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To Whom it May Concern:

On July 21, 2023, the Off-Highway Vehicle Administrative Decision, serialized as ADL 234164, was issued with the purpose of establishing a state-wide General Permit (GP) to streamline the permitting process for use of off-road vehicles on DMLW managed lands. On October 20, 2023, ADL 234164 was amended to adjust the original criteria for allowable off-road vehicles, and to define several terms used in the decision.

After reconsideration, DMLW has decided to rescind both the Administrative Decision and associated Amendment effectively immediately. DMLW is rescinding this decision and will evaluate the process for issuing general permits including the public process.

Sincerely,

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GENERAL PERMIT FOR RECREATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE USE ON GENERAL STATE LAND

ISSUED: July 21, 2023
EXPIRES: July 20, 2028

GENERAL PUBLIC

This General Permit authorizes the use of Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles 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 (SxS) off-road vehicles has 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 vehicles that have been classified as Recreational Off-highway Vehicles (ROV). The DNR Fact Sheet Wheeled Vehicle Use on State Land categorizes size, weight, and use of these vehicles,

The Factsheet defines an ROV as any motorized vehicle:

- Unable to be lawfully registered for on-highway use
- 80 inches or less in width[1]
- Having a curb weight[2] of 2,500 pounds or less
- Designed to travel on four or more non-highway tires
- Manufactured for recreational use by one or more persons

This GP authorizes ROVs to travel upon general state land without requiring a separate authorization as long the vehicle adheres to the conditions set forth in the Wheeled Vehicle Use on State Land Fact Sheet. **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 Division for any motorized travel in fish-bearing water

[1] 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.
[2] 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.

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.

This permit is subject to the following conditions:

(1) activities employing ROVs 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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