



*We are a family organization and welcome social interactions among all our members. Riders of all ages are welcome to join us. We are a growing, vibrant organization of almost 400*

## MAGIC VALLEY ATV RIDERS, INC.

### QUAD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY 1, 2014

### MAY CLUB MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Idaho Pizza Company

1859 Kimberly Road

Twin Falls, Idaho

**Dinner at 6:00pm Meeting at 7:00pm**

#### ATTENTION ALL LADIES!

*There will be door prizes in honor of Mother's Day so don't miss this meeting!*

*The meeting speaker will be Steve Frost, Recreation Planner for the Fairfield Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest. He will discuss the two fires that affected his district last year and how that will impact our club.*

More inside!

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*Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.*

### Please Welcome our New Members

Kerry & Diane Stimpson

David Grosshans

Ted & Linda Reese

John & AJ Whitecotton

John & Heidi Bishop

Brian Thomas &

Lois Glenn

## PAST CLUB RIDES

### Minidoka National Historic Site – Wilson Butte Cave – Dietrich Ride April 12, 2014



Plan a ride and they will come... It is with great pleasure that I thank everyone who attended this ride. The planning began late last summer and I worked on it most of the winter, trying to find the most scenic and shortest route possible across the desert. The smiles, thank you's, and the thumbs up at the end was a sense of relief for me.

The morning started out a bit cool, overcast, and with a great sunrise. Of the 61 riders who RSVP, 58 showed up and participated. We were able to fit all the rigs in the parking area thanks to Eldon and Jan Grosshans who cleared the pile of lumber out of our way. And another thanks to those who grabbed a garbage bag and cleared the borrow pit of bottles and trash so we could ride to our first highway crossing without getting a flat tire.

After a short safety briefing we started the ride on schedule. We traversed the desert lands, scattering jack rabbits, deer, and antelope out of their hiding places along our way towards Goose Lake. This lake was formed by an ancient lava flow and eroded farmland. From the lake we travelled across the desert to a natural depression which was 30-40 feet deep. Not sure if it was formed by a collapsed lava tube or not. We ventured on across the desert to the Jerome canal then on to the Minidoka National Historic Site.

At the historic site, National Park Service Ranger, Kary W. Goetz greeted us and tagged everyone with a numbered tag, just like the Internees when they were told of their fate to travel to the camp. After a brief mingle amongst the club riders, Ranger Goetz gave an informative talk about the Minidoka Internment Camp and invited everyone to return to the site and take the walking tour or visit the Park Service Headquarters in Hagerman, Idaho. There you can learn more and see a display of what a room at the internment camp looked like.

Beep, Beep, Beep...load up and let's ride. Back on the machines we started meandering our way along the canal bank. We rode along the canal bank as the water rippled through the canal and ducks took flight as we got close. A lone coyote trotted across the open field as we were riding along. As pioneers on ATVs, we caravanned across the desert, bouncing over ruts and rocks and encased in swirling dust from our machines. Mounds of rock piles stood against the banks of the Gooding/Milner canal.

Onward we rode and then stopped at Wilson Butte Cave, where members explored the cave. The cave was a welcomed shelter from the wind and dust. A short break, then back on the trail headed for the Eagles Nest in Dietrich for lunch. Outside of Dietrich a ways, we gathered everyone and then continued on to our destination following the Union Pacific Rail Road tracks.

After a longer than expected lunch break, we were loaded and headed back towards our starting point. Due to the extended time spent for lunch we took a shorter route back. We snaked back along the canal banks and through the desert. Speaking of snakes, we riled a bull snake along the way that got a little agitated and struck at the tires as we crossed his path over the rocks.

Back at the staging area, loading up and saying our good byes, we had to smile. What a great day we had with friends riding ATVs on a new trail. Thank you to all that assisted with traffic control, getting us all across the major highways safely and to everyone that participated on this ride. Until we meet again on the trails...

