

# Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's

# ATV PROGRAM

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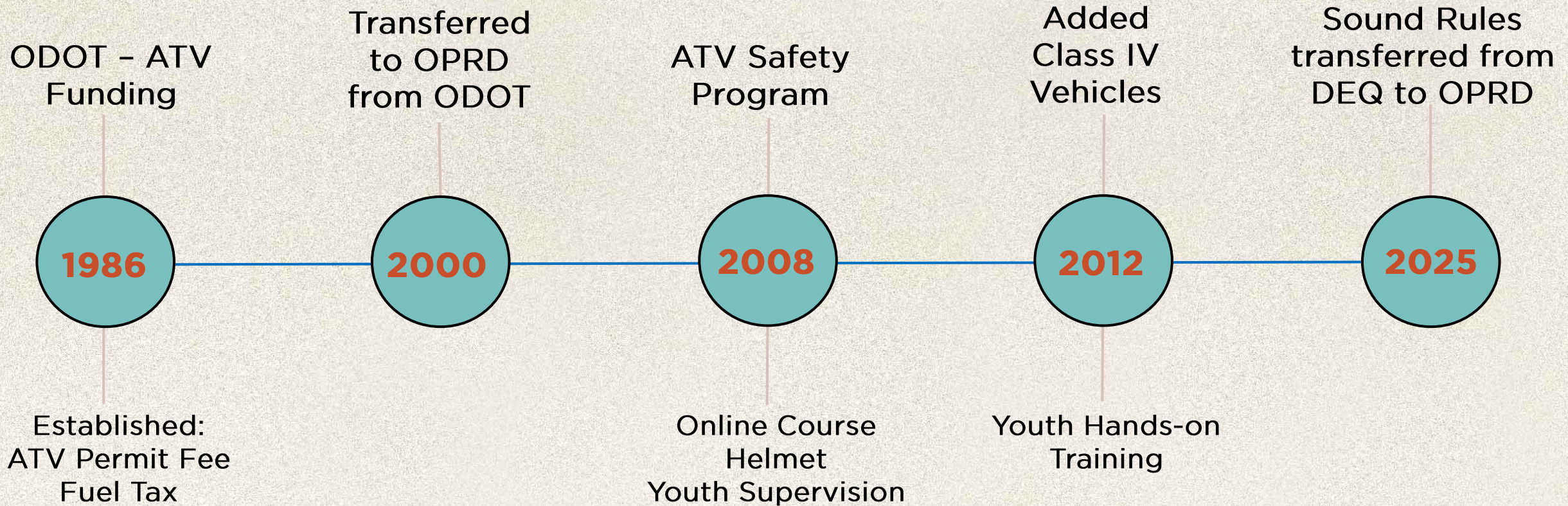


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# ATV PROGRAM HISTORY







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ATV Recreational Users



# VEHICLE CLASSIFICATIONS



**ATV Class I (quads & 3-wheelers)**



**ATV Class II (Jeeps, 4x4s, Sand Rails)**



**ATV Class III (off-road motorcycles)**



**ATV Class IV (side by sides)**





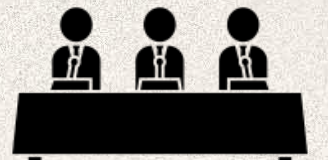
# ATV COMMITTEES

## ATV Advisory Committee

- 17 Members
- Reviews accidents & fatalities
- Reviews safety features and changes to statutory vehicle classifications
- Recommend appropriate safety requirements to protect youth

## ATV Grant Subcommittee

- 7 Members
- Reviews and recommends funding of grants in support of ATV recreational activities statewide
- Funds: O&M, LE, EMS, Planning & Development, Land Acquisition, Ed. & Outreach





# ATV PROGRAM FUNDING



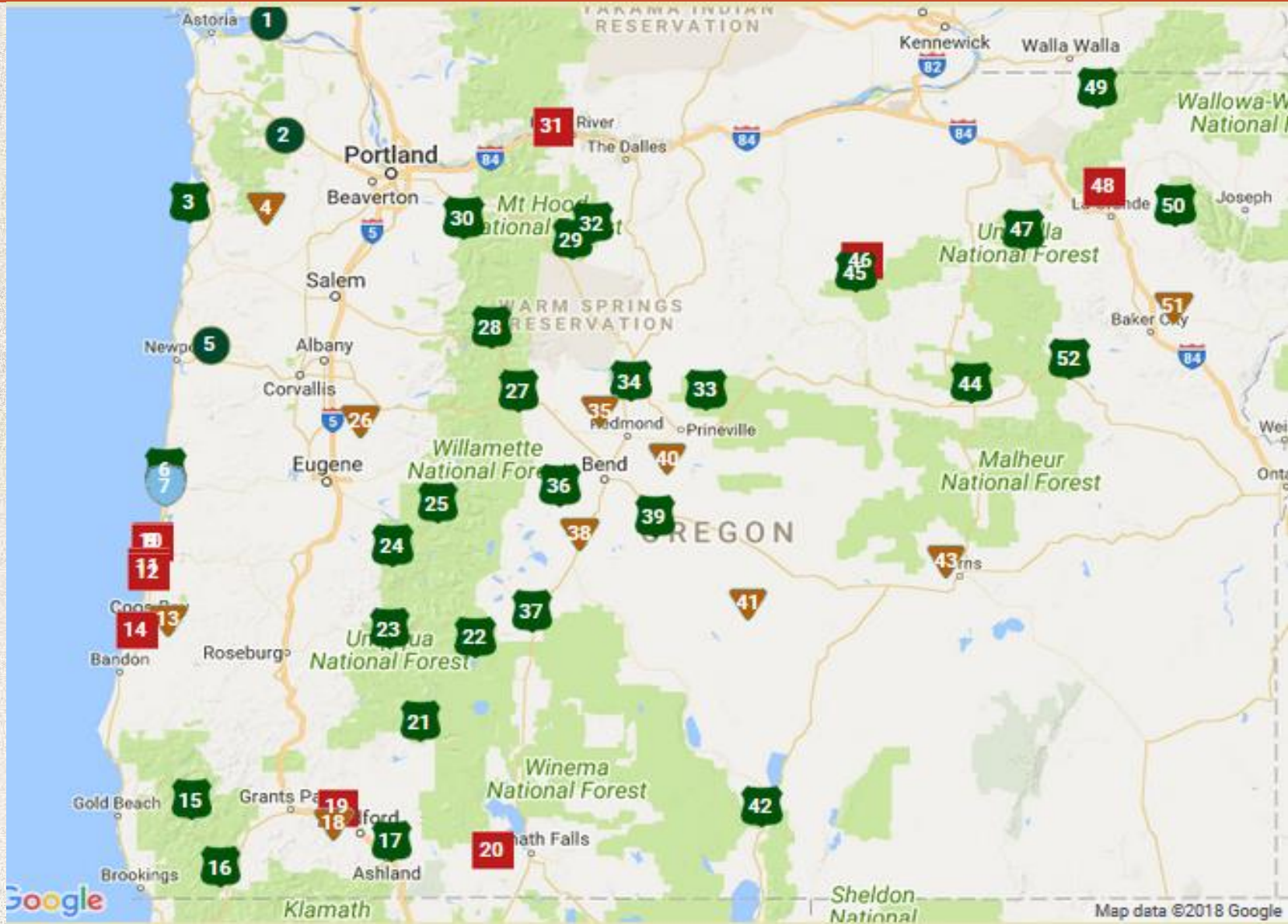
- **ATV Permits - \$10 each - valid for two years**
- **Averages \$100 per permit from fuel taxes**
- **Purchase: online or through authorized agents**



