

SENATE BILL NO. 160

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND DESIGNATED TRAILS WITHIN STATE PARKS AND FISHING ACCESS SITES; AND AMENDING SECTION 23-1-128, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 23-1-128, MCA, is amended to read:

**"23-1-128. ~~Protection of riparian vegetation -- limit on motorized~~ LIMITS ON camping; IN RIPARIAN AREAS AND operation of off-highway vehicles. (1)** In order to protect riparian vegetation, provide for stable

streambanks, reduce erosion, and provide for nutrient barriers to protect the quality of rivers and streams:

———(1) camping in a motor vehicle, as defined in 61-1-101, is discouraged within 25 feet of a river or stream in state parks and fishing access sites; ~~and~~

(2) ~~the off-road~~ THE operation of an off-highway vehicle, as defined in 23-2-801, within state parks and fishing access sites is prohibited except ~~on designated roads and trails and for administrative purposes;~~

(A) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES; OR

(B) AS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON ROADS, TRAILS, OR SPECIFIC AREAS."

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