## PAST CLUB RIDES

### Gooding City of Rocks

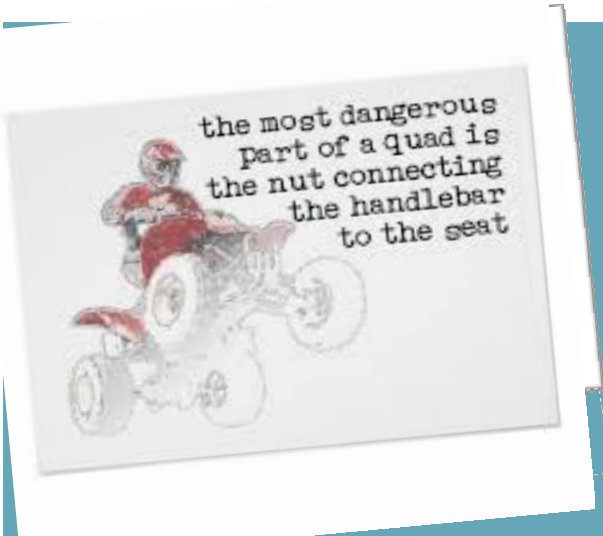
April 5

Eighteen machines unloaded near Highway 26 between Gooding and Bliss for the ride on Saturday, April 5th.

Jerry Duffy led the way, with Stan bringing up the rear (that's about all he is good for). Rain on the day before made for very good conditions- almost no dust until late in the afternoon. The ride started in the low country with high sagebrush, a few rocks and a neat canyon alongside. As the day progressed we headed for higher country, crossed some water along the way, and rode on a few rocks. By midday we were in the City of Rocks with its fascinating rock formations and great scenery. We had lunch among some very large rock formations. After lunch we continued through the City of Rocks and over rocks eventually heading for lower country. We passed by Bray Lake and then made a stop at Tea Pot Cave. Many folks made the trip into the unique cave. From there it was time to head back to the rigs and the lower country.

This was a great 67 mile ride. The lack of dust, some technical riding, and good folks made for a really fun day. Thanks for joining us.

Jerry and Stan



## MVATVR DISCLAIMER

All members and guests please read:  
I / we fully understand that ATV activities involve risks and dangers of serious injury up to and including death. I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages I may incur as a result of my participation in the activity. Rides are open to current MVATVR members and invited guests.

## UPCOMING RIDES IN MAY



### **North Rim Cleanup**

**Saturday, May 10**

Drive just North of the Perrine Bridge. After crossing the Perrine bridge going north on Highway 93 take right at the new stop light and we will be at the first parking area as you turn off Hwy. 93. We will be working with the local jeep club and other folks to clean up all trash that has accumulated over the past year. And yes, there is a lot of trash!

There are some folks who would like to turn this area into a non-motorized area. It is very important that we show the public that we care enough about this area to spend a day cleaning up. This is a very popular OHV use area and the closest riding area to Twin Falls. The Jerome County Commissioners and BLM personnel will be on hand.

**Start time is 8:00 AM. Doughnuts will be served.**

It will probably take until early afternoon to finish the project. Do not feel that you have to stay the whole time; whatever you can do will be appreciated.

**Pizza will be furnished for lunch at noon.**

Garbage bags will be provided by BLM and loaders will be on sight. All participants must wear long pants, have leather gloves, and be over 16 years of age. No open-toed shoes. These requirements are for your safety. There will be 2 large loaders and 2 dump trucks available. If you have a dump truck that you would like to bring that would be great.

If you can bring your ATV that would be helpful, but is not required. If you have a trailer you can pull behind your ATV, that too would be helpful in transporting trash to the loaders.

Please plan for any kind of weather. Bring water, sunscreen, and rain gear. Bring your smile. There is a good possibility the news media will be there so lets have a good turnout. In the past we have had the most participants and it would be great if it happened again. It is important that we participate to help keep this area open to OHV use.

