

QuadNews



LINDA OWENS PHOTOS

SPRING HAS SPRUNG: ATV/BC's Spring Fling in Nanaimo was a happening place, and 2011 marked the first time it took place on Vancouver Island. More than 20 clubs attended.

NANAIMO, B. C.

The Spring Fling in full swing

ATV/BC's Spring Fling brought avid ATVers, industry insiders, the latest goods and more to Vancouver Island

by GLYNIS FEDIUK

Representatives from more than 20 ATV clubs converged on Nanaimo at the end of April. The reason? ATV/BC's Spring Fling, an annual event that was held this year in Nanaimo; 2011 marked the first year the Spring Fling took place on Vancouver Island.

Attendees were treated to workshops, keynote speakers, a trade show and a ride hosted by the Mid Island ATV Club. More than 100 riders took part in the workshops; Linda Owens, a di-

rector of the club, said that the opportunity to interact directly with policy makers was a highlight for her.

"We get to hear straight from the horse's mouth," said Owens. "It's not just somebody standing up to say what they've heard the government is planning on doing—it's actually a representative from the government, like Vera Vukelich (the manager of tourism policy). The value of that is huge."

The Mid Island ATV Club organized a ride for the ATVers,

many of whom had never quadded on Vancouver Island before. Owens said that the weather was gorgeous for a ride in the Wastelands area, a popular recreation zone just outside Nanaimo. Owens said many riders stayed beyond the weekend to explore other communities on Vancouver Island, such as Tofino and Campbell River.

"As a local club, we really appreciate that ATV/BC comes out to us," said Owens. "It's not off in the distance—it's right there with us."

CLUB NEWS



CRESTON VALLEY QUAD SQUAD PHOTO

These Creston Valley quadders are a busy bunch with regular rides and fun events.

Quadding in Creston Valley since 2002

by MIKE ARLT

The Creston Valley Quad Squad offers some great riding areas with spectacular views.

We have regular club rides and activities every month, some of which include quad campouts (usually up to four days long), fun rides in the local mountains, and even gourmet potluck lunches in the backcountry!

We also find time to maintain the Ripple Ridge Recreation Cabin and fill the woodshed each fall, maintain our trails (brush clearing and basic repairs where needed) and help out with environmental issues like building a fence at Bayonne Lake.

You are invited to check us out online at www.crestonquads.com

Ripple Ridge Recreation Cabin is managed for your convenience by the Creston Valley Quad Squad in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts.



2011 ATV Jamboree & ATV/BC AGM Registration Form

This form is intended for individuals & families (people living at one address). Please complete separate registration forms if you are individual members travelling together.

Name: _____ ATV/BC Membership # _____

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Address: _____ City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Club Name: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Poker Ride Sunday, August 21st. # of people attending: _____

Jamboree Fee:
before July 1st \$75.00 each: (16 yrs of age & over) # of people: _____ \$ _____

Jamboree Fee:
after June 30th \$100.00 each: (16 yrs of age & over) # of people: _____ \$ _____

Registration fee includes August 15 - 20 rides; camping; Friday wine & cheese; Saturday banquet; and T-shirt (excludes external rides & poker ride).

T-shirts subject to availability after July 15th, 2011.

Banquet meals for children 15 & under \$15 each. # _____ \$ _____

Additional banquet meal ticket for adult if not riding or participating in events \$25 each. # _____ \$ _____

Additional T-shirts \$20 each. # _____ \$ _____

T-shirt (indicate number & size) SM _____ MD _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make cheque or money order payable to: 2011 ATV Jamboree
Mail registration form & payment to:

2011 ATV Jamboree
5601 Bears paw Crescent,
Prince George, B.C.
V2N 6P7

Please have registration form in by August 1st, 2011.

Cancellation: Full refunds up to August 1st, 2011. No refunds after August 1st, 2011.

