



## U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Established in 1905, the Forest Service is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Forest Service manages national forests and grasslands encompassing 193 million acres within the United States. The Forest Service also provides significant scientific research contributing to all aspects of natural resource management and works closely with communities through state and private forest organizations. The agency's mission is summed up with this statement – *caring for the land and serving people.*

The Rocky Mountain Region manages resources and activities in 11 national forests and 7 national grasslands across more than 22 million acres of public land in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and eastern Wyoming.

People connect to natural and cultural resources and their public lands through outdoor recreation. Motorized vehicle use is a legitimate recreational activity on public lands. From driving for pleasure to off-highway vehicle use on roads and trails the Forest Service provides a wide range of motorized opportunities. In 2005 the Travel Management Rule was established to help public lands managers clarify policy in regards to motorized recreational use. This final rule requires designation of those roads, trails, and areas that are open to motor vehicle use. Designations are made by class of vehicle and, if appropriate, by time of year. The final rule prohibits the use of motor vehicles off the designated system, as well as use of motor vehicles on routes and in areas that are not consistent with the designations. The clear identification of roads, trails, and areas for motor vehicle use on each national forest and district are defined on motor vehicle use maps (MVUMs).

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