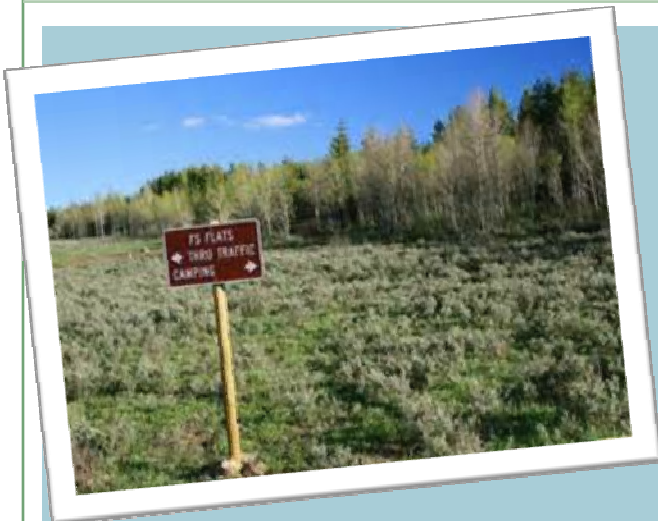


### **FS Flats Work Day & Ride**

Please mark your calendars for a work party in the South Hills in June.

We will be helping the Forest Service on **Saturday, June 7** and doing a club ride on **Sunday, June 8**.

More information to follow in the June newsletter.



## **MVATVR CLUB RULES & GUIDELINES**

The Magic Valley ATV Riders (MVATVR), Inc. would appreciate you being considerate of others and observing the following rules/guidelines while participating in club activities. Obviously, any actions that are unlawful or unsafe are prohibited.

1. Pets should be kept on a leash of no longer than 6 feet during any rides, campouts or other MVATVR events. Please be a responsible pet owner and respect the rights of others.
2. Idaho State Law states that being under the influence and/or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs while operating an OHV is illegal and therefor will not be tolerated by MVATVR, Inc.
3. Generator use should be with consideration for others in camp and a recommended quiet time from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM needs to be observed.
4. By operating your machine in a safe responsible manner, waiting at intersections and corners, you can insure that fellow riders will not be left behind and everyone will have an enjoyable ride.
5. Being a responsible member means, abiding by state motorized laws and obeying regulations for the area you are riding in not disturbing wildlife



### **CAMPOUT POTLUCKS**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE THERE TO BE A POTLUCK DINNER AT A CLUB CAMPOUT, IT MUST BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWSLETTER PRIOR TO THE CAMPOUT SO EVERYONE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE AND COME PREPARED.

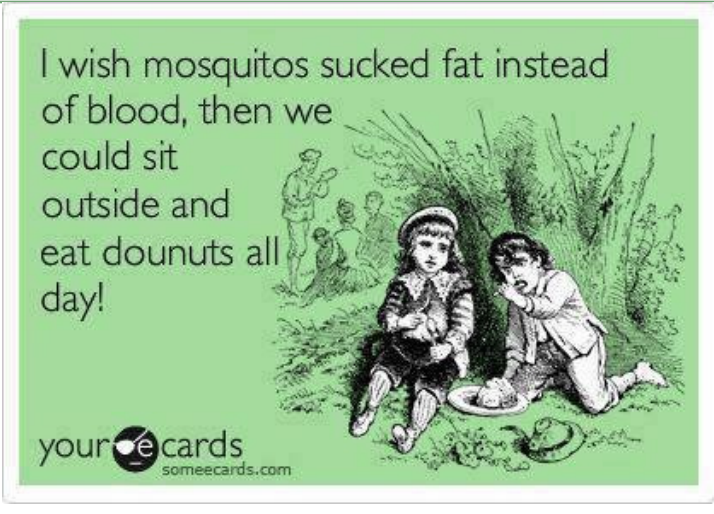
CONTACT THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR TO ANNOUNCE YOUR POTLUCK



If you would like to buy a brand new orange MVATVR ATV flag for your ride, there are still a few available.  
Call Robert Leitch 539-6066  
Price \$20 each



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## GPS Emergency Beacons

Consider this; you are out riding your ATV, motorcycle, hiking or driving and suddenly you or someone with you becomes injured or very ill and in need of medical attention. You are out of cell phone range and time is of essence. Do you try and ride to a place that might have cell phone service or to the nearest phone? In such a position, a GPS emergency beacon could mean the difference between a short/long term recoveries or possibly between life/death.