Riders whose names appear hereon: Understand that they must be a member of ATV/BC. Understand that riding ATVs may be hazardous and agree to accept full responsibility for their own safety. Understand that they must carry the minimum liability insurance as required by the Ministry of Forests. Understand that all riders must wear an approved DOT ATV helmet. Understand that the Jamboree is open to ATVs & UTVs. Understand that all riders must follow guidelines and rules. Understand that there is a ZERO TOLERANCE to alcohol/drugs on any/all rides. Understand that all riders must sign a liability waiver form before participating. Understand that all riders will adhere to riding responsibly & will only ride on designated trails. I acknowledge that I have read & understand the above. That I also hold harmless the Jamboree, its officers, all sponsors, contributors, guides, volunteers & any others who help organize or carry out this event.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

ATV/BC HISTORY

Membership growth:

- 2000: 229 members
- 2001: 800 members
- 2002: 1,700 members
- 2003: 1,100 members
- 2004: 1,200 members
- 2005: 1,650 members
- 2006: 2,000 members
- 2007: 2,300 members
- 2008: 2,700 members

Club presidents:

- 2000-2004: Beverley Felske
- 2004-2006: John Blinston
- 2006-2007: Patrick McHugh
- 2007-2008: Beverley Felske
- 2008-2011: Zan Boyle

Club numbers:

- 2000: 3 clubs
- 2001: 13 clubs
- 2002: 20 clubs
- 2003: 25 clubs
- 2004: 28 clubs
- 2005: 30 clubs
- 2006: 35 clubs
- 2007: 38 clubs
- 2008: 42 clubs
- 2009: 42 clubs

Jamborees & AGMs:

- 2000 - Green Lake: host club - Quad Squad South Cariboo (50 attendees)
- 2001 - Revelstoke: host club - Revelstoke (125 attendees)
- 2002 - Kelowna: host club - Kelowna (250 attendees)
- 2003 - Princeton: host Lower Mainland ATV & Princeton clubs (155 attendees)
- 2004 - Elkford: host clubs - Elkford, Creston Valley Quad Squad (164 attendees)
- 2005 - Pouce Coupe: host club - Pouce Coupe (125 attendees)
- 2006 - Mount Washington, Vancouver Island: host club - Campbell River (186 attendees)
- 2007 - Summerland (114 attendees)
- 2008 - Revelstoke: no jamboree (64 attendees)
- 2009 - Elkford: 118 registrants from 22 clubs
- 2010 - Vernon: 116 participants
- 2011 - to be in Prince George

2011 ATV Jamboree & ATV/BC AGM, Prince George, B.C. Schedule of Events - subject to change

Monday, August 15, 2011

- Registration and camping opens
- Self-guided trail rides on Tabor Mountain

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 - Thursday, August 18, 2011

- Self-guided trail rides on Tabor Mountain (maps will be available)
√ Or sign up for the guided rides on site
- External ride to _____ (trailerage could be required - more details to come)
- Group campfire and socializing in the evening

Friday, August 19, 2011

- Self-guided trail rides on Tabor Mountain (maps will be available)
- 7:00 pm wine & cheese social

Saturday, August 20, 2011

- 10:00 am VIP ride
- Self-guided trail rides on Tabor Mountain (maps will be available)
- 1:30 pm AGM opens for presentations, discussions & elections
- 6:30 pm banquet & social

Sunday, August 21, 2011

- 9:00 am poker ride



ATV/BC Quad Riders ATV Association of British Columbia

#203, 1139 - 12th Street, Kamloops, BC V2B 7Z2

Dear ATV/BC Members,

The 12th Annual General Meeting, AGM, of the Quad Riders ATV Association of British Columbia, ATV/BC, will take place on Saturday, August 20, 2011, in Prince George, B.C., commencing at 1:30 p.m. PDT.

Remember that in order to vote at the AGM, proof of membership will be required; do remember to bring your Membership Card with you!

The Nominating Committee would like to ask that you submit names of nominees for the position(s) of Director(s). **These nominations must be received in writing by August 1, 2011**, at the ATV/BC office address, fax or email address below, no later than the date of August 1.

Each nomination form **must** be accompanied by a one-page bio outlining the nominee's qualifications.

Thank you,
Nominating Committee Chair: Dennis Webb
c/o #203, 1139 - 12th Street, Kamloops, BC V2B 7Z2
Toll free fax: 1-866-215-7114
Email: atvbc@telus.net

Nomination Form

We hereby nominate _____
(Print Name) (Membership No.)

for the position of **Director** of the Quad Riders ATV Association of British Columbia, ATV/BC. The nominee has agreed to allow his or her name to stand as shown on this nomination form. Two (2) signatures are required for each nomination:

Nominator 1

(Print name)

(Sign name)

(Membership No.)

