

# ATV's and Federal Lands on the Upper Mississippi River

## A few things you should know



**If you own, ride or plan to purchase an ATV/OHV in the near future, please take a moment to read the following.**

ATV ridership has increased dramatically over the past few years. With that increase in riders, more demands have been placed on the forested lands along the Mississippi River.



### **Before you ride know the following...**

- Who owns and manages the land.
- Contact the land manager and ask if that activity is permitted.
- Call the US Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi River Project, Natural Resource Management Office at 309-794-4524 to get more information about the ATV restrictions on federal land.
- Riding in unauthorized areas affects the attitudes of other outdoor users, landowners and lawmakers. Please ride in authorized parks and obey the laws.

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service and state DNR's manage land along the Upper Mississippi River. Most of this land is managed for wildlife habitat in the form of refuges and waterfowl areas. **The use of ATV's and 4x4's on these lands is prohibited by US Army Corps of Engineers, USFWS and state DNR regulations or laws.**



ATV use on US Army Corps of Engineers and state lands along the Mississippi River has resulted in the following...

- Soil erosion
- Ruts and vegetation destruction
- Unauthorized trail and bridge construction
- Disturbance to Bald Eagles and other species of concern
- Illegal cutting of timber