

ARTICLE 16 - OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

**31-5-1601. Operation on highways.**

(a) An off-road recreational vehicle may be operated upon streets, roads or highways within Wyoming subject to the following conditions:

(i) Off-road recreational vehicles may be operated on main-traveled roadways only upon that portion of a street, road or highway designated open by the state, local or federal agency with jurisdiction over the roadway and designated a Wyoming off-road recreational vehicle trail pursuant to W.S. 31-2-701 through 31-2-707 by the department of state parks and cultural resources. No portion of a street, road or highway shall be designated as a Wyoming off-road recreational vehicle trail by the department without the consent of the state, local or federal agency with jurisdiction over the roadway. Off-road recreational vehicles operated upon roadways designated as trails shall be subject only to the user registration fee prescribed by W.S. 31-2-703 and shall not be deemed a motorcycle as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(E)(I) and 31-5-102(a)(xxii);

(ii) Crossings of main-traveled roadways shall be made at right angles to the roadway or as nearly so as practicable, but in any case yielding the right-of-way to all traffic in the main-traveled roadway;

(iii) When operating at any time from one-half ( ) hour after sunset to one-half ( ) hour before sunrise, the off-road recreational vehicle shall be equipped with lighted lamps and illuminating devices in accordance with W.S. 31-5-910 through 31-5-940;

(iv) The off-road recreational vehicle shall be equipped with an adequate braking device that may be operated either by hand or foot; and

(v) If operated on state or federal lands, the off-road recreational vehicle shall be equipped with:

(A) An approved spark arrester;

(B) A noise muffler which produces a propulsion noise level of not more than one hundred two (102) decibels at twenty (20) inches in a stationary test.

(b) Nothing in this section authorizes the operation of an off-road recreational vehicle upon a street, road or highway within Wyoming by a person who has not been issued a valid driver's license or permit.