Nominator 2

(Print name)

(Sign name)

(Membership No.)

I will allow my name to be submitted: _____
(Signature of Nominee)

All spaces on the nomination form must be filled out or the nomination will be considered spoiled.

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JEFF MOHR PHOTO

TRIPLE YOUR PLEASURE: The three ATV clubs in Prince George have joined forces to host Peaks, Pines and Rivers, the 2011 ATV/BC Annual General Meeting and Jamboree.

PRINCE GEORGE, B. C.

Peaks, Pines and Rivers

A trio of ATV clubs in Prince George will host the 2011 ATV/BC Annual General Meeting and Jamboree

by LISA CRANE

Jeff Mohr is vice-president of the Prince George Ridgeriders ATV Club in British Columbia. His club is part of Peaks, Pines and Rivers, which is hosting the 2011 ATV/BC Annual General Meeting and Jamboree to be held from August 15 to August 20.

Mohr explained that the name of this year's jamboree refers to the three ATV clubs in Prince George.

"Peaks refers to the Prince George ATV Club, the founding club in Prince George, which is on Tabor Mountain," said Mohr. "Pines and Rivers refers to the other ATV clubs in the area, the Ridgeriders ATV Club, which is situated west of Prince George around the lakes, rivers and pine trees, and the Northern Trailblazers."

Mohr said the Trailblazers' forté is travelling and touring around to explore different areas such as the Pine Pass area north of Prince George, the Alexander Mackenzie Trail southwest of Prince George and the Redfern

Trail north of Fort St. John.

The 2011 jamboree is designed and built for the members of ATV/BC as well as the members of the clubs in British Columbia and their families. Mohr expects to see 200 participants at this year's jamboree and he encourages non-members who would like to take part in the jamboree to join a club and then come out and participate. The poker ride on Sunday, August 21 is open to the public and anybody can join in.

"Highlights of the week will be the trip to Barkerville and the guided rides on the mountain," said Mohr. "Tabor Mountain is southeast of Prince George and its 320 kilometres of trails are used by the snowmobile club, cross-country skiers, hikers, bikers, ATV clubs and horses."

Mohr said currently the Tabor Mountain Recreation Society, which represents all the recreational users of the mountain, is trying to get the mountain recognized as a provincial recreation site.

"We are all together in the

Tabor Mountain Recreation Society and it is all part and parcel of the mountain," he said.

"This will be the first year where there will be surprise speakers at our annual general meeting and there is a VIP ride where we will invite special guests, all club presidents and the directors of ATV/BC to ride," said Mohr.

"We want to make sure everyone remembers the event and everyone has a good time," he added. Mohr spoke highly of the ATV clubs in British Columbia. He said that they are what makes ATV/BC and he commended their efforts and the work they do in their local areas.

"We meet some fabulous people at the jamboree," said Mohr. "We are looking forward to as many people as possible coming and enjoying themselves, learning a little bit more about the area of northern British Columbia and having an experience that will bring them back again to enjoy the facilities, the riding opportunities and the scenery."

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Join Facebook and connect with ATV/BC



Quad Riders ATV Association of British Columbia, ATV/BC, is on Facebook.

Once you join Facebook, you'll be able to connect with ATV/BC, along with people and things that interest you.

To view ATV/BC's Facebook page, sign in to www.facebook.com. In the search field type Quad Riders ATV Association of British Columbia.

Once you are on their page, click "like" to receive updates in your news feed.

CLUB NEWS

Largest ATV event on the West Coast

South Western All Terrain Trails (SWATT) invites you to its first annual ATV Poker Rally, July 1 to 3, 2011, at the Hemlock Resort, two hours east of Vancouver.

This three-day event starts with fun ATV rides on Friday, July 1st. The main poker ride will happen on Saturday, July 2nd, with other events and activities on Sunday, July 3rd.

Registered guests will enjoy a pig roast and turkey dinner, live music, ATV rodeo events and a silent auction.

