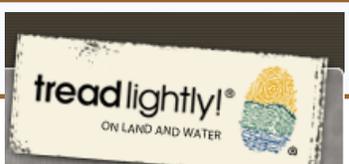


An estimated 16 million Americans participate in off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. Irresponsible actions cause tremendous damage. Please:

- Stay on OHV designated routes.
- Stay in the middle of the trail so that the trail does not widen.
- Cross streams at designated fording points or at the same location that the trail crosses the stream.
- Approach streams slowly and cross them at a 90-degree angle.
- Avoid stopping at the apex (top) of a switchback when climbing since it gouges the trail when you start again.
- Avoid brake-sliding during descents since this also gouges the trail.
- Avoid travel on muddy trails.
- Pack out whatever you pack in. Carry a trash bag with you and carry your litter out.
- Avoid spreading noxious weeds - wash your OHV and the support vehicle immediately after each use.
- Dispose of human waste and toilet paper properly. Pack it out with your trash, or bury it at least six inches deep.
- Take an ATV safety training course.
- Always wear a helmet, eye protection, and other safety gear.

**What is Tread Lightly!?**

Tread Lightly!, Inc. is a national nonprofit organization with a mission to proactively protect recreation access and opportunities in the outdoors through education and stewardship initiatives. You may find additional information at: [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org)



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**A GUIDE TO USING YOUR**  
*Colville National Forest*



**MOTOR  
 VEHICLE**



**USE  
 MAP**

### What is the Motor Vehicle Use Map?

The Motor Vehicle Use Map (referred to as the MVUM) displays National Forest System routes (roads and trails) or areas designated open to motorized travel. The MVUM also displays uses allowed by vehicle class (highway-legal vehicles, vehicles less than 50 inches wide and motorcycles), and seasonal allowances.

The MVUM also provides information on other travel rules and regulations. Routes not shown on the MVUM are not open to public motor vehicle travel. Routes designated for motorized use may not always be signed on the ground but will be identified on the MVUM. It will be the public's responsibility to refer to the MVUM to determine designated routes for motor vehicle use.

Access to dispersed campsites is allowed within 300 feet of designated routes, otherwise cross country travel is prohibited. Use is encouraged on existing, established routes.

The MVUM is a black and white map with no topographic features. It is best used in conjunction with a Forest Visitor Map or other topographic map. The MVUM is free to the public at each local Ranger District office. The MVUM will be updated annually to correct mapping errors or discrepancies.

### What does the MVUM show me?

- The MVUM shows all National Forest System roads, trails and designated areas allowing public motor vehicle use;
- The MVUM shows designation details, including vehicle class, time of year, and any motorized access for the purpose of dispersed camping (camping in locations other than campgrounds);
- The MVUM shows roads where only highway-legal vehicles are allowed because of user safety considerations;
- Motor vehicle access may occur on routes not shown on the MVUM for the purpose of limited administrative access by Forest Service personnel; for fire and law enforcement for emergency purposes and; by persons authorized by a written special use permit or contract from the Forest Service.

### Does the MVUM show non-motorized trails?

No, but the Colville National Forest Visitor Map provides information on non-motorized routes, including hiking and horse trails.

### What do you mean by route types?

Route type refers to certain categories of motorized vehicles. The following are typical route designations:

- Roads open to highway legal vehicles only
- Roads open to all vehicles (licensed and unlicensed)

- Trails open to vehicles 50 inches or less in width (All-Terrain Vehicles, motorcycle, etc.)
- Trails open to all vehicles (trails may be rugged and narrow; not suitable for some Sport Utility Vehicles)
- Trails open to motorcycles only (single track)

It is important to understand that showing routes and areas as open to certain vehicle classes does not mean that they are maintained for, or suitable for travel using those vehicles. It simply means it is legal to use them. For example, many low standard roads may be open to all motor vehicles. This designation includes passenger cars, although it may not be prudent to drive this type of vehicle on the route due to the condition of the surface or during inclement weather. Please check with the local Ranger District Offices for more information.

### Are there road and trail route marker signs on the ground?

Not always. Routes designated for motorized use may not be signed. In some cases, a route marker may exist at the entrance of the road/trail with numbers indicating the road. Routes designated for motorized uses will be identified on the MVUM. The MVUM is an enforcement tool to ensure individuals are on the correct route. It is the responsibility of the user to determine if they are on a route designated for the motor vehicle being used.

### Why aren't all routes open to all vehicles (including off-highway vehicles)?

Some routes are not appropriate for off-highway vehicle use due to resource, safety, or other concerns. Some of these routes may be determined to be appropriate after analysis or mitigation of the issues.

It is your responsibility to know and adhere to applicable laws and stay informed of route, area, and seasonal closures.

It is your responsibility to understand the MVUM. The maps are best used in conjunction with our Forest Visitor Map and we're here to help you if you have questions. Three maps have been published for Colville National Forest: one covers the west side of the forest, the second map covers the northeast half and the third displays the southeast half.

We have restricted OHV use to designated routes for your safety! Numerous hazards exist. Travel on these routes can be difficult or dangerous, even for high clearance vehicles. Many routes have been designated for mixed use.

On single lane roads, vehicles will be approaching you in the same lane. Be aware that your available stopping distance is less than half the distance to an oncoming vehicle.

**Drive Defensively!**

The Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) for the Colville National Forest is available at the offices listed below and also available online at: [www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/)

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State laws regarding motor vehicle use such as age, speed, safety equipment and licensing requirements, also apply to National Forest lands.

For additional information, please contact: Colville National Forest Office, Washington State Patrol Office, or County Sheriff's Office.

**Share the Roads and Trails!  
Many routes are listed for  
Motorized and  
Non-Motorized Use!**