# MAIN RIDING AREAS

- **Central Oregon**
- **Oregon Dunes**
- **Tillamook State Forest**
- **Santiam Pass**
- **Morrow County**
- **Mt Emily (La Grande)**
- **MRA / Lilly Prairie**

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# State Forest

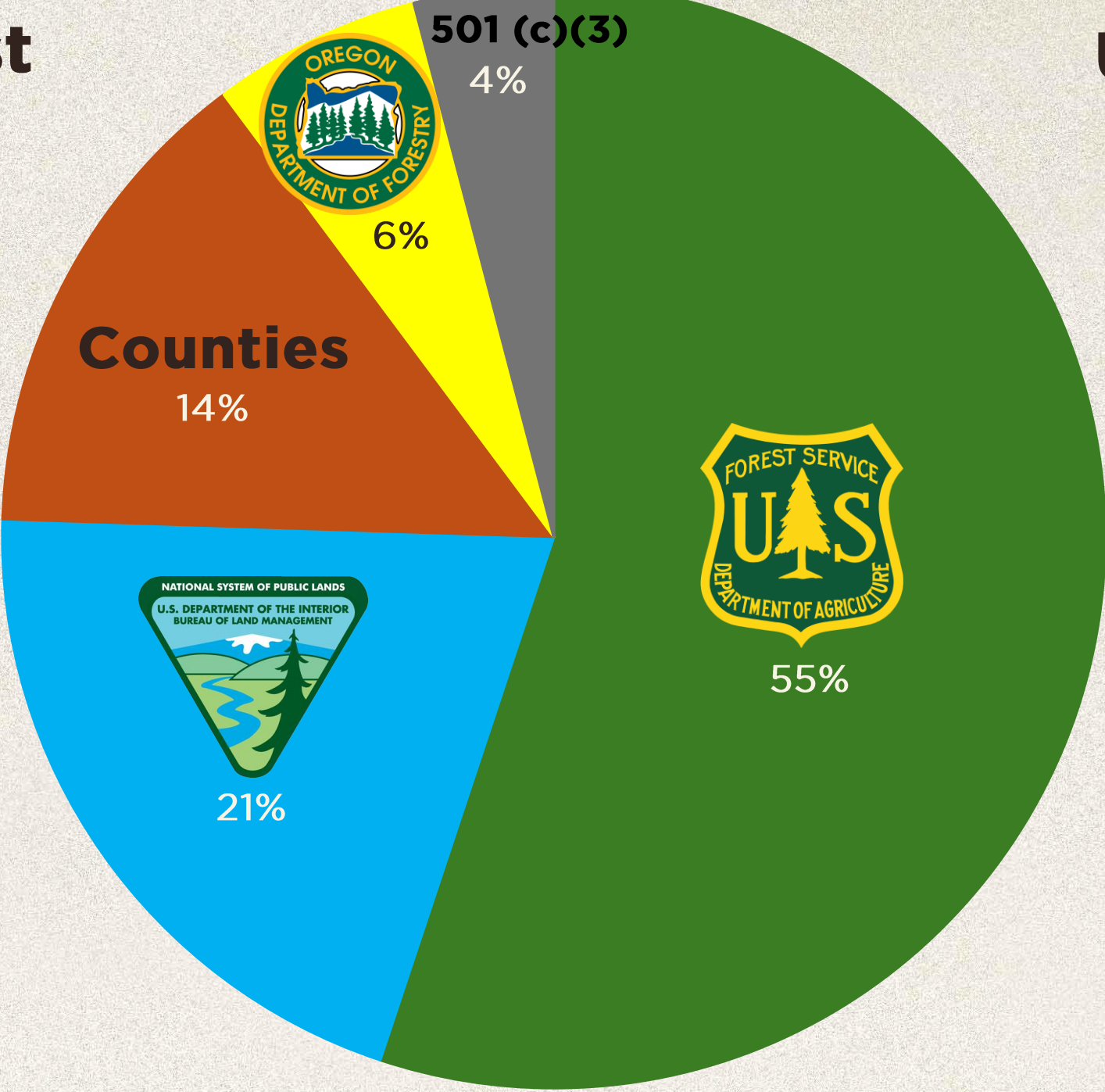
Tillamook

# Counties

Coos  
Douglas  
Morrow  
Union  
Hood River

# BLM

Christmas Valley  
Nestucca  
Shotgun Creek  
COHVOPS



# USFS

COHVOPS  
ODNRA  
Winom-Fraiser  
Prospect  
Santiam Pass  
Huckleberry Flats  
Mt. Hood

