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The long-awaited fall hunting season is finally here, meaning an increase in the number of travelers on BLM-managed public lands. In order to reduce conflicts with other users and protect resources, the BLM reminds all public land users that motorized vehicle travel is limited to existing roads and trails—no cross-country travel is allowed.

In addition to driving only on existing roads and trails, travelers are encouraged to ensure that their vehicles' undercarriages and tires are not carrying weed seeds. Washing vehicles before and after their use will help prevent the spread of noxious weeds which have become a serious threat to wildlife habitat and rangelands.

Off-highway vehicle (OHV) users may drive cross-country to campsites within 300 feet of existing roads and trails after first scouting and locating their campsites in a non-motorized fashion.

Traveling cross-country to retrieve downed game is not permissible.

For more information on OHV use in specific areas, hunters should contact their local BLM office.

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