATV Safety Institute regarding training classes
- Reviewed Oregon State Parks online Safety Training Class
- Offering training at Outdoor Expo on Saturday.



# WEBSITE & PERMIT SALES

- Construction of online permit sales went live 8/7/09
- Transferred and redesigned [www.B4uRide.com](http://www.B4uRide.com) website.



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**OHV Highway Motor Vehicle Registration** Last Updated: 05/17/09

New Mexico Resident Registration

Registration is required for OHVs prior to using on any PUBLIC LANDS in New Mexico.

Vehicles that are considered to be OHVs & must be registered include:

- All-terrain vehicles (ATVs)
- Off-road motorcycles
- Off-road vehicles (ORVs, UTVs or like type vehicles)
- Snowmobiles

**REGISTRATION AND FEES:**  
New Mexico residents are required to register their OHV at any Motor Vehicle Division Field Office. Contact: New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) at Taxation and Revenue  
Phone: (505) 627-4532 Fax: (505) 653-4533  
MVD for initial registration - \$50 (non-refundable)  
OHV must be renewed every two years - if used on public lands.

**Out-of-State Vehicle Permitting**  
Non-resident permitting is required for OHVs prior to using on any PUBLIC LANDS in New Mexico.

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**Non-resident permit and use fees:**  
Contact: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish  
Phone: (505) 475-6333  
Web site: [www.8to4ride.com](http://www.8to4ride.com) or [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)  
Or any New Mexico Department of Game and Fish office.

Two-year permit (Must be renewed every two years from the date of initial registration.)	\$40
30-day permit	\$10

\*Non-residents who have proof of a valid OHV registration, user fee or similar fee, may not need to purchase the New Mexico Permit. Please check the Web site for a listing of those states.

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**OHV/UTV USER PERMIT**

OHV users must obtain either a permit or user registration in order to use public lands.

**Safety Classes for Kids Mandatory**

New Mexico requires anyone under 12 to obtain a safety permit prior to operating on public lands.

Click here for more information.

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**OHV Safety Classes for Youth** Last Updated: 05/17/09

**Required Training and Safety Permits**

Riders under 12 years of age MUST complete a certified OHV course and obtain a safety permit prior to riding on public lands and must carry the safety permit when operating on public lands.

Safety Training course include:

- Age Appropriate Size Fit & Use of OHVs
- Responsible Use of OHVs related to environment, private property, agricultural, cultural and rural lifestyle and considerations
- Operating Laws
- Trail Etiquette
- Prohibitions for Driving Under the Influence

To sign up for a class, call Nicole Minkright at 505-475-0140 or email [nicole.minkright@state.nm.us](mailto:nicole.minkright@state.nm.us)

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Please be considerate of the other users of our lands including ranchers and their livestock, wildlife, hikers and mountain bikers.

Use the proper equipment that will keep you and your children as safe as possible while riding. Please respect and obey the laws and rules that are put in place to protect New Mexico's precious land and people that help preserves our custom and culture that is deeply woven into our state.

**Important Links:**

- BLM OHV permitted Areas
- Bureau of Land Management (New Mexico)
- United States Forest Service

**ATV - OHV Safety Links:**

- <http://www.theadrightly.org/>
- <http://www.atvsafety.org/>





# UPCOMING ACTIONS

- Modify rule to address changes from OHV Board to NMDGF
- Certification of trainers
- Development of management plan
- Appointment and organization of Advisory Board



# CHALLENGES

- Making safety certification classes readily available
- Training costs to youth and families
- Databases tracking OHV accidents
- Forest Service Travel Management Planning



# PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Prepared and distributed news release, 6-17-09
- Prepared and distributed video news release, 6-19-09
- OHV one-minute spot for TV show



**PROHIBITED USES:**  
It is illegal for any person to use an OHV for:  
• Damage or destroy signs, landmarks or other property.  
• Operate any OHV in a way that damages the environment, plants, animals or creates excessive noise.

An informational poster for the New Mexico Off-Highway Vehicle Program. It features a central image of a utility vehicle with "treadlightly!" branding. The poster is divided into several sections: "NEW MEXICO Off-Highway Vehicle Program" at the top; "PROHIBITED USES" and "SIGNED TRAILS" on the right side; "REGISTRATION (BY USE ON PUBLIC LAND)" in the middle, which lists vehicles that must be registered (All-terrain vehicles (ATVs), Dirt bikes, Off-road vehicles (ORVs, UTVs or Multi-type vehicles), and Snowmobiles) and those that do not (Motorcycles, vehicles on public streets, vehicles used strictly for agricultural use, and vehicles used strictly on private land); "SAFETY REQUIREMENTS" at the bottom, detailing rules for riders under 6 and under 18. Contact information for the Game and Fish Division is provided at the bottom right, along with the website www.B4uRide.com and a "Be Safe • Stay on trails • Tread Lightly • Enjoy" slogan.

