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A change of rules to increase the use of rented campsites:

Background:

- >In 1983 we bought two 3-wheelers.
- >The state of NM had a program where the classification of ATVs could be changed by upgrading them to motorcycles, by adding on road features such as a speedometer, horn and brake lights plus insurance.
- >Go to NM Department of Game and Fish to view all the City and County ordinances: <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/ohv/ohv-laws-and-rules/>
- >for the next 40 years we rode them as regular motorcycles following all motorcycle laws including insurance.
- >In State parks we could ride on the beach or roads just like street legal dirt bikes...perfectly logical.
- >State Parks already, by law, allow street legal dirt bikes in any area cars are allowed.

The problems that have occurred over time:

- >Times changed and the ATVs became symbols of misuse.
- > The ATV was considered **bad, not the operator.**
- > No one has seen an ATV break any law, it was always the person operating it who was responsible, not the ATV.
- >This is a great example of hate and bigotry that continues today by antiquated State Park rules.
- >The bigots could no longer pick on Jeeps and motorcycles but they could show their discriminatory hate by singling out ATVs (and not the operator).

Much has changed since the 1960s.

- >New Mexico has a very good set of laws regarding ATVs and their operators.
- > State law puts the responsibility on the parents for younger riders.
- >Many cities and counties allow ATVs and UTVs on the road by common sense laws.
- >State parks are surrounded by roads that ATVs and UTVs can ride on.
- >State Parks have staff including Certified Law enforcement Rangers to enforce rules and laws.
- > We can already ride our street legal ATVs into any park and on any road. We will of course get harassed by those who do not know the law and those who are natural bigots.

Thoughts on logical changes:

> It is a good time for the State Parks to welcome their campers with insured ATVs into State Parks with access to our public lands by a set of rules that might be unique for each park.

>To ride at least to and from their associated RV in its rented space and the Public lands or legal roads.

>This is already how private RV parks have operated for decades.

>Private RV Parks do not have Law Enforcement on duty, people tend to do well. Violators can be ejected.

>This would increase users and contribute to good citizenship by all parties.

In summary:

It is a good time to accommodate your customers with logical rules of access to your developed and for rent campsites.

Thank you, for your considerations on this topic.

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