# Dispersed

USFS  
BLM



# ATV PERMIT RECIPROCITY

**Oregon honors permit reciprocity with these states**

**Arkansas**

**California**

**Connecticut**

**Delaware**

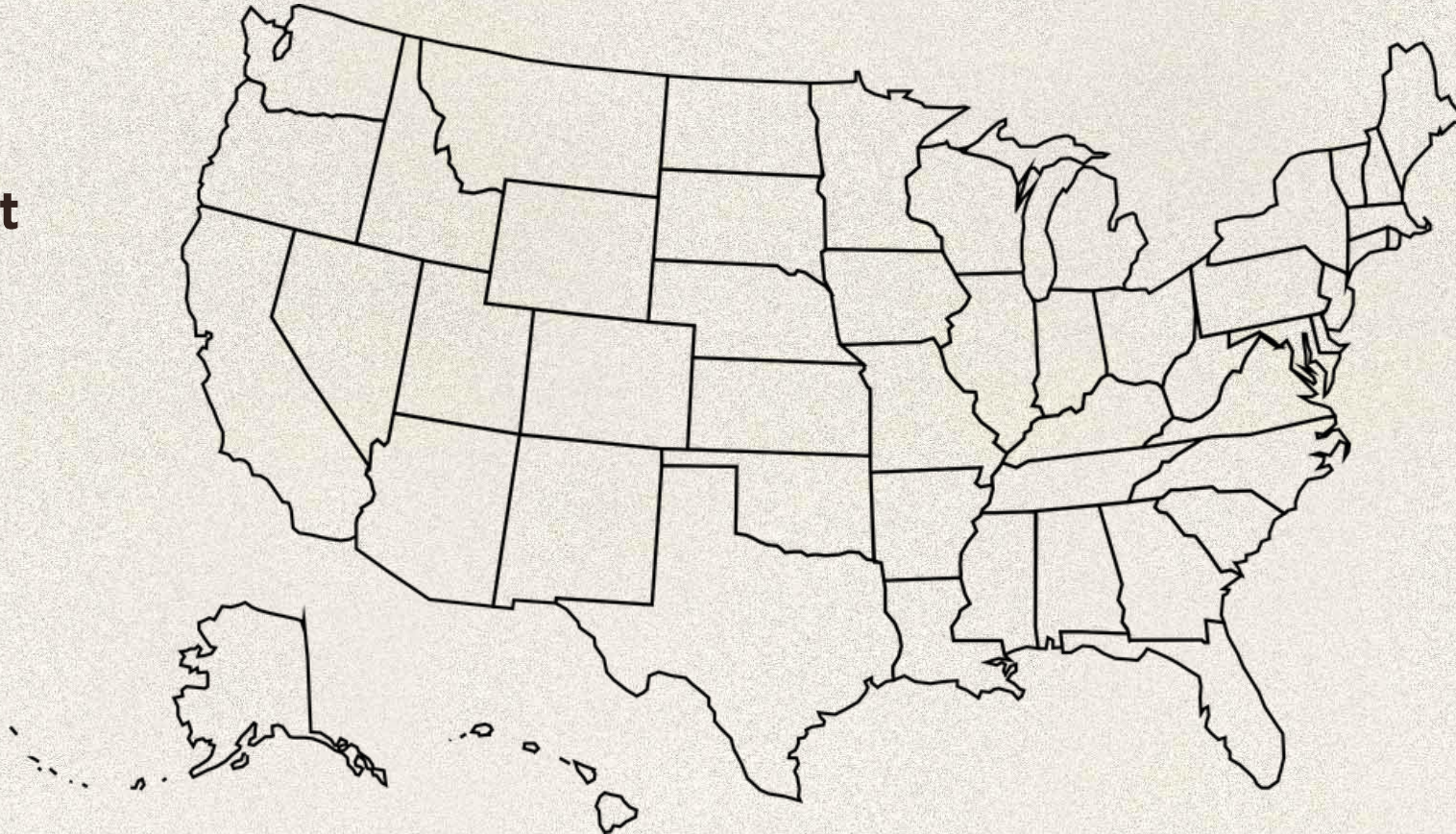
**Florida**

**Indiana**

**Louisiana**

**Michigan**

**Missouri**



**New Mexico**

**Nevada**

**New York**

**Oklahoma**

**Ohio**

**Pennsylvania**

**Rhode Island**

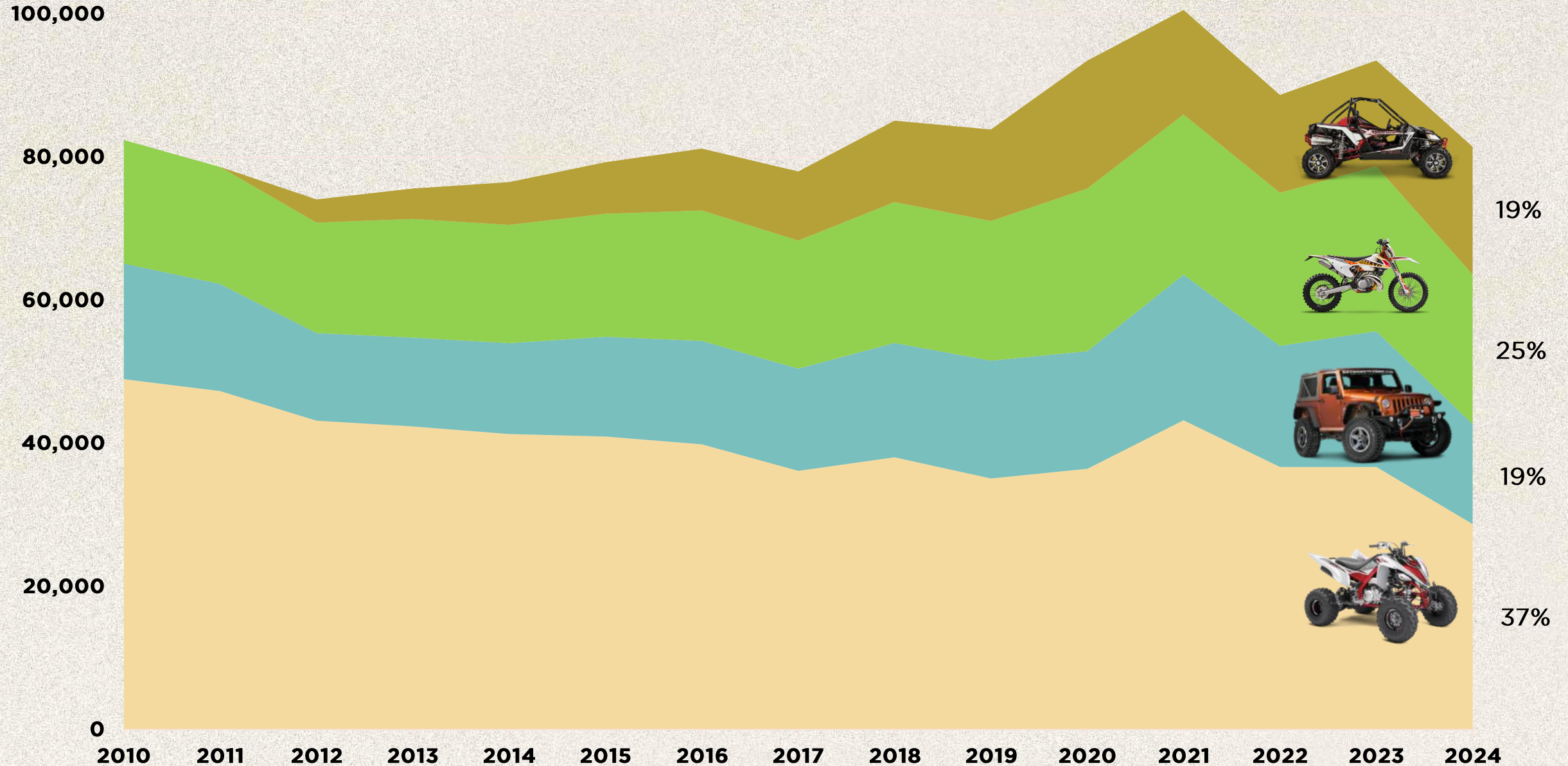
**Tennessee**

**Vermont**



# ATV PERMIT SALES

(Online & Agent)





