

# State of Montana

## Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Licensing Requirements For Road and Trail Use On the Bitterroot National Forest



### Montana State Law mandates the following regulations for OHV use on all National Forest roads:

- The OHV must be registered as a motor vehicle at the County Treasurers office (a vehicle title is required, a license plate will be issued).
- The operator of the vehicle must possess a valid driver's license and a motorcycle endorsement on their Montana Driver's License.
- Operators of these vehicles must be in compliance with all applicable laws.
- The vehicle must have a mirror, horn, headlights, and brake lights.
- A safety helmet is required for anyone under 18 years of age, either a driver or passenger, and is always a good idea for all OHV riders.

**If you are riding on designated legal trails only** and no travel is occurring on roads you must have a Montana OHV registration decal. A vehicle title is required to acquire the OHV registration decal.

Examples of designated legal trails on the Bitterroot National Forest are: Chain of Lakes; Overwhich Falls; legal trails open to motorized use where the width of the trail profile is the same or larger than the width of the OHV.

**If you are riding on National Forest roads and trails, a vehicle license and a Montana OHV decal are required.** When purchasing both, your OHV decal fees are included in your vehicle registration fees.

For **out of state visitors** a decal is not required on an OHV that is legal and registered in another state. All Montana State regulations regarding motor vehicles must be obeyed (i.e. the vehicle must be registered as a motor vehicle while operating any road). A temporary use permit for an unregistered OHV can be obtained from a Fish, Wildlife, and Parks office or their web site

<http://www.fwp.state.mt.us/hunting/apps/ohvapp.pdf>

If you have any questions regarding OHV use on National Forest roads and trails please contact your local Forest office. For questions regarding licensing of the OHV please contact your local County Treasurers office. For questions regarding a license endorsement please contact your local County Department of Motor Vehicle Office.



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