



# FOREST LAKES SUBDIVISION ATV “RULES OF THE ROAD”



## “Nothing, But the Facts”

All-Terrain Vehicle, or ATVs are not allowed on Forest Lakes subdivision roads or greenbelts. Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (the “District”) posted signs restricting motorized vehicles at the Lake greenbelt and ski area and has posted “No ATV” signs at the front entrance and on several highly traveled roads in Forest Lakes Subdivision.

The Subdivision’s roads were declared public following a 1990 intergovernmental agreement between Forest Lakes Metropolitan District and La Plata County. This agreement allowed the District to receive federal monies for Forest Lakes road maintenance and the resulting study between the two entities in 1995 endorsed that the roads were categorized as public, and the “Model Traffic Code” for Colorado enforceable.

According to Colorado Statute 33-14.5-108, ATV’s or off-road vehicles are not legal for use on any public street, road, or highway. Compliance with this Statute is enforced by La Plata County’s Sheriff Office. ATVs are strictly off-road vehicles, and the offense is punishable by a court summons that will include court costs and a fine determined by the judge.

## Forest Lakes Subdivision Requirements



As a reminder, use of ATVs on the Subdivision’s roads is against the law...do not do it!

## The Alternative

The alternative is to trailer ATV’s to designated areas, such as nearby San Juan Forest Land and additional information on those trails or roads (and any restrictions or ATV permitting requirements) can be found by visiting the Forest Service’s website that is shown below:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/sanjuan/recreation/ohv/?recid=42728&actid=93>

## ATV Rider Safety

While many people enjoy the exhilaration and thrill that riding an ATV brings, others are suffering from severe injuries and grave consequences. Before starting up your ATV, learn more about the truth in riding these powerful machines.

Many individuals climb on to an ATV without properly understanding how the machine operates and what to do in the case of an emergency. Following are several facts about the hidden dangers of ATV accidents, provided by the Consumer Product Safety Commission:



- 135,000 people are injured every year due to ATV accidents.
- Over 700 people are killed in these accidents every year.
- Approximately 1/3 of the people killed in ATV accidents each year are under the age of 16.



Many of these accidents could have been prevented if proper safety advice was followed. While there is no direct cause of all

ATV accidents, many of these incidents involve the negligence or recklessness of the driver or another person nearby. Causes of ATV accidents range from drunk driving, to speeding recklessly, to hill-climbing, to vehicle rollover; the list virtually goes on and on. These accidents are also caused due to some unsuspecting reasons, such as exceeding capacity on the ATV.

ATV accidents are extremely dangerous in nature, but many individuals still believe that the fun in riding this vehicle outweighs the possible disadvantages. If you are one of the many that enjoys riding an ATV, be sure to always follow the rules of the law – these are all set in place for the safety of you and those around you.