

Mark Twain National Forest
Equal Opportunity Access Policy

PURPOSE: To provide equal opportunity access to recreational programs on the Mark Twain National Forest in accordance with Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS), wilderness management policy, and the Eastern Region Access Policy (11/8/93).

POLICY:

- A. Vehicular access for recreational activities such as hunting, bird watching, etc. to roads or areas closed to such use requires a **TEMPORARY SPECIAL USE PERMIT (FS 2700-27, exhibit 1)**. A Letter of Authorization is not valid method. (WO Memo 2720, 1/15/92).
1. Access is limited to:
 - a. Management areas (ROS Class), which allow motorized vehicles.
 - b. Locations that do not conflict with another permitted use, i.e. special use road, area, or grazing allotment (otherwise, permittee acceptance has to be obtained by the Forest Service).
 - c. A road or area designated by the District for disabled access.
 - d. Locations where vehicle use would not cause unreasonable resource damage or cause a safety hazard.
 2. A Temporary Special use Permit may be given to anyone who possesses a State Highway Department disabled parking authorization.
 3. A photo I.D. and the Temporary Special Use Permit (FS-2700-25 form) must be in the holder's possession at the time of use.
- B. Persons with disabilities wanting to legally pursue game animals from a stationary vehicle must first obtain such permission from the State of Missouri. This special "HUNTING METHOD EXEMPTION" is acquired by contacting the Missouri Department of Conservation, Protection Division, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180, (573) 751-4115.
1. However, State authorization to use a "stationary vehicle" on Forest Service lands is limited to areas where motorized vehicles are allowed. It does not permit such use in Wilderness Areas.
 - a. Such authorization allows hunting along any open Forest Service Road as long as the stationary vehicle does not block the roadway.
 - b. Such use will be limited to the appropriate hunting season and only for the purpose of legally pursuing game.
 2. If a disabled person wants to hunt from a stationary vehicle on a closed road or area, the person must go through steps in paragraph A. above.