



Mudding Causes...

- **More and more closures** to many types of recreation on public and private lands in an attempt to stop resource damage. We all lose in the end.
- **Damage to vegetation** and wetlands that may take years to heal.
- **Your tax dollars** to be spent on temporary repairs to stop additional damage, diverting money that could be put to more bene-

ficial uses. In addition, long-term repairs can be expensive.

- Damaged areas provide ready seedbeds for **noxious weeds**, which are difficult to control.
- Off-road vehicle groups that recreate responsibly (who don't condone mudding) get a bum wrap and it **hurts the sport** overall.
- **Damage** to fisheries and wildlife habitat, soils and clean water.
- Increased **loss of precious wetlands** across our dry landscape.



Would you allow Mudding in your backyard?



Consider the National Forest your backyard. Every citizen of the United States is part owner of our National Forests and the valuable natural resources within. Help put an end to senseless resource damage. The more eyes and ears out there, the more effectively we can put an end to this activity.

You Can Help!



- Report the damage as soon as possible.
- Call it in on a cell phone.
- Get a license number, description of vehicle and driver.
- Give the exact location of damage.
- Take photos or video tape of damage while it's occurring.

For more information or to report a violation, please contact the
Cle Elum Ranger District
509-674-4411
OR
Kittitas County Sheriff
509-925-8534



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IT'S ILLEGAL!

Damaging natural resources is illegal and subject to fines from \$100 to \$5,000.



“Mudding” is an activity done by people who drive motorized vehicles through wet meadows, fields, streams or lakeshores. Spinning their tires to throw mud, ripping up the vegetation and soil, creating deep mud holes. The objective is to test their vehicles power and get their rigs as muddy as possible, all in the pursuit of “fun”... but, at what cost?