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Please take note:

Crawford and Oscoda County Commissions have adopted a master ordinance for the county, but are awaiting townships response to opt in or opt out and what roads they may wish to open or have closed.

By no means, are all counties open 100%! Some may have a mile or several miles closed to ORV operation. Others have entire townships closed. DO NOT RIDE INTO A CITATION, CHECK LOCALLY BEFORE RIDING! Some counties will post on their website, some will publish maps, some will do almost nothing because of lack of funds or available manpower. Speed limits will vary from township to township and county to county,

The latest we heard on a fine for failure to have a current ORV Trail permit affixed to the machine and operating on a non-designated public road, \$585.

It is strongly suggested, days prior to riding a particular area, do a web search, www.micounties.org is a good starting point to access the counties. Then to the County Clerks office. See if they have a map posted or make contact with the Clerks office seeking available information.

DO NOT call the DNR, they have no responsibility for PA 240 distribution of information. This is entirely a local government responsibility.

As we go past July 17th, townships will have the option of writing their own ordinance and we will again see changes. Then things will settle down. We are in an education period, certainly not as complicated as it sounds.

Any County or Township Ordinance can be rescinded at the next regular meeting of that body by a simple motion, second, discussion and majority vote. It is up to the ORV user community to act in compliance with PA 240 and local ordinances!

In many Counties, elected officials have all but laid their political careers on the line thinking PA 240 offers an increase in safety in the operation of ORV's on county roads, that it offers greater environmental protection, recreational opportunity for their residents and guests along with economic benefit to their county,

The Michigan ORV community is now being judged and their actions looked upon by several states.

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P.A. 240 Actions

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Current action by counties regarding PA 240 permitting ORV's to operate on roadways.

Passed Ogemaw 9-11-08
Delta 9-24-08
Roscommon 10-08-08
Mackinac 10-09-08
Chippewa 10-13-08
Missaukee 10-14-08
Arenac 10-14-08
Clare 10-15-08
Schoolcraft 10-21-08
Ontonagon 10-21-08
Houghton 10-21-08
Gogebic 10-22-08
Dickinson 10-27-08
Alpena 10-28-08
Osceola 11-04-08
Luce 11-13-08
Marquette 11-18-08
Iron 12-23-08
Iosco 1-07-09
Presque Isle 1-09-09
Kalkaska 2-10-09
Gladwin 3-10-09
Charlevoix 4-09-09
Oscoda 4-14-09
Crawford 4-15-09 affective 5-20-09
Wexford 4-15-09
#27 Montmorency 4-28-09 affective 5-06-09

It is the users responsibility to know date of implementation, roads OPEN to ORV travel, ORV speed limits. GET LOCAL INFORMATION BEFORE RIDING!

Final vote Baraga vote 5-11-09
Keweenaw tba
Lake vote 5-21-09
Cheboygan hearing 6-09-09

Check with the county clerk for exact date, time and location of Commission meeting.

If you live, own property or recreate in any of the above counties, we urge you, as an ORV user to become involved by participating in a public hearing or sending a letter of support to the county commission, urging them to adopt PA 240. Addresses are available at www.micounties.org
Additions or corrections to the above list are welcome.

Michigan Motorized Recreation Council public releases are the result of round table discussions by the leaders of major ORV organizations in Michigan, representing over 20,000 members. For additional information, contact Dick Ranney, Coordinator @ 989-469-2405.