

Division of Parks and Trails

## Office Memorandum

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**SUBJECT:** Vehicle Registration History for Minnesota **Off-road Vehicles (ORVs)** “the trucks” 1994 - 2015.

Attached is information you may find useful in understanding growth trends in this recreational activity. This information follows the format initiated by Paul Nordell, MN DNR – Parks and Trails Project Coordinator to ensure consistent comparison since the start of the registrations in 1984.

Since calendar year 2007, class 2 all-terrain vehicles (a new legal category defined in 2007 M.S Chapter 84.92, subd. 9) were no longer classified as “ORV’s” at the point of registration. Thus, as of that year, ORVs decreased because of this exclusion.

To summarize this report, the calendar year ending December 31, 2015 can be described as follows: **3,375 ORVs are currently registered.** This represents a slight upward adjustment. Currently ORV registration is required only at these sites:

1. the Iron Range Off-highway Recreation Area near Gilbert
2. the Appleton riding areas
3. eleven miles of trail at Spider Lake in the Foot Hills State Forest,
4. the Mesabi Mountain Grants-in-Aid Trail.

Additional ORV riding areas and trails are currently under development. These include the Virginia Site within the Iron Range ORV Area and state forest trails in Pine county forests.

If you have any questions on how to use this information, feel free to contact me.

**Attachment**

**MINNESOTA OFF-ROAD VEHICLE (TRUCK) REGISTRATION** 01/05/15  
not including registered, tax-exempt ORVs. See 2012 M.S. 84.798, subd. 2 (exemptions)

Calendar Year Ending December 31	New Growth (First Year Registrations) *1	December 31 Registration (cumulative current three-year registration) *2	Final Actual Fiscal Year Receipts *3
2015	797	3,375	
2014	642	3,248	\$36,868.00
2013	677	3,204	\$31,910.00
2012	707	3,455	\$34,020.00
2011	677	3,425	\$36,204.00
2010	719	3,286	\$37,379.00
2009	692	3,137	\$31,720.00
2008	693	4,889	\$34,767.00
2007	644	7,250	\$33,337.00
2006	2,834	9,029	\$63,664.00
2005	2,357	7,212	\$106,899.00
2004	2,061	5,497	\$87,990.00
2003	1,750	3,850	\$61,130.00
2002	1,451	2,405	\$50,062.00
2001	587	1,416	\$31,866.00
2000	490	1,082	\$16,668.00
1999	383	772	\$11,488.00
1998	209	532	\$8,636.00
1997	180	459	\$5,556.00
1996	143	427	
1995	136	284	

(\*1) These figures are from *Txns Processed by Vehicle Type & Month (2015 Renewals to be Processed)*, MNHFM Report 107, 01-05-2016. They represent registrations entering the system for the first time.

(\*2) ORV's are required to have a three-year registration. This figure thus includes four expiration classes: the present year, and each of the three succeeding years. The current registration for December 31, 2015 for example, includes the following expiration dates: December 31, 2015, December 31, 2016, December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2018. (Note that sales in the most recent 2015 category began December 1, 2014). Excluded from this column are one-time (non-expiring) tax-exempt registrations. Data is from *Current Expiration Dates, by Vehicle Type*, MNHFM

(\*3) Calendar year 2015 (in the first column) corresponds with fiscal year 2016 in the last column. Prior fiscal year receipts are listed accordingly. Revenue figures from Information Access Warehouse, revenue report 2104, formerly 187, (off-road vehicle). These figures INCLUDE registration fees paid to DNR. They EXCLUDE accumulating interest and civil citations. The figures in the column are finalized after fiscal year closing each September. Because the last column is a fiscal year (ending June 30), it does not correspond directly with the first column (ending December 31). What you see is the same trend line in both registrations and receipts, but the last column (receipts) lags behind by 6 months.

**Source:** John Nordby, MN/DNR License Center, Division of Fish & Wildlife; DNR –Parks and Trails Division; tabulated by MN/DNR Parks and Trails Division.

**Process:** Paul Nordell, MN DNR – Parks and Trails Project Coordinator

**Definition:** Chapter 84.797, subd. 7. ORV means a motor-driven recreational vehicle capable of cross-country travel on natural terrain without the benefit of a road or trail.” Off-road vehicle does not include a snowmobile; an all-terrain vehicle; a motorcycle; a watercraft; a farm vehicle being used for farming; a vehicle used for the military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement purposes; a construction or logging vehicle used in the performance of its common function; a motor vehicle owned by or operated under contract with a utility, whether publicly or privately owned, when used for work on utilities; a commercial vehicle being used for work purpose; snow-grooming equipment when used for its intended purpose; or an aircraft.

**ORV Non-resident Trail Pass**

Fiscal Year Ending Jun 30	Receipts
2015	\$7,572
2014	\$7,332
2013	\$7,756
2012	\$3,420