



North Idaho Timberlands Motorized Closure Facts Sheet

- Corporate timberlands (PotlatchDeltic and North Idaho Timber Group) are reminding public users about motorized restrictions on their properties in Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8A, 9 and 10A. Printable, interactive Large Tracts motorized restrictions maps can be found at <https://idfg.idaho.gov/Z5p> or can be picked up at the Panhandle or Clearwater Regional offices. The downloaded PDF files can be loaded into a 3rd party app, like Avenza, to be used in the field. Non-motorized access to parcels enrolled in the program has not changed.
- Most motorized restrictions have been in place since the beginning of the Large Tracts Program to reduce resource damage, road and trail maintenance and liability issues due to yearlong use by motorized vehicles on production timber system roads and lands.
- House Bill 187, passed during spring 2021 legislature and effective July 1, states that, upon entering into a recreational agreement with a private landowner, Idaho Fish and Game officers have the authority to enforce motorized vehicle restrictions.
- Enforcement of the motorized restrictions will begin fall 2021.
- The motorized restrictions still provide access on main travel routes for year-round access into most areas and include some historic popular UTV routes. Motorized use behind gates, barricades or berms is not allowed on North Idaho Timber Group parcels or within the PotlatchDeltic motorized closure area. Different rules apply to each land group, please check out the rules for North Idaho Timber Group (<https://idfg.idaho.gov/Z5G>) and PotlatchDeltic (<https://idfg.idaho.gov/Z5c>) on the Fish and Game website.
- In 2017, the Idaho Legislature passed HB 230, which created a new Fish and Game license fee (Access/Depredation fee) to fund important sportsman access to private lands and across private lands to public lands and to fund enhanced prevention of wildlife damage to crops and compensation to landowners for wildlife damage. The Large Tracts Program is one of the access programs funded by this fee.
- In October 2019, a group of North Idaho corporate timber landowners (PotlatchDeltic and North Idaho Timber Group) entered into the Large Tracts Program through lease agreements with Idaho Fish and Game to provide public access to over 900,000 acres of private corporate timberlands for hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife viewing. Hiking, and gathering of berries or mushrooms for personal use is also allowed.
- It is important to remember that all Large Tracts properties are **private lands**. To keep them open and accessible to everyone requires that all users be respectful by adhering to the landowner's needs and conditions to enter their lands.