

## OHM COMING TO VILAS COUNTY AND LANDOVER

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OHM stands for off-highway- motorcycle , more often referred to as “dual sport cycle “ , which have a dual use, 1. being street legal when licensed 2. Designed for off-highway use also. In 2016 these vehicles had changes in the State of Wisconsin. If operated on the highway they must be licensed by the Department of Transportation , remains the same . Effective 10/01/16 all off-highway-motorcycles (OHM) must be registered with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) , if the OHM is used for recreational purpose on public land , or any private land held open to the public . An “off-highway-motorcycle” means a 2 wheeled motor vehicle that is straddled by the operator , that is equipped with handle bars and that is designed for use off a highway , regardless of whether it is also designed for use on a highway.

As this was unfolding this past year ,several Landover members who are also dual sport enthusiasts , were working on getting a recreation area on county land and had a need to form a new OHM club. It made sense and Landover agreed to include OHM with ATV and UTV to get things started. This will be subject an official change in by-laws and club vote later this year. We are now in the process of building a OHM course on Vilas County land with full approval of the County Board. This course will be professionally designed to be self-sustaining on approximately 2500 acres in North-west corner of the Vilas County Forest and adjoining the Tamarack Springs Campground. This work will be done in 3 phases and expected to be complete in 3 years .

Brian Much ,President of the Wisconsin Off Highway Motorcycle Association , will be leading a 4 day training session (5/18-5/21)of Landover volunteers in trail layout/design. Self-sustaining includes making trail challenging while eliminating vulnerability to erosion .This cycle playground will be the first of its kind in the State of Wisconsin. Stay tuned and watch for updates on this project.