For more information and registration, go to www.swatt.ca. Please note that camping is sold out.

Announcement

We, the board of directors, are happy to announce the temporary appointment of a new board member, Jason Walters, who is a member of the Lower Mainland ATV Club. We welcome him on the board and look forward to his participation in helping to work with the challenging operations of our organization. We wish him good luck.

PHOTOS COURTESY ALLAN OBRIGEWITSCH



MARK YOUR CO-ORDINATES: Wap Creek (L) as seen from a GPS marker and Frog Fall (R) are two sights worth seeing on the 3 Valley GPS ATV Ride. It happens July 9 and 10 this year.

THREE VALLEY LAKE, B.C.

High-tech high times

Grab your GPS for a ride that is growing by leaps and bounds

by GLYNIS FEDIUK

The 3 Valley GPS ATV Ride draws groups of quadders to Three Valley Lake, located between Revelstoke and Sicamous. They'll be riding in an area of 20 square kilometres and relying on GPS co-ordinates to find 75 hidden markers. The event makes for a lot of numbers—and a lot of fun.

The set-up of the GPS ATV Ride combines elements of poker rides, scavenger hunts and sightseeing tours. Teams of riders—it's not recommended that ATVers go out alone—purchase a "hand" of GPS co-ordinates: a set of five GPS co-ordinates, four of which are hidden and one of which is given for purchasing the hand. Seventy-five markers have been scattered over the riding grounds, and it is up to the teams to find them based on the co-ordinates in their hand.

Once found, riders note down

a serial number on the marker and take its picture. When they've located all their markers, they return to the starting point. After the serial numbers are verified, the team draws for points. At the end of the weekend, the points are tallied and the team with the highest total wins.

Take your sweet time

An appealing part of the GPS ATV Ride is that it is not a race, making it a family-friendly event. Riders can purchase as many hands as they'd like and take a couple hours or a couple days finding them. As they search, riders are treated with fantastic viewpoints; the terrain is suitable for a wide calibre of quadding ability and the markers are positioned so that riders can see them from their machines.

"You're really free about how you go about finding your

points," said Allan Obrigewitsch, the president of the Revelstoke ATV Club. "If there's a group going one way, you can go and come back there later when there's less traffic. People really like that."

Evidence of this can be found in the ride's growing attendance. Now in its fourth year, the event—taking place on July 9 and 10—has gone from attracting a dozen riders to an expected 100-plus this year.

The GPS ATV Ride is organized by both the Revelstoke ATV Club and the Sicamous Quaders ATV Club, two clubs that often ride together and wanted to team up for an exciting event.

"We're not in it to make money," said Obrigewitsch. "We just wanted an event to bring people to our area and to have fun."

Mission accomplished.

SAFETY NEWS

CASI offers ATV rider courses

A hands-on half-day CASI ATV rider course is available from the Canadian AQCC Safety Institute (CASI).

The course offers students an opportunity to increase their safety knowledge and to practise basic riding skills in a controlled environment under the direct supervision of a licensed instructor.

Program highlights include:

- Most current ATV safety program in Canada
 - Most hands-on ATV safety program available
 - Based on the well-recognized ATV Safety Institute (ASI) program
 - Program enhanced with input from chief instructors across Canada
 - Supported and endorsed by the Canadian Off Highway Vehicle Distributors Council and, through the Council, all ATV major manufacturers
- To find out more about the CASI program, to enroll in a training course or to become an instructor, please contact 1-888-613-AQCC (2722) or email info@atvquad.ca.

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Quad riders seek tourism partnership

This summer motorized sport is worth big bucks

The following letter was sent to Honourable Pat Bell, minister of jobs, tourism and innovation.

First let me congratulate you on your recent appointment and we are sure you will excel as proven in your tenure as Minister of Forests and Range.

We are sure you are familiar with our organization but let me re-introduce ourselves. Our organization was established in 2000 with the aim of representing the summer motorized sport of all-terrain vehicles. From this beginning we have grown to a membership of 3,000 with 41 local clubs spread throughout the province. As an organization we are committed to ensuring our sport grows in an environmentally sustainable manner and with the economic benefit of the province in mind. This is the reason behind this letter.

