

Appendix N ATV/Motorcycle Trail Permit Vendor Information

Mark Twain National Forest restricts riding of ATVs and motorcycles on national forest land to open, numbered roads (if ridden in compliance with state law) and designated motorized trails. There are currently two designated motorized trail systems on the forest – the 125 mile Chadwick Motorcycle and ATV Trail System in Christian County, and the 25 mile Sutton Bluff Motorcycle and ATV Trail System in Reynolds County (near the Sutton Bluff Campground). Under PL 104-134, Congress approved designation of the Chadwick Motorcycle and ATV Use Area as a fee demonstration site, authorizing the Mark Twain National Forest to collect and retain fees in order to improve maintenance on site and better serve the customers. Anyone riding an ATV, motorcycle, or mountain bike on one of these trails is required to purchase and display a current annual ATV or motorcycle sticker or daily use tag. Annual stickers sell for \$35 for ATVs and motorcycles, and \$20 for mountain bikes. Daily tags sell for \$5/day for ATVs and motorcycles, and \$3/day for mountain bikes. These tags are currently available at Forest Service offices in Salem and Ava, and through the following private businesses: Kay's Country Store in Chadwick, Oldfield Outpost and Centerville store. The extended hours that these businesses have makes it convenient for customers to purchase permits and passes near the trail systems.

Mark Twain National Forest is proposing to expand the fee demo project to include three new ATV trail areas as part of a study to provide trails on a trial basis for three years, starting in the summer of 2004. The three new trail areas are Cherokee Pass near the Marble Creek Recreation Area on the Fredericktown Ranger District, Blackwell Ridge near the Markham Spring Recreation Area on the Poplar Bluff Ranger District and Palmer on the Potosi Ranger District.

Persons developing proposals for operating campgrounds near these existing or proposed Motorcycle and ATV Trail Systems have an opportunity to apply to serve as vendors for these permits as a part of their application. These would be separate agreements, and would not be guaranteed, but would be developed and negotiated with each vendor. The vendor would be paid a specific amount or percentage of the sale for each permit sold, and would be required to keep accurate records of the sales. **If your proposal includes campgrounds near one of the existing or proposed ATV trail systems, and you are interested in applying to be a vendor, please indicate this in the proposal under “other services”.**

If you have questions about these permits, please contact Recreation Manager Nancy Feakes at the Supervisor's Office (573-364-4621 x472), or talk to the assigned recreation area contact.