

6102.0050 OPERATIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Subpart 1. **Traffic control.** To control traffic on public lands, waters, and trails, all vehicle operators must comply with items A to G.

A. Signs posted by the department must be obeyed. Signs shall be posted when necessary and desirable to control, direct, or regulate the operation and use of a vehicle, or to protect natural resources or public safety. Signs may also be posted restricting access to certain areas.

B. One-way trails must be traveled in the direction indicated.

C. When on a trail treadway, an operator must stay on the right half of the treadway when meeting or being passed by another trail user.

D. When passing another trail user traveling in the same direction, an operator must pass on the left half of the treadway and may pass only when the left half is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit overtaking and passing to be completely made without interfering with the safety of any trail user.

E. Any trail user who is about to enter onto or cross a trail treadway shall yield the right-of-way to any trail user already on the treadway to be entered or crossed.

F. When two trail users are about to enter an otherwise unmarked treadway intersection from different treadways at approximately the same time, or are approaching an otherwise unmarked merger of two treadways from any two directions at approximately the same time, the trail user on the right shall have the right-of-way.

G. Trail users shall yield to nonmotorized trail users and shall shut off their vehicles when meeting a horse until the horse has passed or until waved on by the rider or driver of the horse.

Subp. 2. **Operation of vehicles.** It is unlawful on any public lands, waters, trails, or public road rights-of-way open for vehicle use for any person to drive or operate a vehicle in any of the following ways:

A. At a speed greater than is reasonable or proper under all of the surrounding circumstances or greater than the posted speed limit. When necessary, the commissioner may establish and post at reasonable intervals a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit for the operation of a vehicle along a specific portion of the trail or in areas under the commissioner's jurisdiction. The speed limit is effective when signs are erected and any operation of a vehicle within the posted portion of the trail or area in excess of the posted speed limit is unlawful.

The speed limit may be waived in writing by the commissioner for an organized race or similar competitive event held upon lands, waters, or trails under the jurisdiction of the commissioner.

B. Without a lighted headlamp and tail lamp when operated at night or during reduced visibility.

Subp. 3. **Regulations by governmental subdivisions.** Governmental subdivisions may, by ordinance, regulate the operation of a vehicle on public waters within their boundaries, provided the ordinance is approved by the commissioner and is not inconsistent with law or rule. An ordinance affecting vehicle use on public waters is not valid with respect to such action unless first submitted to the commissioner and approved in writing.

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