

News Release from the Ferry County Board of Commissioners:

After numerous meetings on the OHV Ordinance, and after reading all the emails and talking with our constituents concerning the issue, the Ferry County Board Of Commissioners have adopted the OHV Ordinance for certain listed county roads. This list and ordinance can be found on the County Web Site. Most of the county roads will not be affected. This ordinance will have nothing to do with the Rails Trails issue, for the county has still not received control of the rail corridor.

The enactment of the Ordinance was in response to the state law passed giving counties the authority to list county roads for OHV use. We feel this will help promote some tourism in the area and help out our local businesses. We also feel that this will make a lot of our citizens legal as so many of our friends and neighbors use these roads for checking fence, rounding up cows, getting mail, feeding, and etc. We looked at the ordinance being an integral part of the Colville National Forest Travel Plan.

We have heard a lot of concern about excessive noise, and ruining the peace and quiet of the county. We don't see it being any busier than your normal hunting season or summer activities. There is also concern about the roads being torn apart. The off road vehicles that qualify under this Ordinance, have minimal wear and tear on county roads. As far as enforcement goes, we need to have an Ordinance and a travel plan in place so grant money can be acquired for education and enforcement. This will be our next step.

We did not come to this decision lightly. We weighed all the different aspects before we made our final decision. We know that this is going to make a few people very unhappy, but with the opportunity the State gave us to put this ordinance in effect and with the voice and opinions of a lot of county residence that wanted these opportunities, we made the decision to sign this Ordinance. We think this is going to be a great opportunity for our county.

Thanks to all of those that gave their input and advice.

FERRY COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2007-22

Ferry County OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS; RCW Chapter 46.09 allows the county legislative authority to regulate the operation of Off Highway Vehicles on public lands, waters, other properties, streets, roads, highways under its jurisdiction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Ferry County Board of Commissioners, the use of Off Highway Vehicles on county roads and right-of-ways, effective March 15, 2008, are designated as follows:

NAME	NO.	BEGIN	END
Russell	212	Swan Lake Rd	.30 Okanogan Forest Rd #533
McMann	216	SR 21 S	.18 USFS Rd - #500
Swan Lake	217	SR 20 W	8.96 #533
Eagle Track Road	226	Pendry Road	.25 ORV Campground
Iron Mountain	232	Hall Creek Rd	1.31 Refrigerator Canyon #233
Refrigerator Canyon	233	Hall Creek Rd	3.76 USFS #2053 #233
Sheridan	253	Trout Creek Rd 257	4.04 USFS #2086
Creamary Road	276	SR 20	.6 Sanpoil Grange
Trout Creek	257	Sheridan Rd	SR 20
Art Creek Rd	560	SR 21 N	2.45 USFS #100
Emanuel Creek	572	Henry Creek	0.53 Lundimo Meadow #570
Lundimo	570	SR 21 N	7.28 Emanuel Creek #572
Old Kettle Falls	280	2.43 Old Kettle Falls	8.55 SR 20
Old Kettle Falls East	292	Old Kettle Falls Rd	SR 20 Summit
Jack Mays Pride	287	Old Kettle Falls Rd	.87 Fish Hatchery Road #284
Lake Ellen	412	Inchelium Highway	7.16 Barnaby Ck #10
Mink Creek	425	Lake Ellen Rd	0.58 USFS #168
Deadman Creek	460	Int 460 & 470	6.43 USFS #
Jacknife Lookout	465	Deadman Creek	7.02 USFS #
Jacknife Cutoff	467	Jacknife Lookout Rd	2.70 USFS #
Anderson	470	Deadman Creek	3.05 USFS #
Matsen Ck Rd	480	US 395	7.66 Jacknife Lookout Road #465
W Fk Trout Creek	514	West Fk Trout Creek	8.57 USFS #480
N Fk Trout Creek	517	N Fk Trout Ck (Rose Valley)	4.36 Bodie Mtn USFS #5738
Bamber Creek	523	.66 Job Corps	3.71 Tonata Creek USFS #2148
White Mtn Road	534	Customs Rd	4.80 USFS #2113
Aeneas Creek Road	566	SR 21 N	9.92 USFS #2160
Nancy Creek Road	484	County Gravel Pit 1.35	1.85 USFS #9500
Renner Lk Road (Lakin)	590	Matsen Creek	2.96 Hodgson Lakin/Price Rd #593
Hodgson-Lakin	593	US 395	3.55 Hodgson Spur #594
NAME	NO.	BEGIN	END
Hodgson Spur	594	Hodgson-Lakin	0.30 USFS Road #873

