



**GENERAL PERMIT FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AND  
UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE USE ON GENERAL STATE LAND**

Amended October 20, 2023

**ISSUED:** October 20, 2023

**EXPIRES:** July 20, 2028

GENERAL PUBLIC

**This General Permit authorizes the use of All-Terrain Vehicle and Utility Terrain Vehicle on general state land.**

As provided in [11 AAC 96.025](#), vehicle use on general state land is subject to certain conditions. Conditions not provided for under these regulations require an authorization from the managing state agency for vehicle travel across state lands. Recent manufacturing developments in side by side Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs) and larger All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) have resulted in modern off-road vehicles exceeding the weight limits as outlined in Generally Allowed Uses (GAU). Pursuant to [AS 38.05.850](#), the Division of Mining, Land and Water has determined that the public interest would be served by issuing a General Permit (GP) authorizing use of ATVs and UTVs that exceed the GAU limits.

The permit authorizes the use of ATVs and UTVs on general state land provided they meet the following criteria:

- 80 inches or less in width<sup>1</sup>
- Having a curb weight<sup>2</sup> of 2,500 pounds or less
- Designed to travel on four or more non-highway tires<sup>3</sup>

This GP authorizes ATVs and UTVs to travel upon general state land without requiring a separate authorization as long the vehicle adheres to the criteria listed above. **Use of any motorized vehicle outside of the above criteria on state land requires an authorization from DNR.** Examples include heavy equipment, former highway vehicles now fitted for sole off-road use, former military vehicles exceeding 10,000 pounds of curb weight, or home-made vehicles. An authorization may be required from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Habitat Section for any motorized travel in fish-bearing water bodies or in a state refuge, sanctuary, or critical habitat area; or lands removed from general state land status such as a Special Use Area, Public Use Area, Legislative Designated Area, or other designated management area.

<sup>1</sup> Measured width shall be measured from vehicle edge to opposite vehicle edge of permanently attached equipment such as tires, fender flares, immovable mirrors, cargo racks, etc.

<sup>2</sup> For the purposes of this permit, the curb weight of a vehicle is the weight of a vehicles with a full tank of fuel and all fluids topped off, but with no one sitting inside or on the vehicle and no cargo loaded.

<sup>3</sup> Highway tires are defined by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with the Uniform Tire Quality Grading Standards, <https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/documents>.

**This permit is subject to the following conditions:**

- (1) activities employing ATVs and UTVs must be conducted in a manner that minimizes surface damage;
- (2) vehicles must use existing roads and trails whenever possible;
- (3) activities must be conducted in a manner that minimizes
  - (A) disturbance of vegetation, soil stability, or drainage systems;
  - (B) changing the character of, polluting, or introducing silt and sediment into streams, lakes, ponds, water holes, seeps, and marshes; and
  - (C) disturbance of fish and wildlife resources;

For the purpose of inspecting or monitoring compliance with any condition of this permit, the permittee shall give an authorized representative of the State free and unobstructed access, at safe and reasonable times, to confirm the weight, width, or registration status of the vehicle. The permittee shall furnish whatever assistance and information as the authorized representative reasonably requires for monitoring and inspection purposes.

In addition to the penalties provided by law, this permit may be terminated or revoked for use by the individual operator for failure to comply with its provisions or failure to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. The permittee shall indemnify, save harmless, and defend the department, its agents, and its employees from any and all claims, actions, or liabilities for injuries or damages sustained by any person or property arising directly or indirectly from permitted activities or your performance under this permit. However, this provision has no effect if, and only if, the sole proximate cause of the injury is the department's negligence.

**This permit does not apply to commercial operators.** Commercial operators who need to conduct equipment or vehicle cross-country travel must obtain an individual cross-country travel permit prior to commencement of operations. Please contact the appropriate regional office for permit application materials.

For assistance determining land status or for additional information, contact the Department of Natural Resources:

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Sincerely,



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