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NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST



# McCOMAS TRAILS

#421, #422, #1847



Clearwater Ranger District

## McComas ATV Trails - #421, #422 & #1847

Welcome to McComas Meadows country and pass through time. Begin your journey at one of eight (8) trailheads and follow some of the old roads in an area open to motorized trail uses.

This travel way (closed to highway vehicles) was constructed using old logging roads, Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) constructed fire roads, and a jeep trail that follows the divide between Cougar and Peasley creeks. Providing twenty miles of Off Highway Vehicle travel.

The travel way rolls alongside hills and the ridge tops with grades up to 15%. The tread is a wide surface (50" tread) on a base up to 20 feet in width. This provides for ease of travel and presents an enjoyable experience for the novice as well as experienced users. The trail is cleared every spring by the High Mountain Trail Machine Association or the first trail users looking for an enjoyable day outing in the forest. Drainage consists of rubber belted drains or driveable dips. (Sharp enough to control some of the high speeds).

The trail is accessed from the Harpster area via Lightning Creek Road (Forest Developed Road, (FDR) 244) to McComas Meadows for the first trailhead or travel further along this route to three additional trailhead entries.

Grangeville - Elk City travelers can access the routes off the Peasley Creek Road (FDR 469), which is temporarily closed due to a slide, turning west on FDR 648 and access the route near their intersections with FDR 1105 or FDR 9401.

A wide variety of scenery is available with high ridge views of Buffalo Hump, Gospel Peak, Silver Dome, Nellie Mountain, Corral Hill and the Camas Prairie.

Old growth timber, logging units with plantations of varying ages, high ridge meadows, alder glens, and a variety of timber harvest methods change the vegetation types along the routes providing many scenic overlooks.

The trail is shared with elk, deer, moose, bear, cougar, domestic cows, and a variety of small animals. Grouse and turkeys can be seen along the trail as well as many songbirds. Stop, look, listen, and enjoy.

These trails are open to all trail users and user types and were constructed to provide user safety with adequate sight distance and clearing width to provide meeting and passing other travelers. Remember your trail etiquette and to ensure the safety of other users.

A word of ACCESS CAUTION when traveling this system of trails: Trail 413 between State Highway 14 and Road Junction 1105/9004 is only open to 2 wheeled motorized trail vehicles.

Travel with your OHV's only on areas, roads, and trails designated as open. Many of the roads crossed will be closed to all motorized use (including snowmobiles) yearlong or with seasonal closures from December 1 through May 15. Be aware of these closures or restrictions and meet their requirements and enjoy this facility for many years. Roads 244 and 648 are open yearlong as well as trails 421, 422, and 1847.

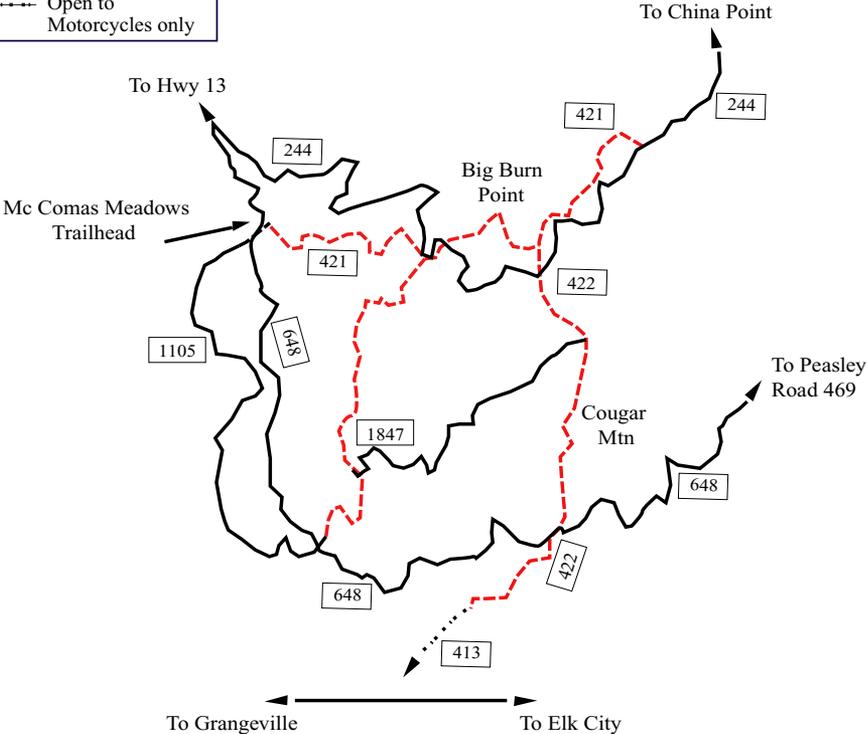
Copies of the "Nez Perce Forest Visitor Map," and US Geological Survey Maps will provide you the needed access restrictions and a good look at the topography accessed by these trails.