Little Boulder	595	US 395	4.15 USFS 9576
Rock Cut	595	Rock Cut Bridge	.29 US 395
Eslick Road	675	SR 395	1.26 Ltl Boulder/Rock Cut Fk #595
Vulcan	615	SR 21 N	4.25 USFS 2113
Day Creek	651	Lone Ranch	7.89 Boulder Creek Rd #602
4 th of July Creek	646 & 7	Danville	2.5 Private Land
Boundary Road	665	Lone Ranch #668	1.66 Danville
Lone Ranch	666	SR 21 N	6.16 N Fk Lone Ranch #668
N Fk Lone Ranch	668	Lone Ranch 666	1.17 USFS #900
Hall Creek	99	SR 20	34.17 Inchelium Highway #3
Paris Mitchell	413	Inchelium Hwy	2.32 Lake Ellen Road #412
Pendry	225	SR 21 S	1.51 Private Land
Lambert Creek Rd	546	SR 21 N	5. USFS #2156
Emanuel Creek	572	Lundimo Meadow	.53 Henry Creek Road #2149
Long Alec Creek	582	West Deer Creek	5.48 USFS #2140
River St. Curlew)	629	Deer Creek	.21 Ferry Street
Ferry St. (Curlew)	620	SR 21 N	.35 Deer Creek
St. Peters Creek	584	SR 21 N	1.8 Fork of #588/#584
N. Fork St. Peters Ck	588	N Fork St Peters Ck	2.64 USFS #2157
S. Fork St. Peters Ck	584	S Fork St Peters Ck	5 N Fk St Peters Creek #588
Herron Creek Rd	290	SR 21 N	3.4 USFS #2154
Fish Hatchery Rd.	284	SR 21 N	3.88 USFS #2152
Big Goosmus Rd.	637	SR 21 N	3.01 N Fork Goosmus USFS Boundary

Be it further ordained, that designated Ferry County Roads and right-of-ways, segments of roads, and shoulder trails designated for OHV use which provide access between OHV recreation areas as well as local access on non highway roads be regulated as provided for in RCW; Chapter 46.09.

Section 1, Operating an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) in Ferry County

Unless otherwise specified, violation of any portion of this ordinance shall be a traffic infraction.

- A. OHV'S operating on Ferry County roads and right-of-ways must comply with state requirements for registration, OHV use permits and equipment laws.
- B. Persons operating OHVs on Ferry County roads and rights of way must comply with all state and Ferry County laws for operating OHVs.
 - 1. In addition to state laws, Ferry County requires operators of OHVs to be at least 16 years of age and possess a current valid driver's license or accompanied by a licensed adult 18 years of age or older (RCW 46.09.117).
 - 2. OHV equipment must comply with state regulations (RCW 46.09.120).
 - 3. Ferry County roads and right-of-ways are to be used strictly for traveling from one destination to another. Spinning of tires or intentional throwing of gravel

with tires shall be considered "Negligent Driving" in the second degree under RCW 46.61.525.

4. Persons operating an OHV on designated streets within the town of Curlew shall operate only during the daylight hours.

C. The maximum speed limit for operating an OHV on Ferry County roads and right-of-ways shall be 35 miles per hour (MPH) or the posted speed limit, which ever is slower.

1. The speed limit for operating an OHV when approaching livestock, horses, horseback riders or horses being driven shall be 5 MPH.
2. The speed limit for an OHV when passing within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling on a dirt or gravel road or right-of-ways shall be 10 MPH.
3. All OHV travel on Ferry County roads shall be single file on the right edge of the road.
4. All OHV highway and road crossings will be at a ninety-degree angle to the center of the road or highway being crossed. All OHVs must stop prior to crossing public or private highways or roads. OHVs will yield to all other traffic while crossing public and private highways and roads
5. The speed limit for operating an OHV within the Community of Curlew on Ferry and River Street shall be 10 MPH.

APPROVED this 3rd day of December 2007.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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