An economic engine

In the past, without success, we have tried to get Tourism BC interested in the establishment of a summer motorized sport tourism product. Our research has shown there is in excess of 60,000 off-highway vehicles within one day's drive of our province in addition to the estimated 130,000 that are resident. If only 30 per cent of these out-of-province machines spent one weekend (two days) riding, this translates into a gross expenditure of \$80,000,000 based on an average expenditure of \$2,000 per day. Based on a recent study, the State of Colorado realizes an economic contribution from motorized recreation in excess of \$1,027,000,000 and is responsible for over 12,000 jobs. The province of Quebec in 2004/2005 realized a contribution of \$591,000,000 to their economy. The list can go on but there is one point common to all. These studies are from outside our

province and do not reflect the potential that currently exists at our doorstep.

This information is readily available upon request. Finally, independent studies have been carried out that have proven that riding an off-highway vehicle not only improves one's health but also contributes to a healthier lifestyle as well.

Already in place

Contrary to most destination tourism products, to gain this benefit very little is required in expenditure to put in place the necessary infrastructure. It is already there. It is estimated that there are approximately 550,000 kilometres of riding opportunities already in place as a result of resource roads and trails. Assuming only half of these opportunities are available (275,000 kilometres) and using our simplistic weekend example, this would result in potential revenue of \$290 per kilometre at a potential cost of two dollars per kilometre (\$550,000) for signage and mapping. In contrast, the Spirit of 2010 Trail, which is about 800 kilometres long, has the potential to generate triple the rate per kilometre (\$870 per kilometre or \$696,000 annually) but the cost to put in place the infrastructure is about \$10,000 per kilometre (\$8,000,000), if not more. On a return on investment, motorized sports has the potential to recover the initial investment in six months or less. On the other example, it will take 11.5 years or more to recoup the cost of infrastructure.

As an example of the potential, our members have driven their machines from 100 Mile House to Revelstoke; plans are in place to go from Revelstoke to Prince George this year. It is a common run to go from Prince George to Barkerville and it is possible to

go from Barkerville to Clinton and then on to Kamloops. Our membership has identified a potential route from the B.C.-Alberta border at Elkford to the Pacific Ocean near Squamish without using any public roads or the Spirit of 2010 Trail. This is just a small sampling of what can happen.

Now the catch. As an organization we feel strongly that the growth of our sport is limited without a tourism component. We also know that the tourism element of our provincial economy must grow if we are to have the diversity necessary to withstand variations in the global economy. Currently, if an operator wanted to develop summer motorized tourism, there is not enough information to even build a basic business plan.

Study the benefits

This needs to change. As an organization we are prepared to spend \$10,000 of our members' funds to carry out a study on the economic benefits of summer motorized tourism. While to us this is a significant amount, it is not enough to put together a proper study, plus it would be less credible if funded solely by an interest group such as ours. We would like the province to partner with us by matching our contribution and initiate the development of a study that will quantify the economic benefits and the potential for growth within our province.

We would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible, even if it is just to discuss the concepts, as we are coming up to the end of our own fiscal year.

Sincerely,
T.J. (Terry) Wardrop
For and on behalf of
Zan Boyle, President
Quad Riders ATV Association
of British Columbia

CLUB NEWS



ANDREA COLWELL PHOTO

Many hands made short work building this bridge.

SWATT first bridge project a success

by BRUCE LEDINGHAM

The first bridge-building project undertaken by South Western All Terrain Trails (SWATT) was a resounding success.

More than 30 volunteers arrived on an overcast day to be part of the project.

After many months of applications, designs and custom cutting the material, approval was given to proceed. Men and women were on the ground by 8 a.m.

Crews were organized to haul the timbers and other materials behind their quads, others were working on layout, some were stacking the material at the site, a few were cutting the lumber and many were placing and fastening the material.

SWATT supplied the fixings and volunteers cooked and made sure we had plenty to eat along with a cold beverage. By 7 p.m. that evening the bridge was complete and the work area was cleaned up and ready for the masses.

It was a wonderful showing of hard-working volunteers. This project would have never happened without your dedicated support. Thank you!