The website "Outdoor Gear Lab," conducted a comparison of five devices that will hopefully answer any questions you may have if a GPS emergency beacon is something you may want to keep on hand. They took some of the best and most popular emergency electronic devices and used them side-by-side for six months. Their mission: to find out what is the best for telling your family and friends you are okay and which is best for sending out an SOS signal. They tested one "PLB" (Personal Locator Beach) and three "SEND" (Satellite Emergency Notification Devices) type GPS emergency beacons.

Are you interested? If so, please click on the GPS Emergency Beacons link under the "Hot Topics" section on the MVATVR website to learn which emergency devices they rated as "BEST" to carry on your next outdoor adventure.



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## FRANKS CORNER

### WHERE ARE WE GOING IN 2014?

## National Forest Now Supports MVUM for Tablets and Cell Phones

During the December Technology Seminar, we discussed the use of tablet and cell phone devices equipped with a program called Avenza. If you would find it useful to have a larger screen representation of a motor vehicle use map (MVUM), or to have all your favorite MVUM stored in one easy to view location, a tablet/cell phone may be the solution you're looking for.

PDF Maps is a mobile map application that enables you to download specific maps to your mobile device for offline use. Using your device's built-in GPS, you can then track your exact location on the map, plot and record information about locations, as well as import and export saved placemarks.

It would appear that the Sawtooth and Boise National Forest's also feel that there visitors would benefit from this new technology. They have recently given their support for the Avenza app. These maps are now available (as a free download) for your GPS enabled mobile device from the **Avenza Map Store**. Need more information? Track down Frank Stone the next time you see him and ask him all about it.

Are you wondering where the MVATVR will be going this year? The 2014 Ride Schedule has been posted in the MVATVR [Photo Gallery](#) & [Members WebPages](#). The events shown in the Photo Gallery are in the same sequence they are listed to occur. Those events shown in "BOLD" type have been already completed and their pictures are ready for viewing. If you hover your mouse over the name of each event, you will see a red circle highlighting the location of that ride. These locations are just an approximation of the general area where the event will take place. As the ride leader for each event sends out the ride announcement (via email or on the MVATVR Forum), a more detailed explanation will be provided on where the actual starting point will be located. For more information regarding the "scheduled dates" for each ride, please check the link provided in the "[Members Only Section](#)." You may also want to review the [Ride Level](#) difficulty ratings to help insure a fun and safe adventure.

**Good friends don't  
let you do stupid  
things . . . alone**





## **SAFETY CORNER**

### ***Safety Topics- Article 2***

By: Kent Oliver

MVATVR Ride Coordinator

Before I begin this article I want to make some comments on a few conversations I have heard regarding safety. In the 30 plus years of my law enforcement career one thing holds true. Many people get from point 'A' to point 'B' by the grace of their maker and not by their safe driving. Let's face it we have so many distractions today that paying 100% attention to ones driving becomes very difficult. Let me just name a few, GPS Units, radios, dust, wind, fogging glasses/goggles, backseat drivers, etc. (not Lorrie) It is easy to get used to doing something and take it for granted without thinking it through. Think about it, how many of you start up a set of stairs and trip. I hope that by reading these articles many of you will be safer, be more aware of your driving, and enjoy you're riding.

In this article I want to discuss one topic that seems to cause issues with other shared users of our public lands. Before I get to considerations when meeting other shared users I want discuss some safety thoughts. The topic is "Passing". Here is a very good example where a basic maneuver could result in catastrophic consequences.

As we ride the trails and roads we meet other shared users. In many of these encounters there is never a problem. The trail or road is wide enough for the passing maneuver to be made with no thought about how, where, or when. We just pass by each other and continue on our way. So what is the big issue? Well think for a moment. The last time you passed another motorized user how much dust did you have to contend with? In our recent Dietrich ride, we were fortunate enough to not encounter other users. But, for those in our group who were already dealing with the dust how easy would it have been for them to have seen another user approaching or what kind of obstacles were present to have to negotiate to safely pass.

When passing shared users in the same direction consider slowing down and take a moment to observe the trail or road ahead. The user you are about to pass may have slowed to avoid an obstacle, maybe slowing to improve the following distance with another user, or even making it easier and safer for you to pass. Prior to passing make sure the other rider knows your intentions and thinks ahead. The last thing you want to do is start a pass only to have the user you planned to pass turn in front of you. Another thought to consider is how much dust your speed is going to create as you pass. As the ride coordinator I am asking you to consider waiting for the next rest stop to get ahead of that user.



