

Division of Parks and Trails

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Registration History for Minnesota **Off-road Vehicles (ORVs) “the trucks”**
1994 - 2009.

Beginning December 12, 2006, 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. Class 2 ATV’s thus continued to increase as they were excluded from ORV registrations.

For a precise definition of “ORV”, which includes certain off-highway trucks, consult *Minnesota Statutes 2008*, 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.*

In summary, the best way to describe the calendar year ending December 31, 2009, for ORV “ing” is as follows: **3,137 current registrations**. This represents a downward adjustment, as the last of three years of the class 2 ATV’s have now been removed from the total tally of registered ORV’s. Currently ORV registration is required only at three sites: the Gilbert and Appleton riding areas and eleven miles of trail at Spider Lake in the Foot Hills State Forest. By this time next year, additional ORV riding areas will become operational. These include the Mesabi Mountain Grants-in-Aid Trail and the Virginia Site within the Iron Range ORV Area.

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

Attachment

MINNESOTA OFF-ROAD VEHICLE (TRUCK) REGISTRATION 1/20/10 not including registered, tax-exempt ORVs. See 2007 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
1994	148	148	
1995	136	284	
1996	143	427	
1997	180	459	\$5,556.00
1998	209	532	\$8,636.00
1999	383	772	\$11,488.00
2000	490	1,082	\$16,668.00
2001	587	1,416	\$31,866.00
2002	1,451	2,405	\$50,062.00
2003	1,750	3,850	\$61,130.00
2004	2,061	5,497	\$87,990.00
2005	2,357	7,212	\$106,899.00
2006	2,834	9,029	\$63,664.00
2007	644	7,250	\$33,337.00
2008	693	4,889	\$34,767.00
2009	692	3,137	Available 9/10

(*1) These figures are from *Txns Processed by Vehicle Type & Month(2008 Renewals to be Processed)*, MNHFM Report 107, 01-05-2010.

(*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, 2009 for example, includes the following expiration dates: December 31, 2009, December 31, 2010, December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012. (Note that sales in the most recent 2012 category began December 1, 2009). Excluded from this column are one-time (non-expiring) tax-exempt registrations. Data is from *Current Expiration Dates, by Vehicle Type*, MNHFM Report 109, 01-20-10.

(*3) Calendar year 2009 (in the first column) corresponds with fiscal year 2010 in the last column. Prior fiscal year receipts are listed accordingly. Revenue figures from Information Access Warehouse, revenue report 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; and Laura Ochs, DNR –Parks and Trails Division; tabulated by MN/DNR Parks and Trails Division.

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