



The Sound Issue - Keep it Down!

Excessive noise from ATVs and dirt bikes has become one of the biggest threats to off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. Fortunately, there is something you can do.

Here is What You Need to Know:

- To operate an off-highway vehicle (OHV) in Colorado, the following sound limits must be met:
 - 96dB(A) if manufactured after 1/1/1998.
 - 99dB(A) if manufactured before 1/1/1998.
- OHVs will be tested using the SAE J 1287 stationary 20" pipe test.
- New OHVs sold in Colorado cannot exceed the 96dB(A) sound standard (unless that OHV is designed for and used in a closed-course competition facility).
- OHVs designed for and used in closed-course competition facilities may require modifications for sound and spark arrester standards when operated on public lands.
- Enforcement begins July 1, 2010.

Know Your Decibels! How Loud is Too Loud.	
150	Firecracker
120	Ambulance Siren
110	Chainsaw, Rock Concert
105	Stereo at Max. Level
96	Motorcycle
85	Heavy City Traffic
60	Normal Conversation
40	Refrigerator Humming

Prolonged exposure to noise levels above even 85 dB can cause gradual hearing loss.

It's Up To You To Keep Your Vehicle At Or Below This Standard.

- Some older vehicles may require a quieter pipe or re-packing.
- USFS Approved spark arrestors are required on public lands.
- Check the Calendar at www.staythetrail.org/calendar for sound testing dates and locations. To find out about voluntary sound testing, please visit www.staythetrail.org.



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OFF-HIGHWAY GUIDELINES FOR COURTEOUS USE OF MOTORIZED TRAILS

Play Nice.

Our individual behavior reflects on the entire OHV community. Please be courteous to others and use common sense while on the trail.

Be Friendly. Say hello, to all users.

Be Respectful. All recreational users have the same right to enjoy multi-use trails. Please respect that right.

Be Aware. On the trail, slow down around other users and in areas where visibility is limited, especially on crowded days.

Here Are Some Basic Guidelines To Follow For Encounters With Non-Motorized & Motorized Users:



Share the Trails

Motorized vehicles should always yield to non-motorized trail users, and each may require their own special consideration.



Help Out

If you see someone having difficulties, check and see if they would like assistance. We've all needed a helping hand here and there, so keep paying it forward!



Good Dog!

Many people enjoy the company of their pets when out on the trails. Be courteous and mindful, especially if the pet is not leashed or appears uneasy.



Steer Clear

You may encounter wildlife and livestock while out on the trail. Please be respectful of them by slowing down, giving room, and observing from a distance. Never chase or harass wildlife and livestock.



Hikers & Bikers

Hikers and bikers will hear you coming and most likely give you room. Pass with care, say thanks, and don't open the throttle back up until you are well past them.



Whooooa!

Engine noise can easily spook horses. Stop well ahead of equestrians, remove your helmet, and turn off your engine. Let horse and rider pass or proceed only after they wave you by.



Keep Right

It's the same as on-road traffic. Slow down and give approaching traffic as much room as possible.



Give Way

No room to pass? The traffic moving uphill has the right of way. Look for safe turnouts, back up if necessary. Be nice! You both have to get by.



Overtaking

Be patient and pass safely without leaving the trail. As you pass, use hand signals to show the number of riders behind you.



Pack It Out

Leave the trail cleaner than you found it. It only takes a second to stop and pick up trash, even if it's not yours. Every little bit helps.