

IDFG Regulation of OHVs

Idaho State ATV Association, Inc.

Introduction

- Organization of 25 locally-based OHV clubs throughout Idaho with over 2,500 members
- **PURPOSE**
 - to foster, promote and encourage the active recreational use of ATVs in the State of Idaho
 - to encourage, promote and educate the public as to the safe and responsible use of ATVs
 - to cooperate with private and public land management and/or regulatory agencies, but always reserving the right to oppose regulations or actions the corporation considers unfair and/or not serving the best interests of the members
 - to sponsor the enactment of fair federal, state, local and private land use laws and regulations pertaining to ownership and operation of ATVs, and to actively oppose such laws and regulations as are determined to be detrimental to the best interests of ATV users
 - to actively seek out and build mutually beneficial relationships with other recreational users of public land in the State of Idaho
 - to promote fundraising projects to assist in the development of safe and responsible use opportunities for ATVs in the State of Idaho, and its surrounding areas, including but not limited to trail building and maintenance, search and rescue, trail mapping and the like
- **MOTTO**
 - “Keeping the Roads and Trails Open for All”



Policies

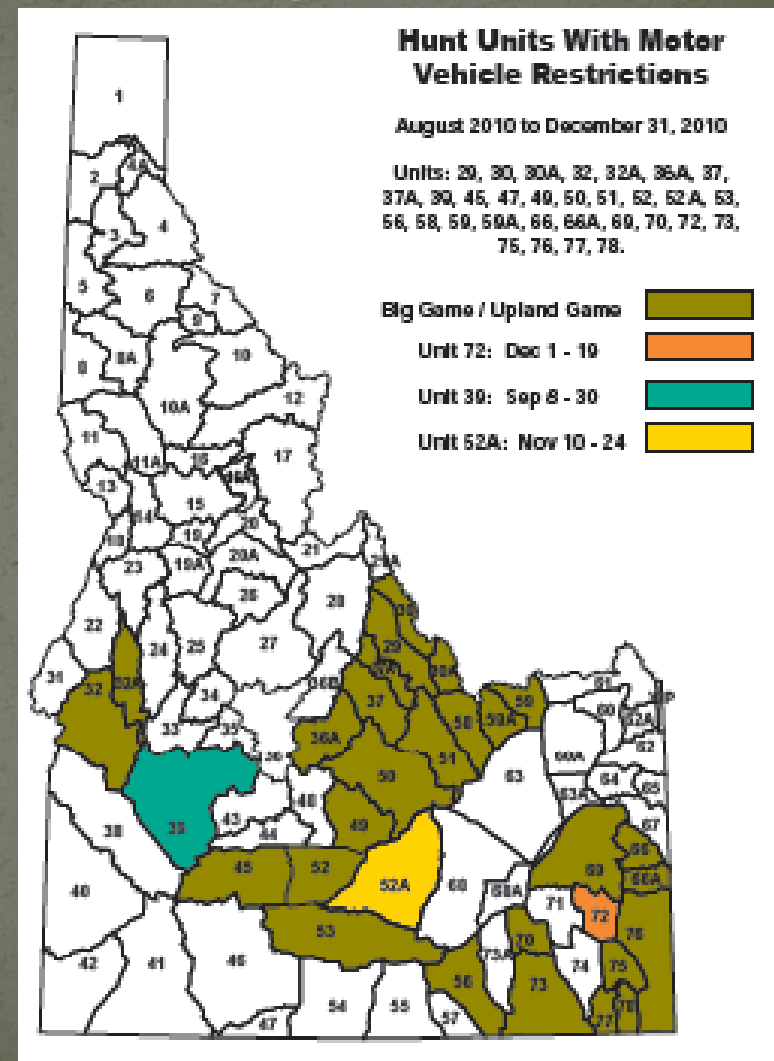
- Tread Lightly
- Stay on Trails
- Law Enforcement
- Concealed Weapons / 2nd Amendment Rights
- Fish and Game Regulation
 - ISATVA opposes any designation of the use of an OHV as an aid to hunting with respect to hunting, fishing and trapping. ISATVA further opposes any rules and regulations that prohibit the use of an OHV while hunting, fishing or trapping on roads, trails and areas designated as open to OHV use by the land manager – Idaho Fish and Game ought not to use its regulatory authority to prohibit uses permitted by the land manager simply because of the activity for which the OHV is being used.

IDFG Regulation

- Prohibits off-road and off-trail use while hunting
- Prohibits OHV use while hunting in designated areas
- Exceptions
 - Open roads for full-size vehicles
 - Handicapped hunters
 - Game retrieval
 - To pack camping equipment (no hunting during transit)
 - Private land (no shooting from OHV)
- OHV use is an aid to hunting

Areas Affected by IDFG Regulation

- Mostly Southern and Eastern Idaho
- Roughly one-third of the State and one-third of the hunting units
- Not applicable to heavily forested North
- Not applicable to wide open Owyhees and East Snake River Plain



Concerns with IDFG Regulation

- Use Preference / Inequity
 - Unfair treatment of motorized users
 - Already illegal to shoot from OHV
 - Cross-country travel is illegal
 - Illegal to chase or harass game
 - User conflict is inevitable regardless of means of transport
- Undermines Public Travel Planning Processes
- IDFG is not a land manager or travel manager
- 2nd Amendment – Right to Bear Arms
 - Harassment because armed or based on clothing

Alternatives to Current Regulation

- Allow use of OHVs for transportation of the hunter, while in the act of hunting, just like feet, bicycles, horses, and boats
 - Continue to regulate the method of take (i.e. cannot shoot from the OHV, cannot chase or pursue game from the OHV)
- Allow use of OHVs while hunting only on roads, trails and areas open to such use by the land manager
 - Keep open roads and trails that way – OPEN
- Basically, enforce other existing law and regulation
- SB1015 and SB1016, 2011 Legislative Session

Questions

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