

Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association

Power of Partnerships

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- Short budgets
- Increased workloads
- More “red-tape”
- Need to do more with less
- Need to get things done faster
- Need to comply with the law

A person wearing a red helmet and blue gear is sitting on a blue motorcycle in a field of yellow dandelions. The background is a dense forest of green trees under a cloudy sky.

Montana Off-Highway Vehicle Program Presents

"On The Right Trail"

An Ethics Education and Information Program

Sponsored by:

- Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
- Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association
- U.S. Forest Service, Region 1
- BLM, Montana State Office
- National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council

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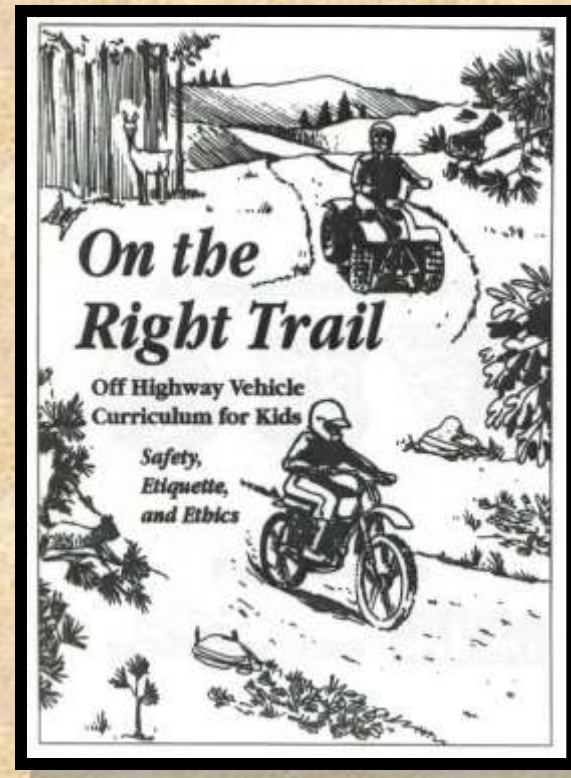


10,000 “Off-Road Montana Brochures”

Laws and Regulations for OHV’s in Montana

OHV Youth Curriculum

- Developed by USFS, MTVRA, FW&P, BLM, Western Montana College
- Taught In Butte Middle Schools
 - Coming To other cities soon
- Takes advantage of the “seatbelt” philosophy



"On The Right Trail"



Seven Minute Video

- For Curriculum
- In Tradeshow Booths
- At Meetings

Public Service Announcements

MTVRA and FW&P will continue to purchase air time on an annual basis

- OHV's and Noxious Weeds

Completed & aired on network TV and radio throughout Montana – Purchased air time \$34,845 2000-2003

- OHV's and Hunting

Completed & aired fall 2001, 2002, and 2003. \$21,400 for air time

- OHV General Ethics

To be Completed 2004. \$6,000 for air time

OHV's and Hunting

National Committee Developed Message points based on issue identification

- Be an ethical Hunter Use your ATV responsibly.
 - Ride on legal routes only. Don't drive cross country, even for game retrieval.
 - Be courteous of other hunters and respect wildlife. Keep your sound down.
 - Educate yourself. Obtain agency travel maps to identify and learn legal routes.
 - Avoid the spread of noxious weeds. Wash your ATV after every use.
 - Be legal and safe. Don't shoot from an ATV or roadway.
 - Conserve the land. Avoid wet and other sensitive areas.
 - Never chase wildlife with your ATV. It's illegal and irresponsible.

MTVRA Trails Maintenance



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- 2 Full-time Seasonal employees
- Lewis and Clark NF
- Over 10 years
- Diverse Funding
 - MT OHV Program
 - RTP
 - Polaris TRAILS
 - Yamaha OHV Access Initiative

Maps

- Partnership between MTVRA, GFTBRA, USFS
- Useful map – not MVUM
- Can Vary from USFS Standards
- High Quality Information, Large quantities
- GPO – Albuquerque



Mechanized Trail Maintenance

- 90K RTP Grant – Lewis and Clark, Helena, Gallatin, Beaverhead – Deerlodge, Butte BLM
- MTVRA Grant – Competitive Bids
- Contracting time and cost savings
- Highly Efficient - <\$500/mile
- Huge Environmental Advantages

Keys to Success

- Associations
 - Stable Association
 - Committed people
 - Management Capacity
 - Administrative Capacity
 - Trust, willingness to accept risk

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- Agencies
 - Committed staff
 - Good G&A staff
 - Volunteer, MOU, Challenge Cost Share, Cooperative Management Agreements
 - Trust, willingness to accept risk
 - Agency Involvement/Oversight