This all started with Senate Bill SB155. It closed the Rivers to offroad use, but mandated that the TPWD create places for us to use. TPWD didn't really have the money, manpower, or knowledge at the time to accomplish this and looked to the users for advice and help. The users came up with a plan, which turned into SB1311, the OHV Decal and the Texas Off Highway Vehicle Program. This program creates a dedicated fund for offroad trail building and maintenance. This fund will be used as 100% grant money.

There are plans to take this law back for amendments. This may include such things as requiring a decal on all vehicles, even the street legal ones, recommending that all dealerships carry them, recommend that the decals be a part of the sale of each new vehicle, and my personal favorites.....getting a percent of both the State gas tax money and the State sales tax from offroad related products.

A Texas OHV decal can be purchased by calling the Texas Parks & Wildlife Customer Service Center: 512-389-8917. The decal cost is \$8.00 and can be paid for with a credit card. The decals are valid from September 1 to August 31 each year.

Additional decal purchasing locations:

Lake Eisenhower State Park 50 Park Road Denison, Texas - 75020-4878 903-465-1956

Whiteside Motors 1400 West Koenig Lane Austin, Texas - 78756 512-458-5631

T.J's Cycle Sales & Service 6208 N. Lamar Street Austin, Texas - 78752 512-453-6255

David Brown's Sport Center 4203 Canyon Drive Amarillo, Texas - 79110 806-358-4572 Sharps Motorsports 4413 IH-40 East Amarillo, Texas - 79104 806-373-3051

Barnwell Mountain Recreational Area 6284 State Highway 155 North Gilmer, Texas - 75645 903-797-4066

ProMax Powersports 123 Highway 199 East Springtown, Texas - 76082 817-220-2453

Honda of Houston 12655 West Road Houston, Texas - 77041 281-506-1300

The Decals are required on all public lands or any lands that use Federal or State funding.

riding locations

Emma Long City Park (Motorcycles only) Austin/Travis County 1706 City Park Road Austin, Texas - 78730 512-346-1831 Lake Mackenzie Recreation Area (ATV's & Motorcycles only) Silverton/Briscoe County 139 South Mackenzie Road Silverton, Texas - 79257 806-633-4335

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