**Legend**

- - - McComas ATV Trail
- Forest Road
- - -** Closed to ATV
- · · · ·** Open to Motorcycles only

# McComas



Point to Point	Miles
Mc Comas Meadows Trailhead to #1847 Road Junction	4.20
#1847 to Big Burn Point Trailhead - #433 Trail Junction	3.30
China Point Trailhead to #422 Trail to #648 trailhead junction	5.10
#648 Trailhead to #413 trail (open) to motorcycles only) to Cougar Creek, HWY 14	3.80

# Trail Courtesy

Providing recreational opportunities and managing the resource values for the public to enjoy depends on everyone's cooperation when recreating on OHVs. Remember the following tips:

- Remember, others use the trails, too!!
- Stay on existing roads and trails.
- Avoid riparian areas and wetlands. They provide habitat for more than seventy percent of wildlife and aquatic species.
- Avoid steep slopes. While they provide a challenge for drivers, repeated travel on them can cause serious erosion and introduce sediment into streams.
- Ensure that your vehicle's undercarriage and tires are not carrying weed seeds, and wash vehicles before and after traveling roads and trails. The spread of noxious weeds has become a serious threat to wildlife habitat and rangelands.
- Do not approach or chase wildlife. They are stressed by many forms of human use.
- All prehistoric and historic artifacts and features (either on the ground's surface or buried underground) are protected by various laws and regulations. If you find evidence of past use of the Forest by prehistoric or historic people, please do not disturb the artifacts, sites or features. Contact the nearest Forest Service office to report the location of your discovery.

# Tread Lightly Pledge

**T**Travel and recreate with minimum impact

**R**espect the environment and the rights of others

**E**ducate yourself, plan and prepare before you go

**A**llow for future use of the outdoors, leave it better than you found it

**D**iscover the rewards of responsible recreation

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## Licensing & Registration

Your motorcycle, ATV or UTV as well as your passenger vehicle all require some type of Idaho registration - either a license or a sticker before they can be operated on National Forest roads. Vehicle and operator licensing requirements for OHV's in Idaho are available at the **Idaho OHV Public Information website**.

Aside from the fact that it's a legal requirement in the State of Idaho, there are a number of benefits to purchasing an OHV sticker for your machine. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation allocates money from sticker sales to fund things like motorized trail construction and maintenance. Many of the OHV trail systems on the Nez Perce NF have been developed in part with funds from the sticker program.

**Parents - You are responsible for the actions of your children under 18 years of age while they are operating OHVs on the National Forest!**

## Other OHV Trail Brochures Available

Other OHV brochures are available for the Boundary/Divide Trails and Milner/Centennial Trails. Visitors can pick these brochures up at local forest service offices or download a brochure from our website at: [www.fs.fed.us/r1/nezperce](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/nezperce)

## Trail Access Information

The most current information on travel management (Designated Routes and Areas for Motor Vehicle Use Planning) and the Nez Perce NF Trail Access spreadsheet is located at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/nezperce/recreation/index-dramvu.shtml>

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### Leave No Trace!

*Respect road and trail restrictions. Travel and camp only where permitted. Make no new trails or campsites. Leave no trace of your visit, and take no momentos. Instead, take photographs, and recall your memories of time spent along the trail.*

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