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Your Chance to Become Part of History

Seldom does the opportunity arise for individuals to truly make a difference, impact the future and yield you the chance to say, "I was there at the beginning!" Now, OHV enthusiasts are presented with the ability to do just that.

The Wisconsin Off-Road Vehicle Park, Inc. (WORVPI) was recently established as a non-profit corporation operating within the State of Wisconsin. Awaiting the return of assorted legal paperwork from the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, WORVPI is prepared to attach the aforementioned paperwork to their already completed Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1023 (and submit). A Form 1023 is the Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. A Letter of Determination as a 501(c)(3) Corporation from the IRS designates an entity as a charity.

It is WORVPI's hope to be established as a charity in 2012. This will allow WORVPI to accept tax deductible donations from individuals and corporate entities. The charity could develop into the owner or operator of a motorized recreation area or ORV park, thus fulfilling their mission of providing economic development

through a recreational venue which educates and encourages the principles of safe and responsible motorized recreation.

WORVPI is currently accepting memberships. Assortments of membership levels are available. The three which will undoubtedly be of most interest to the majority of motorized access advocates are Individual, Small Business and Club Memberships (see membership applications below).

This is the opportunity that we've all dreamed of and talked about for decades. A motorized trail recreation venue that is a regional (if not national) vacation destination right here in the Badger State and within a few short hours drive of home. No more long drives to Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois or other states, to recreate on trails within a short drive for those residents.

What's in it for you? The opportunities listed above, a thank you letter, a small thank you gift, a chance to vote at WORVPI's Annual Membership Meeting (May 12th) and the bragging rights to say, "I was there when this was still just a dream!"

The Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association exists for the sole purpose of proactively assuring that public and private off-highway vehicular recreational opportunities are expanded in Wisconsin for safe use by this and future generations.



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2012 Fall Pipeline Clean Up Workday - Sept. 29th

17 volunteers enjoyed a beautiful day on the Pipeline Corridor.

Not much trash was collected due to apparent low traffic through the summer. The open sections are in quite good condition.

The fall colors were beautiful and everyone got to enjoy a beautiful walk as well as some 'trail time'.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who put forth the effort to keep motorized access a reality in the

Badger State. Help came from as far north as Houghton, MI and as far south as Janesville, WI. It was great to see the Upper Peninsula of Michigan well represented.

Nearly every age group was represented, a Toyota 4Runner had three generations of OHV enthusiasts on board to enjoy the great outdoors.

Kathryn, Caleb and Laura Bergin prepared a hearty lunch for the crew after which the volunteers broke for some play time or to start the long ride home.

Volunteers ROCK!



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Northwood's Mole Lake Jeep Jamboree announces new Co-Coordiators

The Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association (WOHVA) is pleased to announce the Northwood's Mole Lake Jeep Jamboree will have new Co-Coordiators for 2013. John Lewins and Tim Duenkel have been named as the Local Co-Coordiators, taking over the reigns from previous Local Coordinator John Schnorr.

Both Lewins and Duenkel bring many years of trail guide experience with JJUSA, Camp Jeep and WOHVA which hosts the Local Jamboree event and the Great Northern Trail Ride, a similar event as the Jamboree. In addition both individuals have attended numerous workshops on trail development with

NOHVCC, United 4 Wheel Drive Association, Tread Lightly!, and Del Albright's Recreational Leadership Training Course (RLTC).

WOHVA and the Northwood's Mole Lake Jeep Jamboree would like to thank John Schnorr for his commitment the past 5 years to continue the outstanding tradition this event is known for.

The Northwood's Mole Lake Jeep Jamboree is held on the Sokaogon Chippewa Tribal holdings in Mole Lake, WI. Each year WOHVA and the Sokaogon Chippewa council come to an agreement for use of these lands for this event. In return WOHVA utilizes their lodge and convention center as home base. Popular after hours entertainment usually consist of gaming in their casino.

Please join WOHVA in welcoming John and Tim to their newly appointed positions.



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Top Motorized Trail Recreation Issues Heading into 2013

As 2013 approaches the pressure for more wilderness will continue. As we have witnessed, the pressure to curtail access to your public lands has shifted from legislative to administrative. As dysfunctional as Congress may be, the shifting from Congressional oversight to bureaucratic administrative control may pose an even bigger challenge to motorized trail recreation advocates like you.

As in the past, budget issues will continue to be a major policy issue to be addressed by local, state and federal governments alike. As a result, agencies will be dealing with reduced budgets and staff while visitors to public lands and the demand for motorized recreational opportunities continues to increase.

Below you'll find a list of items representing issues that will continue to be major factors in the legal, legislative, and administrative processes affecting your motorized recreation opportunities moving into 2013.

- Special Recreation Permits. Citing resource protection, public safety, and the need to supplement budget constraints, the U.S. Forest Service (USFA) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have revised the permitting process and fee structures associated with Special Recreation Permit Applications. This has resulted in a closer review of all permit applications.

The associated increased review time has translated to cost recovery, where the agency has increased the cost of the permit. Clubs or groups planning outings into the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) here in Wisconsin should be aware of the need for permits, associated costs and possibly additional timeframe required to facilitate compliance. As always, WOHVA is available to assist or address your questions.

