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New amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act clarify regulations for off-road vehicle use

WHITEHORSE—Today in the Yukon legislature Highways and Public Works Minister Wade Istchenko introduced an *Act to amend the Motor Vehicles Act*. The amendments clarify rules and regulations for the use of off-road vehicles (ORVs).

"An outdoor lifestyle is important to Yukoners and that includes using off-road vehicles for work and play," Istchenko said. "The Yukon government is addressing concerns about ORV-related safety and responsibility so this lifestyle can continue to be enjoyed."

The amendments clarify the types of ORVs that will be regulated under the act, the rules that will apply to ORVs and the areas where those rules will apply. Further, the amendments address the issues of registration, liability insurance and helmet use, and define what is meant by "on-road" and "off-road."

The Select Committee on the Safe Operation and Use of Off-road Vehicles, an all-party committee of the legislative assembly, embarked on a territory-wide consultation and made recommendations that became the basis for these amendments.

"By applying consistent rules and addressing the concerns voiced by Yukoners, we can support a way of life and tradition that includes the use of ORVs," Istchenko added. "We achieved a balance by respecting the views of Whitehorse and rural residents including hunters, trappers, outfitters, wilderness tourism operators, guides and recreational users."

These new provisions provide for a realistic approach that considers enforcement capabilities, education campaigns and self-responsibility for all Yukoners and their communities.

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