

Q Does the Disabled Persons Vehicle Hunting Permit allow me to take my vehicle off road?

A The permit does not mean you can legally take your vehicle off road. The landowners and land management agencies, like the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Department of Lands, determine where motor vehicles may be used. The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management have already established designated routes in several areas of Idaho. Regardless of whether you have a Disabled Persons Vehicle Hunting Permit, you must obey road and trail closures and travel restrictions. Before you go hunting, check with the landowner or land management agency to determine where you can take your vehicle.

Q What do I need to shoot legally?

A Your vehicle must be stopped and completely off the public highway (meaning all four wheels must be off the public highway.) As you can see from the drawing, a public highway is legally defined as much more than simply the portion that vehicles drive on. A public highway includes berms, sidewalks, shoulders, right of ways, culverts, ditches and other areas not usually intended for motorized traffic. In some cases, land ownership, terrain, or obstacles may make it impossible to legally shoot from your parked vehicle.

Regardless of where your vehicle is parked, it is not legal to shoot across a public highway.

Q I have a Disabled Persons Vehicle Hunting Permit. What opportunities are available for me on United States Forest Service land?

A The United States Forest Service makes some special opportunities available for hunters with disabilities. The opportunities and requirements vary across the state. For more information on the hunting opportunities available for hunters with disabilities on US Forest Service land, contact the ranger district in the area you wish to hunt.

For more information on the Disabled Persons Vehicle Permit and other opportunities for persons with disabilities, visit the Idaho Fish and Game website at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

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Disabled Persons Vehicle Hunting Permit



Q What does the Disabled Persons Vehicle Hunting Permit allow me to do?

A The Disabled Persons Vehicle Hunting Permit is intended to make hunting more convenient for hunters with disabilities. The Disabled Persons Vehicle Hunting Permit will allow you to shoot from a parked motor vehicle. Normally, this is illegal.

The permit does not allow you to shoot from a moving vehicle. It does not allow you to shoot from or across public highways.

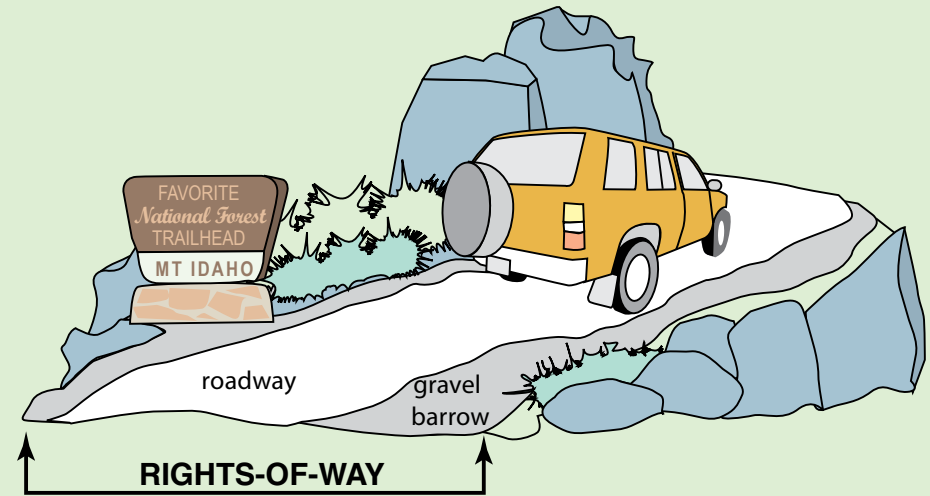
The United States Forest Service makes some additional opportunities available for hunters with disabilities. A Disabled Persons Vehicle Hunting Permit is needed to participate in these programs. (For more information on these programs, contact the Forest Service Ranger District in the area you wish to hunt.)

Q The Disabled Persons Vehicle Hunting Permit does not allow me to shoot from or across a public highway. What is a “public highway?”

A Idaho law defines “Public highway” as the traveled portion of, and the shoulders on each side of, any road maintained by any governmental entity for public travel, and includes all bridges, culverts, overpasses, fills, and other structures within the limits of the right-of-way of any such road.

Q What does that mean?

A The above definition means that any road, be it Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, city, county, or state, that can be legally driven on, is probably a public highway. As you can see from the drawings, a public highway is legally defined as much more than simply the portion that vehicles drive on. A public highway includes berms, sidewalks, shoulders, right of ways, culverts, ditches and other areas not usually intended for motorized traffic.



To legally shoot, your vehicle must be completely off the road, including the shoulder, berm, right of way, etc. That may mean that, on occasion, you will have to pass up the opportunity to shoot at an animal because you cannot get off the public highway.

Roads installed and maintained by private entities and individuals are not public roads. Many of these roads are open to the public, but your tax dollars do not maintain them. While not considered safe, holders of a Disabled Persons Vehicle Hunting permit may shoot from their vehicle on these private roads.

