

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Responses to Committee Inquiries regarding Proposed Regulations:

2021-200079 ATV's and Snowmobiles Use of Roadways

- DOT&PF is unable to forecast the potential impacts of this regulation proposal on traffic safety and road/highway operations at this time.
- DOT&PF is unable to estimate the traffic/usage of ATVs and snow machines at this time.
- According to the following website, which DOT&PF **has NOT** verified, 6 states allow ATVs (but NOT snow machines) to use public roads if they have safety equipment and are registered and if the operator has a license of permit. <https://atvman.com/streets/>
 - Arizona
 - Montana
 - North Dakota
 - South Dakota
 - Washington (35 mph or less)
 - Wyoming (with a special permit)
- These regulation changes would not be prohibited by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). FHWA only requires states to track accidents and meet performance targets to maintain its funding support. FHWA can also require states to submit corrective action plans, if states don't meet their targets.
- The DOTPF provided spreadsheet speaks to those DOT&PF-owned/maintained roads which would be impacted by this regulation, and it contains the following tabs.
 - Dist X Summary – summarizes the mileage for each speed limit zone (45 mph and below) along state managed roads within the given house district.
 - Dist X Details – lists each state managed road in the given house district with the associated speed limit (45 and below) and mileage.
 - Source Data – the source data for the previous tabs.
- Approximately 1,909 centerline miles of the total 5,635 centerline miles maintained by DOT&PF would be impacted by this regulation proposal.