- Forest Service Travel Management. The USFS has developed a sustainable system of routes to support what they perceive as the needs of Forest visitors with each Forest issuing their own Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). This is only one part of the Travel Management Rule. Additionally, each Forest is required to determine the minimum system of routes necessary to support Forest management. Continued involvement from with the travel management process at the CNNF, from access advocates like you, remains critical to ensure that motorized recreation opportunities are not lost during this work to determine a minimum of routes. As always, WOHVA is available to assist or address your questions.





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- Image. Motorized recreation enthusiasts continued to be portrayed as environmental destroyers. We're targeted as a danger to both resource and public safety. Image does affect land management decisions when protection of resources and public safety are considered. Our image is projected to the public and bureaucrats through advertising and our own web sites. It's as vitally important to think before your post as it is to think before you act. Over the past eight years, WOHVA has (and will continue) to make available workshops and meetings that better inform and educate advocates on how to promote a more responsible image and avoid unwanted negative spin. This is not always easy, but as always, WOHVA is available and able to assist.

- Coalition Building. Motorized recreation is a general term with many different facets. Each has their unique preferences and their own advocates. We need to continue to build a coalition by developing strategies and priorities for addressing issues common to all user groups. While we may recreate in different manners, we continue to be bound together. We are all motorized recreationists and we all need access to recreational opportunities.

When one of us is assaulted by anti-access groups, we are all assaulted. When one of us receives a black-eye in the arena of public image, we all receive a black-eye.

Membership & Involvement. Del Albright said it best, "Join and Advocate." Increasing membership of organizations and involvement of motorized recreationists is important. Join and support WOHVA, the BlueRibbon Coalition and the Wisconsin Off-Road Park, Inc. Join other advocacy organizations that are more specific to your preferred form of motorized recreation (groups like the American Motorcycle Association and United Four-Wheel Drive). Join a local club that supports the aforementioned groups. As we move into the future, we will be involved in change. Motorized recreation is changing. Opportunities are changing. And, regulations have and are changing. By joining and advocating you are ensuring that motorized recreation opportunities remain available.

We are in the mist of rapid and massive change that will have a life-long impact on motorized recreation. The only constant is change. Now is the time for you to get involved.





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PERMIT PROCESS ON PUBLIC LAND - YOU NEED ONE!

By Del Albright, Ambassador, BlueRibbon Coalition

Commercial, competitive or organized group events or activities ALL require a permit to be held on public land, and depending on the level of environmental review, REQUIRE at least 6 (six) and up to 12 (twelve) months to process.

Clubs and organizations need to pay particular attention to the permit process as it can sneak up on you quick!

Depending on the scope of your activity or event, you might have to cover some healthy Cost Recovery to recover costs associated with monitoring, law enforcement, enviro-studies, inventories, travel, administration, etc. Again, the minimum time frame for submitting a COMPLETE permit application is SIX MONTHS ahead of time. Just figure on it and GET YOUR PERMIT started well ahead of time.

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

The Pre-application Interview Checklist for events on public land involving vehicular use typically includes the following questions:

- Are you charging a fee?
- Do you expect to make money on the event or is the fee to cover expenses?
- Will there be a competition?
- Will you advertise, have a public sign up page, take reservations?
- Will you mark a course?
- Will there be cash prizes or awards?

If you answered yes to ANY of these, you NEED a permit. So yes, if you advertise on a website, have a sign up page (even if you are NOT charging a fee), you ARE advertising and must have a permit.

I like to look at it in simple terms; you are using public land to your advantage or commercial gain, so get a permit.

You should note that if there will be any vending (selling on site), your permit just got more complicated (and will cost more).

These permits are called Special Recreation Permits (SRP's) and depending on permit availability, are usually not hard to get; they just take planning well ahead of time!

The SRP minimum fee is \$100 per year (and increases based upon projected sales and/or past experience). The minimum fee for both competitive events and organized group activities is \$5 per person per day, and the minimum fee for an assigned site is \$200 per permit.

Get your permit well in advance of your event – perhaps a YEAR before the activity would be a good target.





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EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPILL RECOVERY KIT



ATV/OHV
TRAIL KIT INCLUDES:

- 5 10" X 13" ABSORBENT PADS
- 5 12" X 13" HAND WIPES
- 1 WET HAND WIPE
- 2 PAIR DISPOSABLE NITRILE GLOVE
- 1 SMALL PLASTIC DISPOSABLE BAG
- 1 SECONDARY CONTAINMENT BAG
- 5 LARGE WIRE TIRE WRAPS
- 1 EPOXY FUEL TANK SEALER
- 1 2" X 4" RUBBER EMERGENCY PLUG
- 1 INSTRUCTION AND SUGGESTION SHEET
- 1 CANVAS STORAGE BAG

\$60.00

PLUS SHIPPING



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TRAIL KIT INCLUDES:

- 5 16" X 20" ABSORBENT PADS
- 1 3" X 42" ABSORBENT SOCK
- 5 12" X 13" HAND WIPES
- 1 WET HAND WIPE
- 2 PAIR DISPOSABLE NITRILE GLOVE
- 1 SMALL PLASTIC DISPOSABLE BAG
- 1 SECONDARY CONTAINMENT BAG
- 10 LARGE WIRE TIRE WRAPS
- 1 EPOXY FUEL TANK SEALER
- 1 2" X 4" RUBBER EMERGENCY PLUG
- 1 INSTRUCTION AND SUGGESTION SHEET
- 1 CANVAS STORAGE BAG

\$75.00

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