# **Notice of Hearing**

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to revise ch. NR 64, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to all-terrain vehicles, at the time and place shown below.

### **Hearing Information**

Date: September 30, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time

Virtual Location Link: Online through Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 255 546 506 265

Passcode: Wo3Df2xE

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#### **Rule Information:**

With this rule, provisions of ch. NR 64, Wis. Adm. Code, that pertain to all-terrain vehicles would also apply to all-terrain vehicles. The rule also proposes to revise outdated registration periods and processes and increase design weight limits for bridges to better reflect modern standards when determining eligibility for trail aids. Additionally, newly created rules of operation proposed in s. NR 64.07, Wis. Adm. Code, would require both operators and passengers to wear a safety belt and eye protection; prohibit towing of objects bearing any person; adopt disorderly operation standards; and establish maximum window tint percentages and unobstructed view requirements.

No fiscal effect on the public sector, private sector, or small business for implementing this rule is anticipated since the department has already established a program for regulating the use of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles.

### Accessibility

For the hearing or visually impaired, non-English speakers, or those with other personal circumstances which might make communication at the meeting/hearing difficult, DNR will, to the maximum extent possible and with reasonable advance notice, provide aids including an interpreter, or a non-English, large-print, or recorded version of hearing documents. To access these resources, please contact the email address or phone number listed below as soon as possible.

# Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

The public has the opportunity to testify at the hearing. Registration will take place at the hearing by completing a Hearing Appearance form, which is available here <u>Hearing Appearance form</u>. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the

hearing. To pre-register, please download and complete the fillable <u>Hearing Appearance form</u> and send it to Sandra.SmithLoomans@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before October 14, 2025. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, E-mail, or through the internet and will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearing.

Written comments and any questions on the proposed rules should be submitted to:

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The rule may be viewed at:

https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html

Comments may be emailed to: <u>DNRAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov</u>

The rule may be reviewed, and comments made at: <a href="http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/hearings">http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/hearings</a>.

## **Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:**

Since the department has already established a program for regulating the use of all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles, costs to implement the proposed rule and economic impacts on users are expected to be minimal.

The proposed rule is not likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses. The proposed rule imposes no compliance or reporting requirements for small business, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule.

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