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ATV Users purchase a permit for **\$10** (good for two years)



**Education & Outreach**



**Operations & Maintenance**



**Law Enforcement and  
Emergency Medical Service**



**Planning, Development,  
and Land Acquisition**



**YOUR ATV FUNDS AT WORK**



**40¢  
a gallon  
fuel tax**

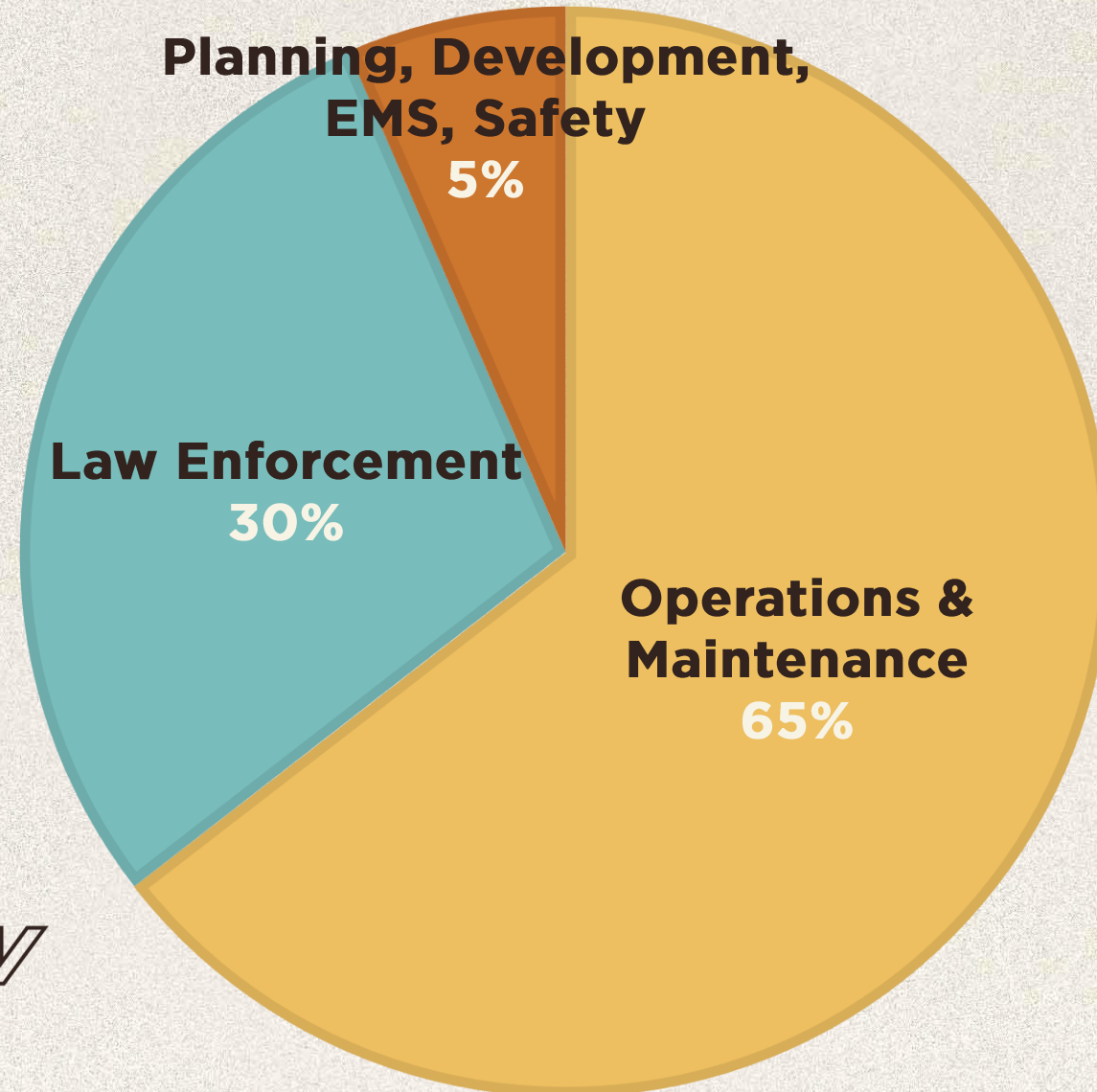
**Fuel tax funding  
contributes  
approximately**