A special mention to Mike Peters of the Province of B.C., Trail branch. Thank you for your continued support and guiding us through the process.

COHV reports on 2010 achievements

Accomplishments focus on sharing, co-operation, stewardship and safety

Background

In July 2006, the member companies of the Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council (COHV) implemented a levy to support the sustainability and growth of off-road motorcycle and ATV riding in Canada.

The program became operational in August 2006 with the first sustaining grants being approved for provincial ATV and off-road motorcycle federations.

In February 2007, the first project development grants were approved.

To date, in British Columbia, \$899,995 has been provided to provincial federations for sustaining grants and project development grants.

Accomplishments

- Over \$1 million invested in OHV trails in B.C. in 2010;
- Development of an OHV riding area in the urban-concentrated Lower Mainland (Lower Fraser Valley) ongoing - staging area, campsite to service OHVs, and small-wheel trail network completed; this is the largest managed OHV riding area in the Lower Mainland;
- 350 kilometres of trail rehabilitated/constructed;

- ORM federation has diversified revenue streams by both distributing and installing signs (free for member clubs; for cost for non-member clubs and groups);

- Memorandums of understanding (MOU) on shared environmental stewardship developed between provincial ATV federation and government, and provincial ORM federation and government, to formalize relations, increase environmental stewardship and access government resources; provincial steering committee, comprised of government and OHV group members, established to oversee implementation of MOU;

- OHV registration and licensing program being formulated - ATV and ORM groups significantly involved in development;

- Strong focus on shared initiatives between ATV and ORM federations;

- Both OHV federations working with government to guide the influence of legislation (i.e. impact of forest road decommissions on OHV traffic, definition of "environmental impact" underlining fine issuance for OHVs in specific areas, etc.)

- Co-operative agreement es-

tablished with provincial snowmobile association to work together on shared land management issues;

- Template and training on shared initiatives developed for ATV clubs to implement with local trail user groups, similar to that developed at the provincial level;

- Seven clubs supported to register trails with government;

- Voluntary ORM trail pass enhanced with addition of insurance - partnered with RCMP, conservation officers and dealers to promote the pass; 1,500 sold in 2010;

- Trailer promoting responsible riding sent across the province to shows and gatherings with increased public awareness and environmental stewardship;

- Destination tourism strongly and formally promoted by both OHV federations and partners (local enterprise, etc.);

- British Columbia "partner" designated to work with both national rider federations, the American-based National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council and COHV to promote responsible riding on both sides of the border.

ATV club to the rescue

Summerland ATVers repair unfortunate vandalism near Trout Creek

by JOHN RASMUSSEN

The outdoor toilet near Trout Creek was vandalized by unknown persons on the Easter weekend. The toilet door was torn off, the seat destroyed and the whole toilet structure tipped over the bank. This toilet is used by bikers, hikers, horse riders and ATVers at this location on the Trans Canada Trail (Kettle Valley Railway rail bed). Also, the site is near Trout Creek,

which is Summerland's water source, so something had to be done quickly.

Members of the Summerland ATV Club came to the rescue on Saturday, April 30. Using their ATVs, they went down to the site from Crump and winched the toilet structure over the pit. They then repaired the door and screwed the structure down to the base. This toilet is now open for use by all.

Hopefully, this will be the last act of vandalism at this site for the summer.

Edgar Kelbert, trail maintenance spokesman for the Rails and Trails Society, also reported numerous rock slides to the appropriate persons so that the rail bed can be safely used by all.

For more information about Summerland ATV Club visit www.satvbc.com

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Safe and responsible ORV riding

Off-road vehicle management framework to be implemented by November 2012

Submitted by
TERRY WARDROP

The following information represents the outcome of detailed discussions to date, the majority of which have included ATV/BC participation. For more information on the ORV Management Framework visit www.tti.gov.bc.ca/tourism/orv/index.htm

Scope of the framework

The framework does not include any standards to regulate behaviour on the land base while riding. These are provided by other legislation such as section 46 (1.1) Forest and Range Practices Act (Ecosystem Damage).

In order to modernize the Motor Vehicle All Terrain Act, proposed legislative amendments are being considered. Subsequent regulations would include improved provisions to better differentiate between ORV types, classes of people and circumstances.

