

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HINSDALE COUNTY, COLORADO

RESOLUTION 10
Series 2019

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING PARTICIPATION IN CDOT'S OFF-HIGHWAY
VEHICLE (OHV) PILOT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to, § 33-14.5-110, C.R.S., the Board of County Commissioners of Hinsdale County, Colorado ("Board") has the authority to regulate the operation of off-highway vehicles ("OHVs") on public lands, waters, and property under its jurisdiction and on streets and highways within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, § 33-14.5-108(1)(a), C.R.S., stipulates that the State of Colorado may designate a State road or highway open to off-highway vehicles;

WHEREAS, the Colorado Transportation Commission, the board that oversees and directs the Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT"), passed Resolution #TC 18-07-17, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #TC 18-07-17 provides CDOT with the authority to enter into agreements with the Colorado State Patrol and local governments to declare open and allow OHVs to travel on some state highways, ; and

WHEREAS, this CDOT program is known as the "OHV Pilot Program;" and

WHEREAS, CDOT and the Hinsdale County Board of County Commissioners agree that the portion of Colorado State Highway 149 that connects the OHV route commonly known as the "Alpine Loop" is an appropriate roadway for the OHV Pilot Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Hinsdale County, Colorado as follows:

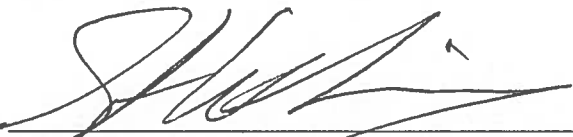
1. The OHV Pilot Program offers an opportunity to gather data, to direct future policy discussions, provide additional resources for the safety of the travelling public, and make available other opportunities for economic growth and local collaboration with the State; and
2. Hinsdale County shall submit the required CDOT Utility/Special Use

Permit Application and participate in the OHV Pilot Program beginning in May 2019 and concluding October 1, 2020.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Kristie Borchers, seconded by Commissioner Susan Thompson and passed this 1st day of May, 2019.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HINSDALE COUNTY, COLORADO**

By: 
Stan Whinnery, Chairman

ATTEST:


Joan Roberts, County Clerk & Recorder

Resolution #TC 18-07-17

Instructing the Colorado Department of Transportation Regions on Permitting of Off-Highway Vehicles for Travel on State Highways.

Approved by the Transportation Commission on July 19, 2018.

WHEREAS, off-highway vehicle tourism provides millions of dollars to the State of Colorado and local economies; and

WHEREAS, the State must balance the promotion of tourism dollars and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) regions know best what safety issues and concerns confront particular regions and have a working relationship with the local governments and local law enforcement in the region; and

WHEREAS, the CDOT regions have struggled for years to provide adequate direction to local governments on how off-highway vehicles could travel on state highways; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed legislation over the last two years that provides a structure for local governments to work with their CDOT regions on providing safe travel for off-highway vehicles on state highways; and

WHEREAS, State statute, specifically Section 33-14.5-108(a), C.R.S., stipulates that the State may designate a road or highway open to off-highway vehicles; and

WHEREAS, CDOT regions have worked and will continue to work with the Colorado State Patrol and local governments to develop a process for designating certain roads open to off-highway vehicles; and

WHEREAS, CDOT regions wish to begin a pilot program, to last for the rest of 2018 and through 2019, for off-highway vehicles to travel on some state highways; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Colorado Transportation Commission approves the regions ability to enter into agreements with the State Patrol and local governments to declare open and allow off-highway vehicles to travel on some state highways, under circumstances that could include but not be limited to:

- Outside CDOT right-of-way
- Outside of highway clear zone
- Off of the maintained highway surface
- On the highway shoulder
- On through lanes in single file rules of the road.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission believes that these pilot projects could offer an opportunity to gather data to direct future policy discussions,

provide additional resources for the safety of the travelling public, and make available other opportunities in other regions for state and local collaboration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission instructs CDOT staff to bring this issue back to the Commission no later than September 2019 for a report on the pilot project and possible further action.



Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado



Date