**\$100  
per permit to the  
ATV program**



# GRANT AWARD SUMMARY



**Total Awarded  
2023 - 2025  
\$15.7M**

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# OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE





# SAR / EMS





# LAW ENFORCEMENT







# OHV LAW ENFORCEMENT TRACKING SYSTEM

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**YOUR ATV  
FUNDS AT WORK**

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Logged In As: **Jeff Trejo** (Agency: **OPRD**, Admin Level: **4**)

## OPRD - OHV LE Home

- **New Statewide Sound Limit = 96dBA** As of September 22, 2025, the Statewide sound limit (including the US Forest Service's Sand Lake Recreation Area) is 96dBA. In the US Forest Service managed Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area (ODNRA), the maximum sound limit is 93dBA.
- **New Class IV (Side by Side) ATV Definition Changes under ORS 801.194** •Travels on four or more tires designed for off-road use only [Removed: tire and rim size] •Dry weight increased from 2,500 to 3,500 pounds or less •Width at its widest point decreased from 80" to 75" •Added, "Was originally manufactured for off-road use only"
- **Updated Windshield and Wiper Requirements under ORS 821.040** •(c) When the vehicle is operated on a highway and the vehicle is equipped with a windshield, the top edge of which is at least six inches above the steering wheel, the vehicle must be equipped with a windshield wiper. [Removed: (c) The vehicle must be equipped with a windshield wiper if the vehicle is equipped with a windshield.] •Also added, (d) When the vehicle is operated off the highway and the vehicle is equipped with a windshield, the windshield must be unobstructed
- **New Class I (quad) ATV Definition Change under ORS 801.190** •Travels on three or more tires designed for off-road use only [Removed: tire and rim size]



<b>Officer Involved:</b> Jeff Trejo	<b>Date:</b>
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**Vehicles/Persons Involved: NOTE (As of Jan 1 2024):**  
**Helmet, Safety Card, Rider Fit, Seatbelt and Supervised have been changed to a YES/NO radio buttons.**  
**Additional checkboxes were added for Hospitalized and Fatality.**

**Notes:**



# ATV LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKSHOP



**Classroom Training**



**EMS Training**



**Hands-on Instructor Training**



**Life Flight & Landing Zone Training**



# ATV HIGHWAY ACCESS ROUTES

## ATV Highway Access Routes Committee

- 7 Members
- Accept and evaluate proposed ATV state highway access routes
- Conduct field reviews and consults with road authorities and agencies
- Advise and report on proposed routes on portions of affected state highways

## Operation on Roadways

- ATV's cannot be registered street legal unless they were manufactured for highway use
- Out-of-State street legal ATV's are not legal in Oregon

## Operation within cities, counties, state highways



# ATV SAFETY CARD

All Class I (quads, 3-wheelers) and Class III (off-road motorcycle) operators, along with Class IV (side x side) youth operators (under 16), must have an ATV Safety Card when operating on lands open to public ATV use.



Oregon honors other state issued safety cards (if they honor ours)



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## OREGONATV SAFETY EDUCATION COURSE

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# YOUTH UNDER AGE 16

## Two-step process to obtain an ATV Safety Card

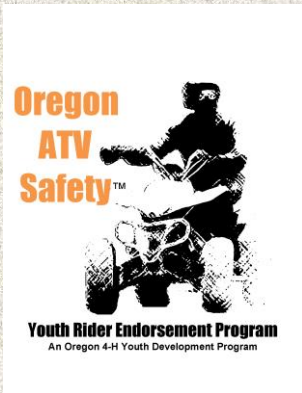
1. Successfully complete an approved online course
2. Successfully complete a hands-on certification course

Certification Date





# HANDS-ON CERTIFICATION COURSE PROVIDERS



**Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association (OMRA): Class I & Class III**


**Oregon State University (OSU/4-H): Class I & Class IV**


**ATV Safety Institute (ASI): Class I**


**Course fee subsidized for Oregon youth residents**



# RIDEATVOREGON.ORG/TRAINING

Class I  
✓

Class III  
✓

Class IV  
✓

County:  
Please select... ▾

City:  
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Course Provider:  
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HIDE MAP

**Coos:**  
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**C: [Cline Buttes - North Barr Trailhead](#)**  
**D: [Cline Buttes - North Barr Trailhead](#)**

**Douglas:**  
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**J: [Cascade View \(Shotgun Creek\)](#)**

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## REQUEST HANDS-ON COURSE

Please fill out and submit information listed below.

