



## **Position on Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle (ROV) Use on Public Lands**

ROVs continue to be the fastest growing segment in the powersports space. Customers have made it clear that these highly capable machines provide unique trail experiences and offer opportunities for people of a wide range of ages and with physical abilities to access appropriate public lands. In general, National Forests and Bureau of Land Management Units that provide for OHV recreation have adapted to these vehicles and have provided access for ROVs in myriad ways.

### **Where Should ROVs Be Allowed?**

It is ROHVA's position that land management officials should continue to consider allowing access to ROVs to any routes, trails or areas open to OHV use. Natural surface roads that are managed as trails should be open to ROVs unless documented safety issues exist. Some public land units designate trails open to vehicles that meet a width restriction. In these cases, ROHVA supports access for ROVs that meet a maximum width of up to 80 inches. ROHVA understands that some width restricted trails will not be suitable for ROVs that meet the 80 inch width for safety and/or sustainability reasons; however, land management officials should make those limited assessments on a case-by-case basis.

Further, it is the position of ROHVA that Forest and BLM officials should identify areas for new or expanded routes, trails and areas open for ROVs through existing planning processes.

### **ROVs and Other Motorized Uses**

ROHVA supports managed trail systems that provide for opportunities for a mix of motorized uses. In some instances, managers may choose to designate ATV or off-highway motorcycle (OHM) only trails as part of the system. ROHVA supports trails designated for certain classes of vehicle provided that opportunities are also offered for ROV riders.

### **Other Considerations for Land Managers**

Like every industry, the ROV industry has evolved and continues to evolve according to consumer demand. Since ROVs hit the market, some of these evolutions include customers desiring vehicles that include seating for an operator and more than one passenger. ROVs that accommodate 3 passengers have proven particularly popular. Increasingly, ROV purchasers want enclosed cabs for vehicles, and other upgrades. While market expectations can be difficult to predict, land managers can plan based on ROHVA's industry position that calls for maximum vehicle weight of no more than 3,500 pounds dry weight and a maximum of 80 inches in vehicle width.