

# ATV & SNOWMOBILE SIGNING

NCUTCD Regulatory & Warning Signs Technical Committee

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# Background

- **Multiple states allow All-Terrain Vehicles & Utility-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs & UTVs) to operate on public roads under certain circumstances**
  - **ATVs = 3 wheels, UTVs (aka “side-by-sides”) = 4 wheels**
  - **Gas-powered vehicles designed for rough terrain and can go up to 45 mph**
- **MUTCD does not address ATVs, except as a recreational symbol in Part 2M**



*Source: Wisconsin ATV Association (pulled from WisDOT website)*



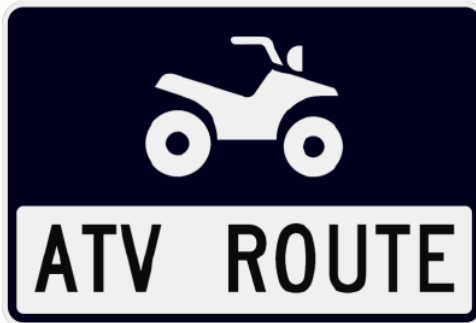
# Snowmobile Signing in MUTCD

- **ATVs and Snowmobiles (IMHO) have similar operational characteristics and signing needs**
  - Not proposing to address golf cart or other “weird vehicle” signs at this time
- **Current snowmobile signing in MUTCD**
  - Warning sign in Section 2C.50 (Non-Vehicular Warning Signs)
  - No regulatory or guide signing
- **NPA has proposed to add R9-15 “No Snowmobiles” sign**



# VDOT approach

- **Governed by §46.2-800.2 of Code of Virginia**
  - Limited to far southwestern VA (near KY/TN/WV borders)
  - Mostly limited to 25 mph roads, but some exceptions
  - Code requires VDOT to install warning signage
- **ATV signs used by VDOT**



36" x 24"  
(design copied from R3-17 "Bike Lane")



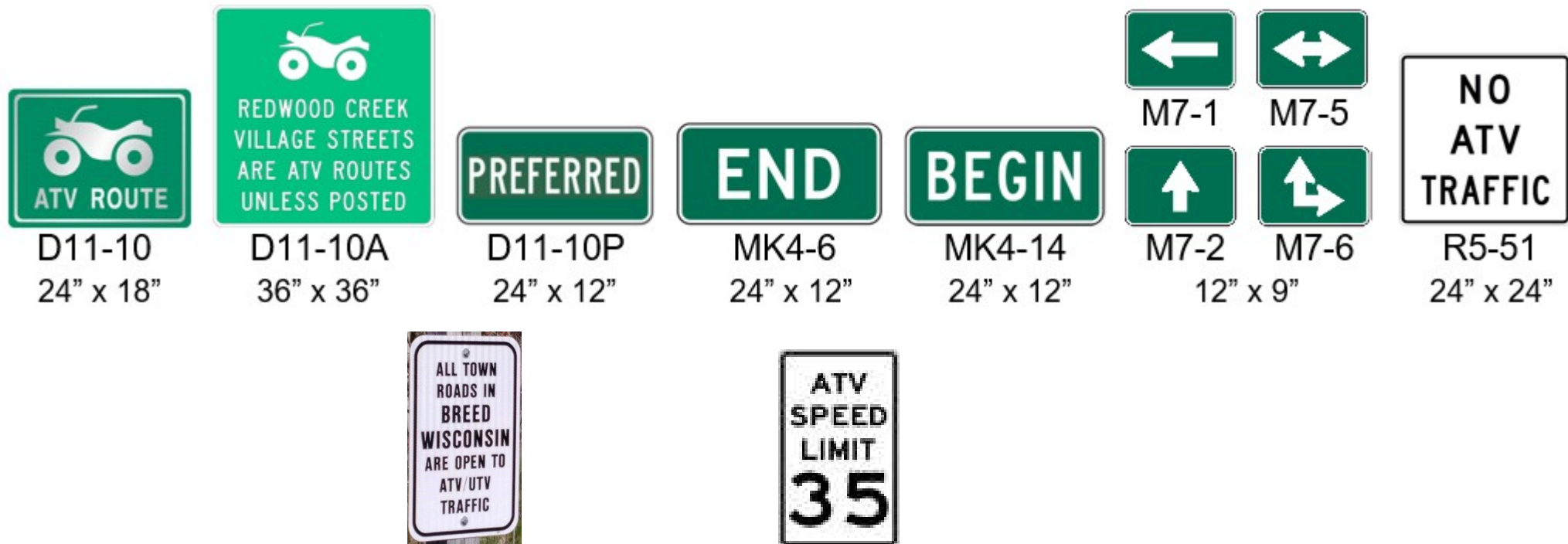
24" x 24"  
(design copied from R9-14 "No Equestrians")



