



## UAF Policy 05.04.020

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Responsible Chancellor's Cabinet Member: VC Administrative Services

Responsible Department/Office: University Police Department, Environmental, Health, Safety and Risk Management, Facilities Services

# Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Use On-Campus Policy (Troth Yeddha Campus)

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## 1.0 [POLICY STATEMENT](#)

The University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), as part of its mission, promotes and engages in many programs, events and activities that require use of sidewalks, trails and roads on campus. UAF prohibits the use of off-highway vehicles or all-purpose vehicles on the entirety of the UAF campus.

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## 2.0 [BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION](#)

This policy is being implemented to ensure the safety of all campus users, on and off the road, and to reduce the risk and/or liability to UAF.

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## 3.0 [EXEMPTIONS](#)

Addressing the necessary safety and maintenance needs of campus at which time the use would be considered authorized.

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## 4.0 [DEFINITIONS](#)

**Authorized:** For the purpose of this policy, "authorized" is limited to those acting or performing their duties on behalf of UAF.

**All-Purpose Vehicles (APV):** An APV is an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) that is used on public roads or highways with a speed limit of 45 mph or less in a community that has not prohibited its use. APVs must conform to all of Alaska's motor vehicle safety standards and be properly insured, registered, and titled.

**North Campus Area:** North Campus consists of approximately 1,100 acres of largely forested land on the north-to-northwest side of campus.

**Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV):** ATVs, UTVs, dirt bikes, moose buggies, snow machines, and other off-highway vehicles that may be registered but are not titled. If these vehicles are driven on public property, they are required to be registered with the DMV.

**UAF Campus:** For the purpose of this policy, "campus" includes the trails, sidewalks and roads as well as farm fields and research areas owned and maintained by UAF at the Troth Yeddha' campus.

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## 5.0 REFERENCES RELIED UPON

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This policy serves as a local ordinance to restrict OHV use according to:

**AS 14.40.291** - Land of the University of Alaska not public domain land

UAF Master Planning - [North Campus Area Research](#)

**Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles** - Vehicle Services, [Off-Highway Vehicles](#)

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## 6.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

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The UAF Police Department (UPD) is responsible for enforcing this policy. UAF PD will refer violations committed by UA employees or students to appropriate administrative offices for further administrative or disciplinary action.

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## 7.0 NON-COMPLIANCE

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Failure to comply with this Policy is grounds for removal of the OHV or APV from UAF property at the owner or operator's expense as well as discipline, including being trespassed, student conduct discipline, and employment discipline. Any disciplinary action taken against employees by the university will follow the employment rules governing the individual's employment status. Violators may be excluded from UAF facilities, property, and programs. Additional action may include, notification of law enforcement (UPD) and the issuance of a notification of trespass from UAF Property.

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## 8.0 PROCEDURES

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APVs and OHVs are not allowed to be driven on UAF Troth Yeddha campus unless authorized.

The UPD, Facilities Services, or UAF Risk Management can grant operators written authorization to operate an OHV or APV as an authorized user for a designated purpose or time period within the following areas:

- A) Address the necessary safety and maintenance needs of campus;
- B) Allow the driver of an OHV or APV to cross campus property;
- C) Conduct research or work-related projects.

THIS POLICY IS EFFECTIVE AS OF December 5, 2024. THE POLICY IS APPROVED:



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Daniel M. White, Chancellor  
University of Alaska Fairbanks

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