"Mud-bogging" Leaves Lasting Scars

Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests & Prineville Bureau of Land Management



Thank you for your help!

Report illegal off-road use to Deschutes County Sheriff's Office at: 541-388-0170

Legally drive on a surface that won't be damaged

For
Off-Highway
Vehicle
Information
Call:
541-383-5300
or
383-4010(recording)
or
Visit our web site
at www.
fs.fed.us/r6/

centraloregon/

cohvops

or www.

treadlightly.org

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status. (Not all bases apply to all programs). Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave. S.W, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

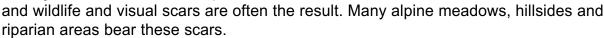
What is "Mud Bogging"?

It's when people take their motor vehicles off-road ILLEGALLY to do some "hill

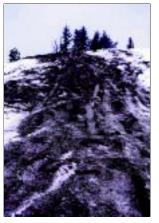
climbing," "mud-bogging," or "cutting some cookies." It may be an individual testing the limits of their new 4X4 or it may be a large group.

So what's the big deal?

This activity can cause significant, longlasting damage to public lands. Soil erosion, rutted and compacted soil, plants damaged or killed, harmful impacts to fish







When does this occur?

The most damage is done when the ground is soft. *It can get expensive and result in:*

- **★**injuries
- ★vehicle damage
- ★legal costs associated with tickets and going to court

Judges have ordered individuals to:

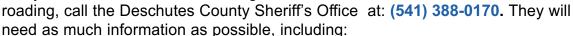
- ★pay fines
- ⋆pay restoration costs of the damaged area
- *perform community service

The maximum

sentence for these activities is \$5,000 and six months in jail plus additional restoration costs.

Help stop this damage

- ★Be a responsible Off-highway vehicle user
- ★Venture off-road only where it's legal
- ★When you come upon illegal off-roading or if you find evidence of recent illegal off-



- ★ Vehicle description (license numbers, color, make/model/year)
- * Number and description of people
- * Time, place and direction of travel
- ★ If you know someone who does this, you can inform them of the damage they are causing or report them.





Law enforcement patrols increase in vulnerable areas in an effort to stop people before they cause damage

