



Please vote YES on HB15-1054

Safe Use of Off-Highway Vehicles on County Roads

Sponsor: Rep. Brown

HB15-1054 is the result of a months-long stakeholder process in Western Colorado to establish standards on the safe use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) on county roads. This process included CCI, the county sheriffs, the off-highway vehicle coalition and Club 20.

HB15-1054 does the following:

- Establishes a state standard that all OHV users on county roads must have a driver's license and proof of insurance, but permits counties to allow younger users at their discretion.
- Improves the titling program for OHVs and establishes a license plate program.
- Retains the agricultural exemption for OHV use on county roads.
- Allows counties to retain control of their roads and decide where OHV access is appropriate.
- Increases OHV safety by:
 - Requiring that OHV users obey rules of the road
 - Mandating that helmets and eyewear be worn by riders under 18 years of age
 - Mandating that OHV users not exceed 40 mph
 - Mandating certain safety features (headlights, taillights, etc.) on OHVs
- Retains Division of Parks and Wildlife sticker and OHV trails program funding.

Please note that this bill does **not** apply to OHV off-road and trail use. Those are still governed by the various state and federal agencies. Current state law allows 10-year olds to operate OHVs throughout the state. This bill requires a driver's license on county roads unless a county opts to allow younger operators. Under current statute counties currently cannot require operators to have driver's licenses.

We ask for your YES vote on HB15-1054

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