

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK



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General Information

British Columbia intends to implement a management framework encompassing all off-road vehicles (ORVs); the regulations are expected to be in place by November 2011. The goal of the new ORV Management Framework is to develop regulations and policy that will encourage safe and responsible ORV riding and support a growing industry that has the opportunity to deliver lasting socioeconomic benefits to rural communities. The framework includes:

- Enhanced safety measures should result in fewer deaths or serious injuries, especially among youth.
- Improved tools to help compliance and enforcement officials identify irresponsible ORV riders and track stolen vehicles.
- Opening up the Province by connecting our rural communities and contributing to a world-class trails system through the designation of numerous ORV public road crossings.
- Environmentally-friendly muffler standards will reduce noise disturbance to wildlife and recreationists; spark arrestors will reduce the risk of forest fires.
- Reasonable costs that will be based on a user-pay approach and comparable to other small vehicles.

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