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1 AN ACT Relating to outdoor recreation programs; and amending RCW
2 46.09.020, 46.09.170, and 46.09.280.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.09.020 and 1986 c 206 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 ~~((As used in this chapter the following words and phrases have the~~
7 ~~designated meanings unless a different meaning is expressly provided or~~
8 ~~the context otherwise clearly indicates:))~~ The definitions in this
9 section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly
10 requires otherwise.

11 (1) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, association,
12 or corporation.

13 (2)(a) "Nonhighway vehicle" means any motorized vehicle when used
14 for recreation travel on trails and nonhighway roads or for recreation
15 cross-country travel on any one of the following or a combination
16 thereof: Land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, and other natural
17 terrain. Such vehicles include but are not limited to, off-road
18 vehicles, two, three, or four-wheel vehicles, motorcycles, four-wheel

1 drive vehicles, dune buggies, amphibious vehicles, ground effects or
2 air cushion vehicles, and any other means of land transportation
3 deriving motive power from any source other than muscle or wind.

4 (b) Nonhighway vehicle does not include:

5 ~~((1))~~ (i) Any vehicle designed primarily for travel on, over, or
6 in the water;

7 ~~((2))~~ (ii) Snowmobiles or any military vehicles; or

8 ~~((3))~~ (iii) Any vehicle eligible for a motor vehicle fuel tax
9 exemption or rebate under chapter 82.36 RCW while an exemption or
10 rebate is claimed. This exemption includes but is not limited to farm,
11 construction, and logging vehicles.

12 (3) "Off-road vehicle" or "ORV" means any nonhighway vehicle when
13 used for cross-country travel on trails or on any one of the following
14 or a combination thereof: Land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland and
15 other natural terrain.

16 (4) "ORV use permit" means a permit issued for operation of an off-
17 road vehicle under this chapter.

18 (5) "ORV trail" means a multiple-use corridor designated and
19 maintained for recreational travel by off-road vehicles that is not
20 normally suitable for travel by conventional two-wheel drive vehicles
21 and is posted or designated by the managing authority of the property
22 that the trail traverses as permitting ORV travel.

23 (6) "ORV use area" means the entire area of a parcel of land except
24 for camping and approved buffer areas that is posted or designated for
25 ORV use in accordance with rules adopted by the managing authority.

26 (7) "ORV recreation facility" includes ORV trails and ORV use
27 areas.

28 (8) "Owner" means the person other than the lienholder, having an
29 interest in or title to a nonhighway vehicle, and entitled to the use
30 or possession thereof.

31 (9) "Operator" means each person who operates, or is in physical
32 control of, any nonhighway vehicle.

33 (10) "Dealer" means a person, partnership, association, or
34 corporation engaged in the business of selling off-road vehicles at
35 wholesale or retail in this state.

36 (11) "Department" means the department of licensing.

37 (12) "Hunt" means any effort to kill, injure, capture, or purposely
38 disturb a wild animal or wild bird.

1 (13) "Nonhighway road" means any road owned or managed by a public
2 agency, or any private road for which the owner has granted a permanent
3 easement for public use of the road, other than a highway generally
4 capable of travel by a conventional two-wheel drive passenger
5 automobile during most of the year and in use by such vehicles and that
6 is not built or maintained with appropriations from the motor vehicle
7 fund.

8 (14) "Nonhighway road recreation facilities" means recreational
9 trails and facilities that are accessed by nonhighway roads and are
10 intended solely for nonmotorized recreational uses.

11 (15) "Highway," for the purpose of this chapter only, means the
12 entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly
13 maintained by the state department of transportation or any county or
14 city when any part thereof is generally open to the use of the public
15 for purposes of vehicular travel as a matter of right.

16 (16) "Organized competitive event" means any competition,
17 advertised in advance through written notice to organized clubs or
18 published in local newspapers, sponsored by recognized clubs, and
19 conducted at a predetermined time and place.