Parent/Guardian Name:    
First Last

Phone: (  )  -

E-mail:

City:

**Note: Hands-on Courses can only be requested for locations within Oregon. We also make every attempt to provide courses locally but typical travel-time is one to two hours from your home town.**

Youth Name:    
First Last

Youth Age:

Youth ATV Safety Education Card #:

**Safety Education Card Number is required prior to taking a Hands-on course.**  
To obtain a card number, please complete the online safety course.  
[Click here](#) to get started

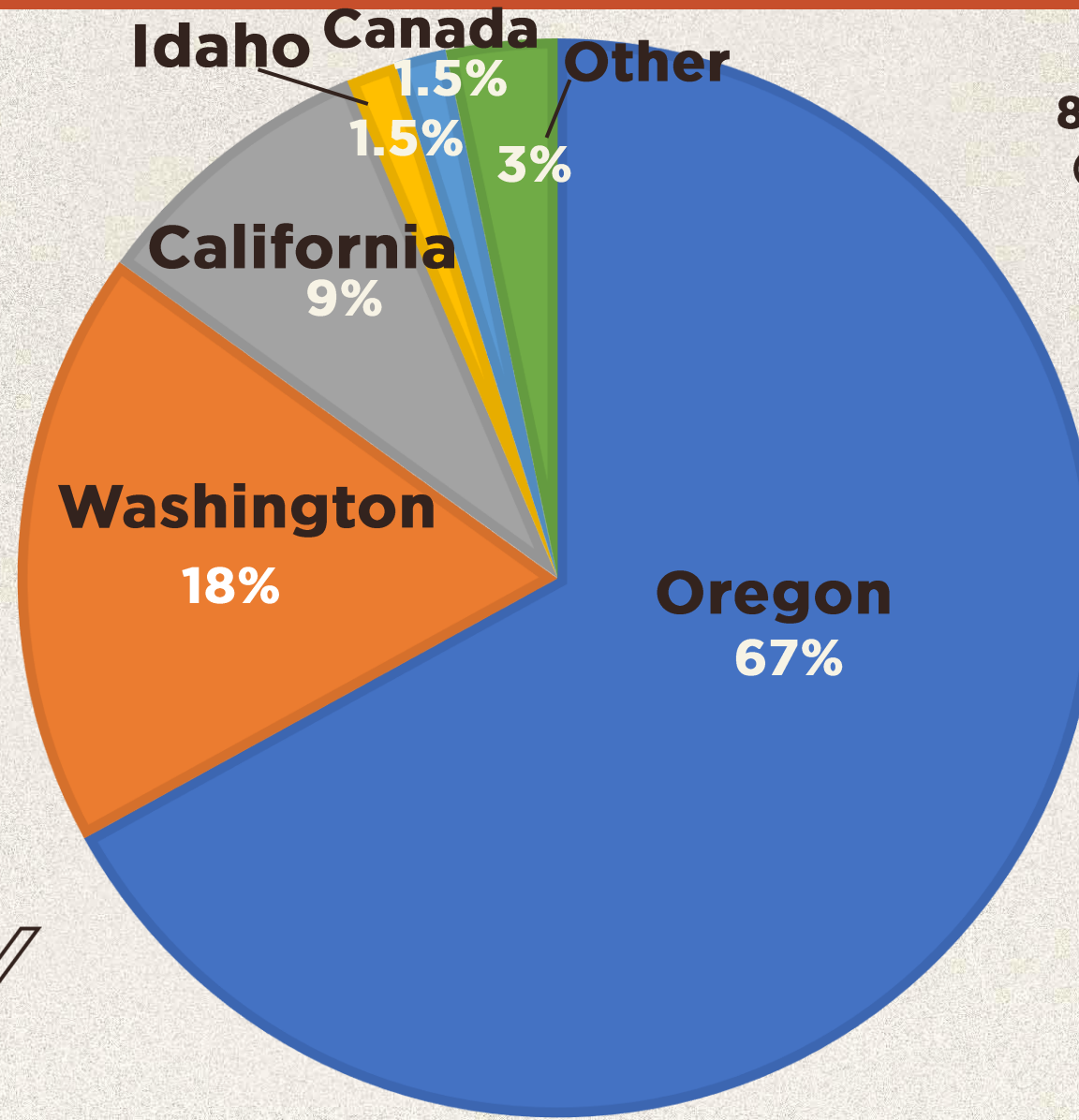
Operating Experience:

Indicate Vehicle Class:

If you are unable to locate a Hands-On course, request one here.



# ATV SAFETY CARDS ISSUED



**Approx.**  
**8,000 total new each year**  
(5,000 Oregon Residents)

**360,903**  
**ATV SAFETY CARDS**



# ATV Rental Safety Checklist

## ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE RENTAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Oregon law requires that anyone who operates an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV), or who will be supervising youth riders, must read and understand the information on this form or have an Oregon ATV Safety Education Card. Anyone operating a rental Class I (ATV/Quad) or Class III (off-road motorcycle) or, if under 16, a Class IV (Side-by-side) who has not completed this checklist and/or does not have proof of completing this checklist in their possession will be in violation of state law and may be cited.

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Operator's Name	Date of Birth
Responsible Parent or Guardian (if Operator is under 18 years old):	Date of Rental
	Initials of Rental Agency Employee

### RIDER FIT REQUIREMENTS

#### ATVs

There is no minimum age for ATV riders in Oregon. Oregon law requires that ATV riders younger than 16 must meet the following fit requirements.

- **Brake Reach:** With hands placed in the normal operating position and fingers straight out, the first joint (from the tip) of the middle finger must extend beyond the brake lever. (See Fig. 1)
- **Leg Length:** When sitting and with feet on the pegs, the knees must be bent at least 45 degrees. (See Fig. 2)
- **Grip Reach:** While sitting upright on the ATV with hands on the handlebars and not leaning forward, there must be a distinct angle between the upper arm and the forearm. (See Fig. 2)
- The rider must be able to turn the handlebars from lock to lock while maintaining a grip on the handlebars and maintaining throttle and brake control. (See Fig. 3)
- Disabled riders are allowed to use prosthetic devices or modified or adaptive equipment to achieve rider fit.



