

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER

SUBJECT: Policy on Use of Off-Road Vehicles and the Use of Snowmobiles on Project Lands, Frozen Ponds, Lakes and Streams

1. This is a Decision Document.
2. Purpose: Develop consistent guidance for the use of Off-Road Vehicles and Snowmobiles on Project Lands, Frozen Ponds, Lakes and Streams within New England District.
3. References:
 - a. Executive Order 11644 of February 8, 1972 as amended – Use of off-road vehicles on the public lands
 - b. Title 36, Chapter III, Part 327, Rules and Regulations Governing Public Use of Water Resources Development Projects Administered by the Chief of Engineers
 - c. Engineering Regulation ER 1130-2-550 Project Operations - Recreation Operations and Maintenance Policies
 - d. Engineering Pamphlet EP 1130-2-550 Project Operations - Recreation Operations and Maintenance Policies
 - e. Memorandum Dated 2 February 2010, CECW-CO (Michael G. Ensich) Subject: Sign Standards Program – Approval of New Danger/Thin Ice/Keep off Sign
 - f. EP 310-1-6a and 6b – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sign Standards Manual
4. This policy applies to all New England District Civil Works Reservoirs and the Cape Cod Canal. All previous issued guidance concerning the use of vehicles off-road on project lands, frozen ponds, lakes and streams is superseded by this guidance.
5. Title 36 CFR, Part 327, Section 327.2 states that the operation and/or parking of a vehicle off authorized roadways is prohibited except at locations and times designated by the District Commander. Vehicles include, but are not limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, mini-bikes, snowmobiles, dune buggies, all-terrain vehicles and trailers, campers, bicycles, or any other such equipment.

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ER 1130-2-550, Chapter 10 Section 10.2.a. (Policy) states that all lands and waters of civil works water resource projects *shall* be closed to recreational and commercial off-road vehicle use, except those areas and trails specifically designated by the District Commander.

6. The use of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles will be limited to authorized roadways and to designated and marked snowmobile or ATV trails. Their use on frozen lakes during the winter months is not authorized and the operation or parking of any vehicles on frozen waters is not allowed.

7. HQUSACE has issued guidance on the appropriate signs to be posted when needed for management, enforcement or educational purposes. The approved signage for posting of frozen water bodies is attached. Appropriate signs for ATV trails can be found in the Corps Sign Manual.

8. Any exceptions to this policy will need to be approved by the District Commander. All request should be routed through this office and include a description of the activity being proposed and stating the locations and times requested. Copies of designated trail maps should be posted at the project and copies provided to this office.

9. This policy also applies to leased or out-granted lands. Please insure that all lessees are made aware of this policy and comply with our regulations for use of Federal property.



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Concur AM Non-Concur _____ Chief, Safety Office

Date: 3/4/10 Signature Shelle Carney

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Date: 2/4/10 Signature Paul Kelly

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Concur Non-Concur District Counsel

Date: 3/4/10 Signature 


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1. Proposed Policy on Use of Off-Road Vehicles and the Use of Snowmobiles on Project Lands, Frozen Ponds, Lakes and Streams is:

Approved Disapproved


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Commanding