## Safety Topics- Article 2- continued

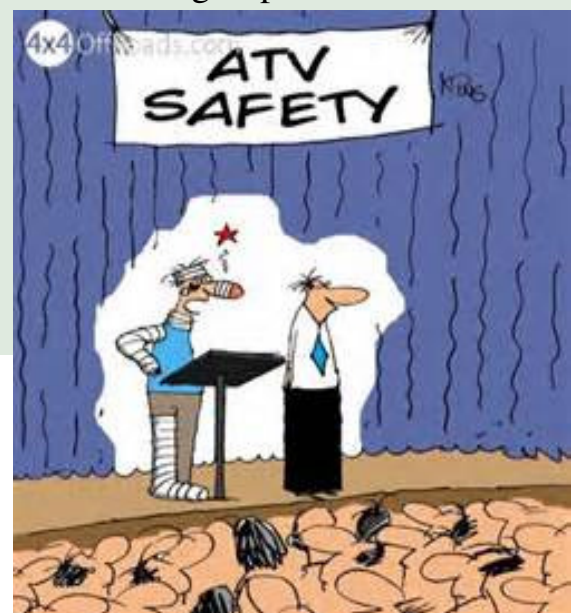
When meeting and passing shared users going in the opposite direction again consider slowing down and take a moment to observe the trail or road ahead. By doing this you will be able to observe potential hazards and best place for the maneuver. Hazards to consider, but not limited to, are rocks alongside the trail/road edges, ruts, and dust. By doing this you can greatly reduce the chances of colliding head-on with the other user. Whenever possible remember to yield to uphill traffic. The trail designs in many areas do make this difficult at times and when riding in a group other riders should consider opening their following distance so passing can be easier. The lead rider should also consider letting the other user know there are other riders behind them. This made it safer for our club on our Lake Channel ride. We met other larger vehicles who elected to pull to the side of the road and allow us to pass by.

Now I want to comment on what should be considered when meeting other shared users. Especially when meeting hikers, bicycle riders, and horseback riders stop and turn off your engine. Let them pass by. In a few minutes they will be down the trail or road. By stopping reduces the chances of dusting them or startling a horse causing it to buck off the rider.

One more item for consideration when encountering horseback riders is to consider removing your helmet as well as turning off your engine. By removing your helmet can allow the horse to recognize you as a human being. If a horse is not sure about you, you might see one or more of these characteristics, raised head, pointed ears, constant stare at you or your group, side stepping away from you, hesitant to follow the riders command, only to name a few.

When meeting other users acknowledge them. By waving, smiling, and greeting them in a friendly manner we can promote a positive encounter with our group and other users. Remember, "Sometimes we may not always be happy to share our public land with other users, but cooperation, respect and tolerance are the foundations that make it possible for all users to coexist in a harmonious shared environment."

Be safe, see you on the trail.



**"This is Kent's second speech on ATV safety. I missed the first."**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I love to watch someone do their job that is really great at what they do.

Those of you who were able to attend the MVATVR meeting at Action Cycles n Sleds had the opportunity to do just that. Sandra Mitchell our guest speaker is that person. Yes, Sandra gets paid to lobby for our interests both at Boise and Washington DC. It is money well spent. I have been to every club meeting that MVATVR has ever had. It was pure joy to watch all of you sit in complete silence with total focus on what Sandra was saying.

Thank you for caring enough to attend, and thank you for caring enough about the future of our sport to give Sandra your complete attention.

The subject of Sandra's talk was the possible change in the Boulder White Clouds from Sawtooth Recreation Area to National Monument status.

At his time it is unknown what will happen. Political winds are known to change directions many times in a short period of time. . My preference would be for the management to stay as is. The SNRA has been in existence for 42 years and has accomplished what it was supposed to do. Provide a recreation experience for all while protecting the land.

