

## **Travel Management Rule (TMR)**

### **Introduction:**

- Published November 9, 2005, requiring designation of roads, trails, and areas that are open to motor vehicle use.
- Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) will be free to the public and show where motorized use may occur and what type of motorized use is allowed (e.g. some trails may be designated for motorcycles but not ATVs).
- The MVUM will be the legal designator of motorized routes for Forest System roads and trails.

### **Motorized Use On Trails And Roads On The Prescott NF**

- PNF restricted off-road vehicles to designated roads and trails in 1989 through Forest Plan Amendment Number 4. Pursuant to 36 CFR 212, the PNF has designated those roads and trails that are open to motor vehicle use. Use of motor vehicles off the designated system, as well as use of motor vehicles on routes that is non consistent with the designation is prohibited under CFR 261.13.
- Approximately 410 miles of trails and 1500 miles of system roads are available for motorized use including designated recreation areas. Cross-country travel is permitted at Alto Pit OHV Campground and Day-Use and Hayfield Draw OHV Day-Use.

#### **Prescott Basin:**

- Motorized access is allowed to designated dispersed camping sites only.
- May travel off of road (direct ingress/egress) for 50 feet on either side of a road for firewood gathering with a valid permit (permits may have further restrictions or greater latitude).
- May travel off of road for 50 feet on either side of a road for day-use recreation.

#### **Elsewhere on Forest:**

- May use vehicular ingress and egress to a primitive campsite within 300 ft of a road. (no ingress or egress to a campsite permitted by motor vehicles from trails)
- May travel off of road (direct ingress/egress) for 50 feet on either side of a road for firewood gathering with a valid permit (permits may have further restrictions or greater latitude).

## **Big Game Retrieval On The Prescott NF**

- Motorized travel off designated routes is not allowed.
- Big Game Retrieval off designated routes will be addressed through a new Forest Plan amendment and will be consistent with the Coconino and Kaibab National Forests.

## **Motorized Use Off Designated Trails And Roads**

- Motorized travel off designated routes and outside designated areas will be allowed for national defense, law enforcement, and emergency purposes.
- Off designated route motor vehicle use will be allowed when specifically authorized under written authorizations, such as contracts or permits (e.g. special use, fuelwood, grazing, etc).

## **Dispersed Camping**

- Within the Prescott Basin camping is allowed at designated sites only. These sites have been selected to minimize impacts to all resources.
- Outside of the Prescott Basin dispersed camping is allowed within 300 feet of an open road.

## **Talking Points:**

- PNF has restricted cross-country motorized travel since 1989
- Requests for adjustments to the designated system will be evaluated by Forest Management and include public involvement
- Only PNF system roads and designated motorized trails will be displayed on the NVUM. User-created roads/trails and closed/non-system roads will not be on the MVUM.