The ORV framework applies to provincial Crown land, including resource roads.

An expanded definition of ORVs will include small, off-road motor vehicles designed for travel and includes snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-road motorcycles and utility vehicles; this will ensure the same rules apply to all ORVs on Crown land. The definition of ORVs will not include on-highway vehicles, such as trucks and SUVs.

Vehicle registration

Mandatory one-time registration of all ORVs applies to current owners and purchasers. Registration will include a clearly visible number plate or alternative to help identify irresponsible ORV riders, aid search and rescue efforts, and track stolen ORVs.

Non-residents of B.C. will require a temporary permit if their

ORV is not already registered from their home jurisdiction with a visible plate/decal (Albertans would already comply).

Registration and licensing will be managed by ICBC.

Reasonable costs will be based on a user-pay approach and be comparable to other small on-highway motor vehicles.

The requirement of a driver's licence and appropriate insurance will still be required while driving a forest service road. Liability insurance while riding on Crown land will still be optional.

Public safety—crossing public roads/highways

All ORV riders will have the option of blanket approval to cross public roads and highways or portions of the right-of-way at designated ORV locations (these roads fall under the Motor Vehicle Act). Conditions include: obtaining an annual vehicle licence, basic insurance, a valid driver's licence and abiding by safety conditions such as number of passengers and towing.

Under the Motor Vehicle Act, a temporary operation permit will continue to be available for incidental road crossings of ORVs at other non-designated locations.

Amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act regulations will include a provision that allows a statutory decision maker to designate ORV road crossing locations.

Public safety on Crown land

All ORV riders will be required to wear a helmet and use lights for low visibility conditions.

Owners/operators of ORVs such as off-highway motorcycles that do not have lights installed by the manufacturer will affix a temporary bike light when conditions require it—a white light in front and a red light in back.

Seatbelt use will also be required, if provided by the manufacturer (e.g. side-by-side utility

vehicles and amphibious argos).

Additional measures to better protect youth under 16 years of age include: adult supervision; minimum age to operate an ORV on Crown land is six years; appropriate size machines for age/weight, as recommended by the manufacturer; may include rider fit requirements, similar to what is in place in Oregon for ATVs.

Spark arrestors will be required to help reduce the risk of forest fires (but this is not applicable to snowmobiles).

Improved noise standards for ORVs will reduce disturbance to wildlife and recreationists. The maximum decibel level will be 96. Exemptions are ORVs operated at organized races or similar competitive events or at an authorized location.

Compliance, enforcement and education too

A provincial compliance and enforcement strategy for ORVs is being developed and includes an education component to help achieve voluntary compliance.

A co-ordinated approach

A stand-alone policy summary will be developed that provides ministries, agencies and stakeholders with a one-stop document covering all legislation, regulations and policy related to ORVs on Crown land and public roads.

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SAFETY NEWS

Teach them well, keep them safe

All-terrain/quad vehicles can offer many hours of enjoyment for the operator and passenger (as per manufacturer's recommendation) if done so in a safe and responsible manner. Individuals, including children, operate all-terrain/quad vehicles for various reasons. Probably the most popular use is for recreation; however, utilitarian and competition purposes are also recognized. These vehicles are not designed by the manufacturers to be used as toys, although they appear simple to operate and easy to handle. Fine-tuned motor skills, balance, strength, and the ability of the driver to manoeuvre his/her body weight while operating an all-terrain/quad vehicle are critical to staying safe.

Without doubt, the popularity of all-terrain/quad vehicles has grown over the past decade. While all-terrain/quad vehicle-related incidents and deaths do occur, one should be aware that most incidents are not usually caused by a single factor, but rather an interaction of factors (not wearing a helmet, inattentiveness, speed, fatigue, driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, unfamiliar with the vehicle and lands you are operating on, etc.).

Parental supervision is a key element to keeping children safe while operating all-terrain/quad vehicles. Children are prone to injuries in everyday life as adults are. Make every effort possible to ensure your child is operating the proper-sized vehicle, wearing personal protective equipment and is ready mentally and physically to operate the vehicle. They are the next generation of ATV riders. Teach them well, keep them safe!