Since the day the SNRA was created some folks have been upset that all users have been able experience this magnificent area. They feel that only non mechanized, non motorized use is appropriate in this area. We of course disagree. Some folks are hoping that by designating this as a National Monument they can eliminate motorized use. Just because it is a designated National Monument does not mean that it automatically becomes non motorized. The Idaho Recreation Council with the help of David Claiborne, president of the Idaho ATV Association have developed a strategy that would insure that what is open now to motorized would stay open to motorized if the eventual outcome is designated National Monument.

[http://www.mvatvr.org/documents/Boulder\\_White\\_Clouds\\_Monument.pdf](http://www.mvatvr.org/documents/Boulder_White_Clouds_Monument.pdf)

We must be prepared to do what we can to insure that whatever path the politicians in Washington DC take we will not lose our access to the area.

I do not feel anything is going to happen quickly. Mid term elections are coming in November and it is unlikely any elected official will do anything between now and then that would hurt their chances at reelection.

There was a suggestion made at the meeting that we pass the hat and ask the membership to help monetarily with our cause. I thank you for the suggestion and your willingness to help. I do however feel it is a little early to be putting money out there when we do not know where all this is heading. When the time gets closer and the direction this proposal is taking is clearer we may need to ask you to help. We do have a reserve in our treasury for just this purpose. It may not be enough. I am confident that if and when the time comes this club will do everything it can to insure our public land stays open to the public.

Thank you for caring, and thank you for your willingness to help, stay tuned.

Stan Mai, President

# The Last Page

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**Some pictures from last months activities  
View all the pictures on the MVATVR Website**

## *Bliss:*



## *Dietrich:*



**Application For Membership**  
**Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc.**  
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Spouse (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like to receive your newsletter by E-Mail? Yes No (email saves postage costs)

What type of riding and other activities do you enjoy? \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you be interested in committee or board member positions? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: (Circle One) New Yearly Renewal

(Membership Year is January to January. New memberships received after July 31st will be half rate. If received after November 1<sup>st</sup> it will be credited toward the next year.)

(Circle One) Individual: \$20.00 per year Spouse/Family: \$25.00 per year  
Make checks payable to: Magic Valley ATV Riders

**READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING:** I/we fully understand that ATV activities involve risks and dangers of serious injury up to and including death. I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages I may incur as a result of my participation in the Activity. I/we (to include all family members and guests) hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc. its directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, other participants, any sponsors, advisors, and if applicable owners and lessors of premises on which the activity takes place, (each considered one of the "releasees" herein) from all liability claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of "releasees". I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim. I am 18 years of age or older, have read and understand the terms of this agreement, understand that I am giving up substantial rights, have signed it voluntarily and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

By signing this agreement I/we agree to abide by all club bylaws and rules

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# TRAIL DIFFICULTY GUIDE

## Level 1, Beginner:

Gravel or dirt surfaces that are relatively flat and wide. Generally wide enough for an ATV to pass a full-sized vehicle. May be dusty but are relatively smooth with no rocks or roots protruding more than three inches above the surface. Ride distance will be short, speeds very slow.

## Level 2, Advanced Beginner:

Mild ups and downs, some narrow, mild rock, mostly roads and jeep trails, minor off-camber. Two-wheel drive ok.

## Level 3, Intermediate:

Loose gravel, sandy, rocky or rutty surface. May have short sections that are narrow. Can have blind turns, switchbacks, steep or roller coaster grades, some off-camber side hills, minor drop-offs, ruts and frequent changes in riding surfaces. Occasional obstacles may strike the frame. Four-wheel drive may be needed depending on conditions. Pace of ride will be a little faster, distances and length of ride will be longer.

## Level 4, Advanced Intermediate:

Rocky surfaces, sharp turns, switchbacks, steep grades, narrow passages, low overhangs, ledges and large rocks. Can be slippery and muddy when wet. May have tree stumps, limbs or other debris. Machines with low ground clearance may strike or high center on obstacles. Four-wheel drive highly recommended.

## Level 5, Expert:

Very rocky, steep, off camber, high water crossings, large ruts. Large obstacles in trails, narrow with big drop offs. Four-wheel drive required, may need winch.



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