



ATV's on Oregon's
County Roads

Oppose HB 2796 & HB 3248

SAFETY: All classes of ATV conflict with existing use.



ATV Deaths: Umatilla County Headlines

Hermiston man dies in ATV crash (2021)

https://www.eastoregonian.com/news/local/hermiston-man-dies-in-atv-crash/article_3c53d63e-fd57-11eb-9e8d-676bc1d9f538.html

Pendleton woman killed in ATV accident near Ukiah(2021)

https://www.eastoregonian.com/news/local/hermiston-man-dies-in-atv-crash/article_3c53d63e-fd57-11eb-9e8d-676bc1d9f538.html

Family, friends rally to help after wreck (2017)

https://www.eastoregonian.com/news/local/family-friends-rally-to-help-after-wreck/article_39804e49-8dfc-5737-9e30-e6ab19ccc42f.html

All deaths occurred while riding on roads.

This list is not exhaustive or comprehensive.



Consumer Federation of America

- Over 60% of all U.S. ATV-related fatalities involved roadway crashes
 - OHVs are not safe or suitable for on-road use
 - Advises strong laws that restrict all recreational OHV riding on all portions of a right-of-way
 - Provide for consequences for violating the law
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- <https://consumerfed.org/off-highway-vehicle-safety/off-highway-vehicles-on-roads/>

Illegal ATV traffic on Umatilla County Roads



Inadequate or non-existent law enforcement and consequences

Umatilla County

Sheriff's: 16 F/T - 2 ATV and snow Patrol

<https://www.co.umatilla.or.us/sheriff/departments/sheriff/criminal>

Covering about 1700 miles of roads

<https://www.co.umatilla.or.us/road/departments/road>





Too many existing trails/roads/parks

40 miles of coastline at Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area

<http://reedsportcc.org/>

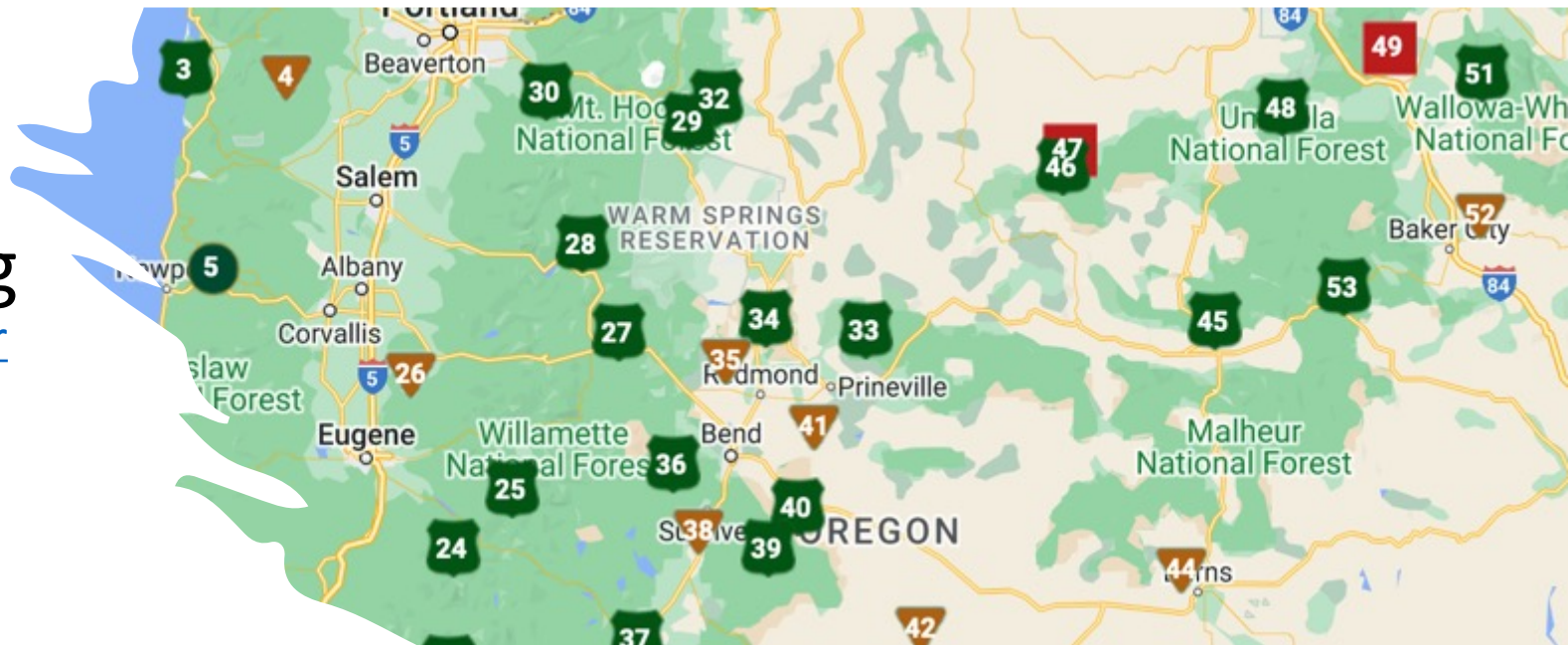
Morrow County OHV Park:
91,136 acres open to Class I and III
ATV's

<https://www.ohranger.com/umatilla-natl-forest/poi/road-vehicles>



Oregon State Parks
have 54 parks
dedicated to ATV riding

http://www.rideatvoregon.org/wheretoride/view/dsp_wtr.cfm



A photograph of a herd of elk in a forest clearing. The elk are brown and are walking across a grassy area. In the background, there are tall evergreen trees. The image is slightly faded on the right side to accommodate text.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- Wildlife displacement
- Soil damage and water disturbance
- Noise and dust pollution

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/pnw/publications/elk-responses-trail-based-recreation-public-forests>



Travel Oregon Visitor Guide 2022-2023 – no mention of ATV
VIA, AAA Magazine, March/April 2023 – no mention of ATV

Biden's 30x30

Our legislature is busy positioning Oregon to be eligible to receive billions of IRA dollars to reduce carbon emissions.

HB 2796 & HB 3248 will increase carbon emissions.



Oregon has a choice to make



A black and red ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle) is parked on a dirt path in a wooded area. The vehicle has large, knobby tires and a red roll-over protection structure. The background shows trees with some autumn-colored leaves.

Total recreational emissions = 20% of total US carbon emissions from motor vehicles.

Jet skis, pleasure boats, ATVs, snowmobiles, dirt bikes = 188.5 million gallons consumed in the US

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/ask-mr-green/what-environmental-impact-motorized-recreation>



I have three questions:

- How does ATV riding contribute to Biden's 30x30 plan?
- How does ATV riding contribute to Oregon's sustainability?
- How many miles of ATV access is enough?

Oregon can lead the nation in sustainable recreation:

The next legislative session to revise ORS in 2025:

- Revise ORS to be uniform across the state by saying no to all classes of ATV use on all roads for any reason
- Eliminate all non-essential carbon emissions i.e. all motorized recreation to reduce carbon emissions and reduce our footprint by 20%
- Enjoy cleaner, quieter, environmentally compatible activities on our public lands, which include all of our roads.