36" x 36"  
(sign shall be yellow, not FYG)

# WisDOT approach

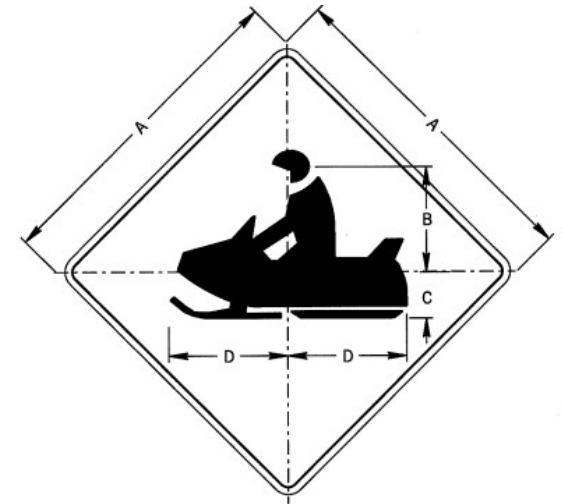
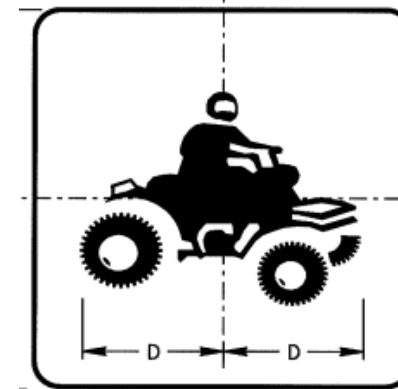
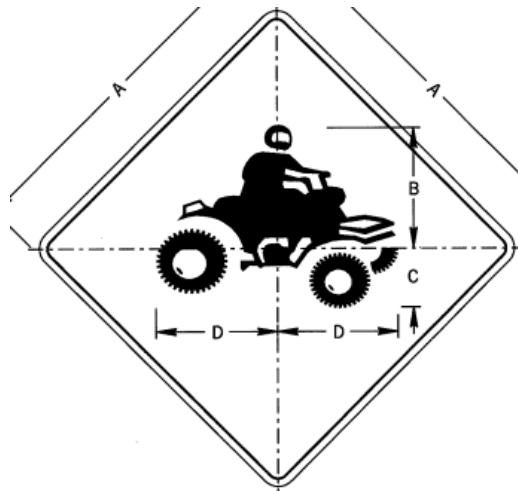
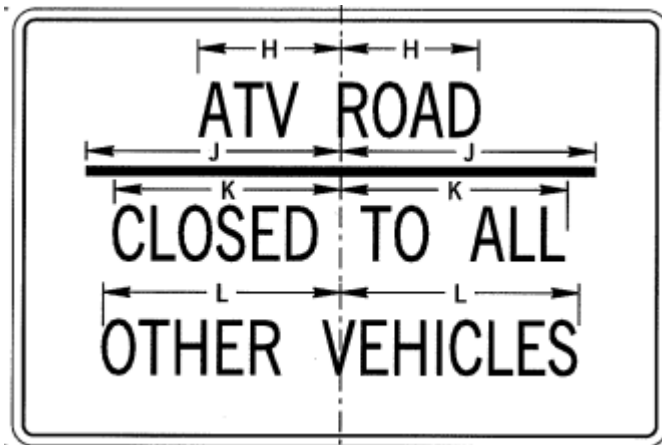
- See <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/real-estate/permits/atv-utv.aspx>



# PennDOT approach

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[https://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/pubsforms/Publications/PU B%20236M/Sign%20Index%20for%20Change%201%20%2011-13%20\(nomenclature\).pdf](https://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/pubsforms/Publications/PU B%20236M/Sign%20Index%20for%20Change%201%20%2011-13%20(nomenclature).pdf)



# Discussion

- **What are other states doing?**
- **Do we need to clarify that MUTCD does not apply to signage on unpaved ATV/snowmobile/etc. routes?**
- **Should a task force be established?**
  - **Establish a TF now, or defer action until after conclusion of NPA commenting period?**
  - **Include GMI and/or Edit Cmte. representative on task force?**



**THANKS!**



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