20 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.09.170 and 1995 c 166 s 9 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 (1) From time to time, but at least once each year, the state
23 treasurer shall refund from the motor vehicle fund one percent of the
24 motor vehicle fuel tax revenues collected under chapter 82.36 RCW,
25 based on the tax rate in effect January 1, 1990, less proper deductions
26 for refunds and costs of collection as provided in RCW 46.68.090. The
27 treasurer shall place these funds in the general fund as follows:

28 (a) Forty percent shall be credited to the ORV and nonhighway
29 vehicle account and administered by the department of natural resources
30 solely for planning, maintenance, and management of ORV recreation
31 facilities, nonhighway roads, and nonhighway road recreation
32 facilities. The funds under this subsection shall be expended in
33 accordance with the following limitations:

34 (i) Not more than five percent may be expended for information
35 programs under this chapter;

36 (ii) Not less than (~~ten~~) thirty percent and not more than fifty
37 percent may be expended for ORV recreation facilities;

1 (iii) Not more than twenty-five percent may be expended for
2 maintenance of nonhighway roads;

3 (iv) Not more than fifty percent may be expended for nonhighway
4 road recreation facilities;

5 (v) Ten percent shall be transferred to the interagency committee
6 for outdoor recreation for grants to law enforcement agencies in those
7 counties where the department of natural resources maintains ORV
8 facilities. This amount is in addition to those distributions made by
9 the interagency committee for outdoor recreation under (d)(i) of this
10 subsection;

11 (b) Three and one-half percent shall be credited to the ORV and
12 nonhighway vehicle account and administered by the department of fish
13 and wildlife solely for the acquisition, planning, development,
14 maintenance, and management of nonhighway roads and recreation
15 facilities;

16 (c) (~~Two~~) Four percent shall be credited to the ORV and
17 nonhighway vehicle account and administered by the parks and recreation
18 commission solely for the maintenance and management of ORV use areas
19 and facilities and nonhighway road recreation projects including but
20 not limited to campgrounds, restrooms, interpretive facilities, and
21 signage; and

22 (d) (~~Fifty-four~~) Fifty-two and one-half percent, together with
23 the funds received by the interagency committee for outdoor recreation
24 under RCW 46.09.110, shall be credited to the nonhighway and off-road
25 vehicle activities program account to be administered by the committee
26 for planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, and management of
27 ORV recreation facilities and nonhighway road recreation facilities;
28 ORV user education and information; and ORV law enforcement programs.
29 The funds under this subsection shall be expended in accordance with
30 the following limitations:

31 (i) (~~Not more than twenty~~) Fifty percent (~~may~~) must be expended
32 on multiuse facilities consistent with the results of the fuel use
33 study required in subsection (3) of this section for state and federal
34 nonhighway road recreation projects or nonhighway and ORV education,
35 information, and law enforcement programs under this chapter. For the
36 purposes of this subsection, nonhighway road recreation projects
37 include, but are not limited to, campgrounds, restrooms, interpretive
38 facilities, signage, and building maintenance;

1 (ii) Of the amount not expended in (d)(i) of this subsection not
2 less than an amount equal to the funds received by the interagency
3 committee for outdoor recreation under RCW 46.09.110 and not more than
4 sixty percent may be expended for ORV recreation facilities;

5 (iii) Of the amount not expended in (d)(i) of this subsection not
6 more than (~~twenty~~) sixty percent may be expended for nonhighway road
7 recreation facilities.

8 (2) On a yearly basis an agency may not, except as provided in RCW
9 46.09.110, expend more than ten percent of the funds it receives under
10 this chapter for general administration expenses incurred in carrying
11 out this chapter.

12 (3) Beginning January 1, 2007, and updated every four years
13 thereafter, the interagency committee for outdoor recreation shall
14 contract with an independent entity to study the source and make
15 recommendations on the distribution and use of funds provided to off-
16 road vehicle and nonhighway road recreational activities under this
17 section. The study must determine the relative portion of the motor
18 vehicle fuel tax revenues that are attributable to vehicles operating
19 off-road or on nonhighway roads for recreational purposes as provided
20 in this section. The study must include the types of vehicles and
21 location of their use, the types of recreational activities, the types
22 of recreational facilities used, and the recreational use of forest
23 roads relative to other, nonrecreational uses.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.09.280 and 1986 c 206 s 13 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 The interagency committee for outdoor recreation shall establish
27 (~~(a committee of nonhighway road recreationists, including~~
28 ~~representatives of organized ORV groups,)~~) the nonhighway and off-road
29 vehicle advisory committee to provide advice regarding the
30 administration of this chapter. The nonhighway and off-road vehicle
31 advisory committee consists of a proportional representation of persons
32 with recreational experience in areas identified in the most recent
33 fuel use study as required by RCW 46.09.170(3). Only representatives
34 of organized ORV groups may be voting members of the committee with
35 respect to expenditure of funds received under RCW 46.09.110.

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