

Off Road Vehicles

Problems

- Areas of high conservation value to us tend to be areas of preference for ORV's
- It is an increasing problem
- There are not sufficient powers for Rangers in enforcement or prosecution of ORV drivers
- People are not walking or riding horses in some areas because of increased numbers of ORV's
- There are potential insurance problems if ORV's are designated an area to use
- DEC will have potential liability problems in the future as a result of ORV use

Solutions

- Registration and licensing of ORV's at the place of purchase
- Third party insurance for ORV's when purchased and an annual registration
- New license requirements similar to that of the skippers ticket for boaters. This should include age restrictions
- Regulations on the safety and design of ORV's to reduce the number of cheap, unsafe imported ORV's.
- Get the media on side to show the damage caused by ORV's – dieback spread, erosion, safety issues etc
- Provide somewhere else for ORV's to go
- Local Government cooperation is required in order to formalize a uniform approach
- There should be a waiver on liability for Local Governments when they provide a designated ORV area
- It is time to get tough to stem the number of deaths and injuries, let alone reduce the environmental impacts.

PVS Workshop 2008

Feedback and Suggestions

- Keep the PVS Workshop regional in 2008
- Field visits are a good idea
- Break up the presentations, eg outside presenters, different presentation styles etc
- Ask for suggestions for outside speakers prior to the conference
- The outside presentation by Enviroplus was worthwhile and other outside presentations should be encouraged
- Presentations by the various Districts on progress, perhaps in the form of posters using photos and dot points
- Ensure all areas within PVS are at the Workshop
- A possible presentation topic could be feral animals
- One of the benefits of regional workshops is that people are more likely to stay for the whole day rather than individual sessions. This enables a broad understanding of diverse areas within the PVS Division