Figure 1 Figure 2 Figure 3

**Side-by-Sides**  
Oregon Law requires that off-road motorcycle riders must be at least seven years old.

**Side-by-Sides**  
A valid state issued driver's license is required to operate side-by-sides unless under age sixteen. Oregon law requires that operators under the age of sixteen must meet the manufacturers' recommended age for operation and must meet the following fit requirements.

While sitting in the normal operating position and with safety restraints securely fastened around the operator:

- The feet must be able to fully operate all foot controls.
- The hands must be able to fully operate all hand controls.

### PASSENGERS

#### ATVs

Do not ride double. Never carry a passenger unless your ATV is designed for passengers.

Most ATVs are not designed for more than one person. A rider needs the entire seat to make the necessary weight shifts to safely ride on rough terrain.

Never carry a child in front of you on an ATV. You need both hands to control the vehicle. If you are ejected, you and/or the vehicle may land on the child, causing serious injury or death. You may be charged with "operation with obstructing passenger" if you operate a vehicle when another person is in the operator's lap or in the operator's embrace.

#### Side-by-sides

Operators and all passengers should always use seatbelts or harnesses when in a side-by-side. The roll bars can't save your life unless you and your passengers are securely buckled in.

### PROTECTIVE GEAR

Prepared riders wear off-road safety gear every time they ride. The following represents the minimum amount of protection a rider should wear to help reduce the chance of injury.

#### Helmet

The most important piece of protective gear is a DOT approved motorcycle helmet to help prevent serious head injury. The fastened helmet should fit snugly and be worn with a good pair of goggles. Note: all riders and any passengers under age 18 are required by law to wear a DOT approved helmet with the chin strap fastened.

#### Goggles

Goggles are essential to help maintain your vision and protect your eyes. Goggles must fit tightly against your face to help keep sand, dust, and debris out of your eyes. Eyeglasses or sunglasses do not provide adequate eye protection. Goggles should be impact resistant. Consider colored lenses to help improve visual contrast during the day.

#### Gloves

A good pair of riding gloves will provide protection and comfort while riding. Gloves help to maintain handle bar and steering wheel grip while preventing your hands from getting cold, bruised, scraped and sore.

#### Long-sleeve shirts and long pants

Long-sleeve shirts and long pants help to prevent scratches and abrasions while providing a needed barrier between your skin and the elements. Generally, the stronger the material the better.

#### Over-the-ankle boots

Sturdy over-the-ankle boots provide ankle support and help to prevent your feet from slipping off the footrests. They also protect your feet and lower legs from hazards like rocks and tree roots, and offer protection from sharp or hot parts of your vehicle. Open-toed shoes or sandals are dangerous and not recommended.

### RIDE SAFELY - RIDE SOBER

Many riding areas in Oregon prohibit alcohol, including the Oregon Dunes National Recreational Area and Sand Lake Recreation Area.

Off-road injuries and deaths often involve the use of alcohol, marijuana or other drugs. Any impairment to your judgment, reflexes or skills increases the potential of serious injury or death.

Oregon law does not allow anyone under 21 to drink alcohol. The use of any recreational drugs is not allowed.

It is a Class A misdemeanor for:

- A person to operate an ATV or off-road motorcycle on public lands if they have alcohol in their blood measuring 0.08 percent or more (by weight). This violation is recorded on the driving record as "driving under the influence of intoxicants."
- The owner (or any other person in charge or control of an ATV or off-road motorcycle) to knowingly allow anyone who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor, inhalants or controlled substances to operate the vehicle across a highway.

A person may not operate any motor vehicle if their license has been suspended or revoked, including off-road vehicles.

### SHARING YOUR VEHICLE

Never allow anyone to operate a vehicle that is too big for them.

Remember that we share responsibility for the safety of our families and friends. Lending your ATV or motorcycle to others can have tragic consequences. Too many crashes involve riders on borrowed or family ATVs.

Watch out for your friends who ride your vehicle. Make sure they have the experience and skill to handle it safely. Help them avoid injury or death by encouraging and demonstrating safe riding habits.

Youths on ATVs that are too big for them are at serious risk of injury or death. It is all too common for tragedy to strike a family when an ATV overturns and crushes or suffocates a child.

### SUPERVISION

Youths under age 16 who are riding on public lands must be supervised at all times by an adult who is at least 18 years old. The supervisor must be able to provide immediate assistance and direction. This means that the supervisor must be able to communicate with and provide coaching to the youth at all times.

As a supervisor, you are responsible for teaching and protecting youths while they learn to ride. It is your job to help them develop basic skills, learn to read the terrain, and adjust for unseen hazards. Take time to discuss the importance of riding within their abilities. Emphasize they should not try to keep up with more experienced riders.

Lead them away from staging areas and campgrounds. Choose a safe, flat area for riding while they are learning. Always stay close enough to control the young riders and stop them if a dangerous situation develops. Always ensure that your chosen practice area has no hidden hazards and is safe for learners.



### CHILD ENDANGERMENT

You may be charged with endangering a child if you are a parent, legal guardian or have legal responsibility for a child under 16 years of age and you allow the child to operate an off-road vehicle on public lands and:

- The child is not accompanied by a person who is at least 18 years old, who holds a valid ATV Safety Education Card, and who is able to provide immediate assistance and direction to the child;
- The child is operating an ATV and the child is not in compliance with the rider fit requirements; or
- The child is operating an off-road motorcycle and the child is younger than 7 years old.

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### RIDING SAFETY TIPS

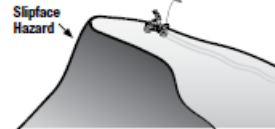
- Always ride slowly near crowds and in camping areas. Remember that small children and pets may be present. Showing off in these situations is a recipe for tragedy.
- Travel only on designated roads and trails. Know the boundaries of the designated ATV area and stay inside them.
- Become familiar with landmarks. They help keep you oriented and can be used to direct help.
- Stay on trails to avoid widening them.
- Always scout an area before riding at higher speeds. Traveling at high speed in unfamiliar terrain is a common cause of crashes.
- Always ride with a partner or in a group; this ensures help will be nearby in case of mechanical problems, accidents or illness.

