

State of New Hampshire

Department of Public Works and Highways

Crossing of Highways by Off-Highway
Recreational Vehicles (OHRV's)

Policy Procedure NO. 8

PURPOSE:

The purpose of these instructions is to outline departmental policy relative to the crossing of public highway systems by Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles. Such vehicles include snowmobiles, motor bikes, motorcycles, trail bikes, all terrain vehicles, including four-wheel drive vehicles or other motorized 2 or 3 wheeled trail type vehicles and track type vehicles. The further purpose is to indicate the requirements for approved crossing locations, signing and construction as may be required. The fundamental objectives are:

1. To provide maximum protection to highway traffic through the orderly control of the movements of OHRV's on to, from and across the highway systems of the State,
2. To provide a uniform means whereby OHRV's may be permitted to cross the State's highway systems and,
3. To provide a standard sign installation program to warn highway traffic that an approved OHRV crossing is ahead.

REFERENCES:

The following statutes are the basis for the policies developed herein:

1. Snow Traveling Vehicles Registration and Operation, RSA Chapter 269-B:13.
2. Prohibition of Certain Vehicles within Highway Rights-of-Way, RSA Chapter 249:52.
3. General, Extracts from Revised Statutes Annotated Pertaining to Highways, Bridges and other Related Statutes, Revised 1972.