ORV Trail Fund – Authorized Activities Reference List

Use this list to determine what approval pathway applies to your project

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A. Activities that may proceed without formal authorization

(Schedule F + Normal Crown Land Standard of Care ONLY)

These activities are **routine maintenance only**.
They **must not**:

- Create new trails
- Change trail alignment
- Increase trail width
- Involve excavation, construction, or structures

Hand Tools Only

1. Clearing fallen branches and small debris from trail tread
2. Brushing back vegetation to restore existing trail width
3. Removing deadfall using hand saws
4. Cleaning existing drainage dips and water bars
5. Removing loose rocks posing a safety hazard
6. Re-installing existing signage in the same location
7. Litter and garbage removal
8. Light surface raking to restore tread definition
9. Clearing sightlines at intersections
10. Minor tread smoothing using hand tools

Limited Mechanized Tools (No Ground Disturbance)

11. Chainsaw removal of fallen trees (no excavation)
12. Brush saw use for vegetation control
13. Portable winch use to remove deadfall
14. Hand-compacted surfacing of existing tread
15. Snow grooming within established alignment (where historically permitted)

If these activities alter trail design, alignment, or footprint → authorization is required.

B. Activities Authorized UNDER A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (PA)

(**ONLY if explicitly approved by DRO via signed PA, Operating Plan, or written approval**)

These activities **do not require Section 57** *only when approved under a PA*.

Hand or Light Machine Work

1. Routine trail maintenance beyond standard care
2. Drainage improvements within existing alignment
3. Signage installation and replacement
4. Trailhead improvements listed in PA
5. Trail inspections and condition assessments
6. Trail inventory, GPS mapping, and data collection
7. Vegetation management beyond brushing (approved scope)
8. Minor reroutes explicitly approved in PA
9. Culvert cleaning or replacement-in-kind
10. Surface improvements using imported material (approved scope)

Mechanized Equipment (Only if Approved)

11. Mini-excavator work for approved maintenance
12. Skid steer use within approved trail footprint
13. Trail resurfacing using machinery
14. Drainage structure installation (approved design)
15. Minor bridge repair or replacement-in-kind
16. Rock armouring within approved alignment
17. Retaining features approved in PA
18. Snowcat grooming within approved network
19. Kiosk or trailhead structure installation (approved design)
20. Any activity listed in an approved Annual Operating Plan

A letter of support alone does NOT authorize these activities.
If not clearly approved → Section 57 applies.

C. Activities that require section 57 authorization

(**No exceptions – approval must be submitted with application**)

If your project includes **any** of the following, **Section 57 is mandatory**.

Construction & Ground Disturbance (Hand or Machine)

1. New trail construction
2. Trail reconstruction
3. Major trail realignment
4. Trail widening or benching
5. Excavation of trail tread
6. Cut-and-fill trail work
7. New trail hardening
8. Rock blasting or drilling
9. Armouring beyond minor maintenance
10. Creation of new trail features

Structures & Infrastructure

11. Bridge construction
12. Major water crossings
13. Boardwalks or elevated structures
14. Retaining walls
15. Culvert installation (new locations)
16. Causeways or cribbing
17. Stairs or technical trail features

Heavy Equipment Use

18. Excavators, dozers, graders for construction
19. Mechanical trail builders
20. Any machinery used to alter terrain or alignment

Applications proposing these activities without approved Section 57 will be rejected.

D. Education, Planning & Non-Ground-Disturbing Activities

(**Authorization depends on location, not Section 57**)

These activities **do not require Section 57** if no construction occurs:

1. Ride Safe campaigns
2. Environmental stewardship education
3. Wildfire preparedness initiatives
4. User compliance programs

5. Best management practice development
6. Trail planning and feasibility studies
7. Engineering or design work
8. Environmental assessments
9. Mapping and inventory projects
10. Provincial safety programs

Land manager permission may still be required.

Final Non-Negotiables for Applicants

- **Support ≠ Authorization**
- **Approval must be written and specific**
- **If unsure → assume Section 57 is required**
- **Authorization must be included at application time**