Operator Initials

### DUNE RIDING SAFETY TIPS

- Flags are required on dune vehicles. They must be red or orange, and nine feet above ground level.
- Dune landscapes are continually changing. Blowing wind and rain can alter terrain very quickly. What was once familiar terrain may now be unfamiliar. Be careful as changing terrain features pose a danger to even the most experienced riders.
- Watch for depressions within the sand (known as blow holes or witch's eye) as they are unpredictable and hard to see.
- Watch for drifts and drop-offs, also known as slipfaces or razorbacks. They're located on the downwind side of dunes where loose sand creates steep drop-offs.

Operator Initials



- Heat haze and midday "whiteout" can distort or hide terrain, making the ground look flat when it's not. You may be unable to judge distances or drop-offs due to poor depth perception. Wear amber, orange or yellow lenses in your goggles for better terrain visibility. Slow down to allow yourself more time to react.
- On windy days with shifting sand, use stationary landmarks and/or a GPS (Global Positioning System) device to help find your way.
- Heavy traffic around staging areas and campsites may create berms (worm tracks for speed bumps) that are hard to see and can be hazardous. Keep speeds low in all camping and staging areas.
- Do not jump hills or dunes, especially without a spotter.
- As you approach the top of a dune, turn parallel along the crest to avoid steep drop-offs or collisions with other riders.



### OPERATING ON ROADS

No ATV or off-road motorcycle should ever be ridden on paved roads.

ATVs may be used on some gravel roads if open to off-road vehicles. Check with the land management agency before you ride.

Remember, slow down for corners. Low pressure tires are not designed for hard surfaces like paved roads and hard-pack dirt roads.

### PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

- Respect the rights of others to enjoy shared-use areas by limiting your speed and noise.
- Stay on trails and avoid running over vegetation; it damages the environment and can also damage your tires.
- Avoid wetlands and riparian areas. They are extremely sensitive and easily damaged.
- Avoid disturbing historical, archeological and paleontological sites. Oregon law prohibits damaging or collecting artifacts at these sites.
- Avoid spoiling livestock and wildlife you encounter. Keep your distance.

### RESTRICTED AREAS

Restricted areas should never be entered with a motorized vehicle.

These areas are restricted for many reasons, such as protecting wildlife, controlling erosion, aiding reforestation efforts, and protecting fragile vegetation or soil. Riding in these areas can cause permanent harm to the vegetation, damage or destruction to nesting areas for birds, and even create fire hazards. Respect and obey property signage such as "No OHV's beyond this point" or "No Trespassing." Entering restricted or private property can have negative consequences resulting in fines and vehicle impoundment.

### PROTECT THE SOUNDSCAPE

Avoid revving your engine or creating excessive noise in congested areas like camping and picnic areas.

Man-made noise has a negative effect on others and on wildlife. It also attracts unnecessary negative attention to motorized recreation.

Respect others' desire for quiet and solitude. Early morning and late afternoon are often the times when people enjoy the peace and tranquility of our public lands.

When camping, remember that others want to enjoy the sounds of nature. Do not play radios and music loudly, especially after 10 p.m.

### DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS VEHICLE AND ITS OPERATION?

I understand the rules and information in this checklist. I will follow all rental agency rules and Oregon laws when operating this vehicle. I understand that the owner's manual and product labels on the vehicle may have relevant information not covered in this checklist. I will follow additional warnings and other instructions that may apply.

OPERATOR	RENTAL AGENCY
Operator Name	Name of Rental Agency
Operator Date of Birth	Initials of Rental Agency Employee
Operator (or parent/guardian if under 18 years old) Signature:	Issue Date

Failure to carry this on your person when operating a rented or newly purchased ATV or off-road motorcycle on lands open for public use may result in a citation. This certificate expires thirty (30) days from date of issue or the expiration of rental agreement, whichever is first. To obtain a permanent Oregon ATV Safety Education Card, please go to [www.RideATVoregon.org](http://www.RideATVoregon.org). General program information can be found at [www.OregonOHV.org](http://www.OregonOHV.org).







## Ride ATVs

## All-Terrain Vehicles In Oregon

### ATV Overview

### ATV Permits

### ATV Safety Card

### Youth Riders

### Types of ATVs

### ATV Sound

### Places to Ride

### ATV Advisory Committee

Welcome to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) pages for All-Terrain Vehicle use in Oregon!

Oregon has a diverse range of ATV opportunities. We have dunes, desert, and wooded trails. You can find single-track trails for motorcycles, ATV routes that are fun for the entire family and thousands of miles of routes suited to high-clearance vehicles. Side-by-sides are becoming very popular throughout the state and there are many opportunities for them. Many hunters use ATVs to get to remote areas. Many vacationers find ATV rental opportunities at the ever-popular coastal dunes. You can even find inland sand dunes in the middle of the state.

OPRD manages the ATV funds that are generated by ATV sticker sales and fuel taxes. We work with all land managing agencies and organizations throughout the state to provide funding for high-quality recreation opportunities for you. OPRD also manages the ATV Safety Education Program. Riding areas are managed by various Federal, State,



## Contact:

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ATV Program  
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Salem OR 97301



## New Brand ATV Safety Campaign Theme



## GEAR-UP

- ✓ DOT helmet
- ✓ Goggles
- ✓ Gloves
- ✓ Long-sleeved shirt or jacket
- ✓ Riding pants
- ✓ Sturdy boots

## TRAIN-UP

- ✓ Know your vehicle and your limits
- ✓ Take an online training course
- ✓ Take a hands-on training course
- ✓ Only operate appropriately sized vehicles
- ✓ One quad = One rider
- ✓ Ride with experienced riders  
(Youth under 16 must have adult supervision)



# ATV PROGRAM



Oregon ATV Program Sessions – Today and Tomorrow



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