

Hunting & Off-Highway Vehicles

The use of OHVs during hunting season is increasing dramatically. While OHVs make some areas more accessible, it is imperative that operators use trail etiquette.

- Know the vehicle use regulations for the area you are hunting. Contact the local BLM Field Office, Forest Service Ranger District or local Idaho Department of Lands office for travel management information before you go.
- Respect road and area closures.
- Stay on existing roads or trails. Do not contribute to resource damage and habitat destruction by creating new trails for others to follow.
- User-created trails are often poorly located within riparian zones or on steep slopes creating vegetation and soil impacts. Don't make the problem worse by continuing to use these routes.



- To cause less disturbance to hunters around you, access your hunting area before shooting hours and then hunt on foot.
- Retrieve harvested big game during the middle of the day (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) to reduce conflicts with other hunters.
- Have respect for other users. Slow down or stop your OHV when you approach others on

the trail. When meeting equestrians, approach slowly, pull over and stop, turn off your engine, remove your helmet and ask how best to proceed.

- Avoid the use of OHVs in wet areas or during wet conditions. Even though the lighter weight and low-pressure tires reduce impacts, OHVs can still do serious damage to wet areas.
- Keep your OHV properly tuned and muffled to reduce exhaust sounds and emissions.
- Don't widen single-track trails by forcing your ATV or UTV down the trail.
- When overtaking others, pass in a safe and courteous manner.
- Limit OHV use in and around campgrounds. Be respectful of other campers' desires for quiet and minimal disruption.
- Would you like to receive the DVD based on ethical use of OHV's for hunting?
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These are simple things, but they can go a long way toward reducing the impact of OHV use. They will protect the habitat and improve the Idaho hunting experience. Following these guidelines will reduce the need for more regulations and help retain the OHV opportunities that currently exist.

For more information regarding Idaho hunting and fishing rules regulations and seasons, contact:



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