

# Key Laws and Trail Management

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## Session Objectives:

- Name some laws that affect the way we manage trails
- Indicate how a selected law affects trail management
- Learn where to find trail laws

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Consider the law.



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## Why Do We Have Laws Regarding Trails?

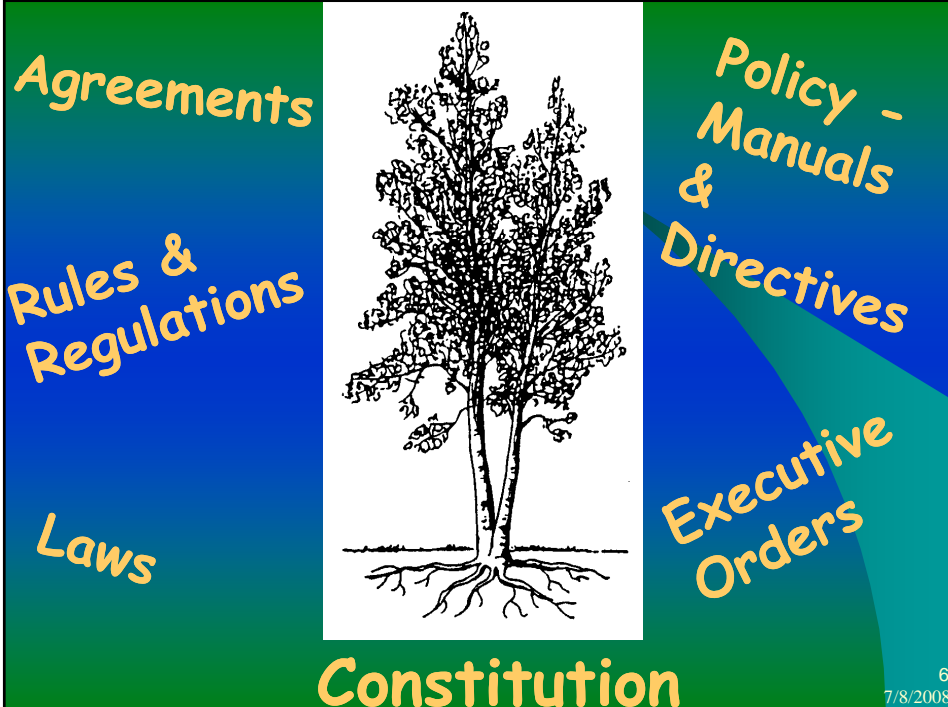


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People do crazy things on roads and trails, that is why we have laws!



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Agreements

Rules & Regulations

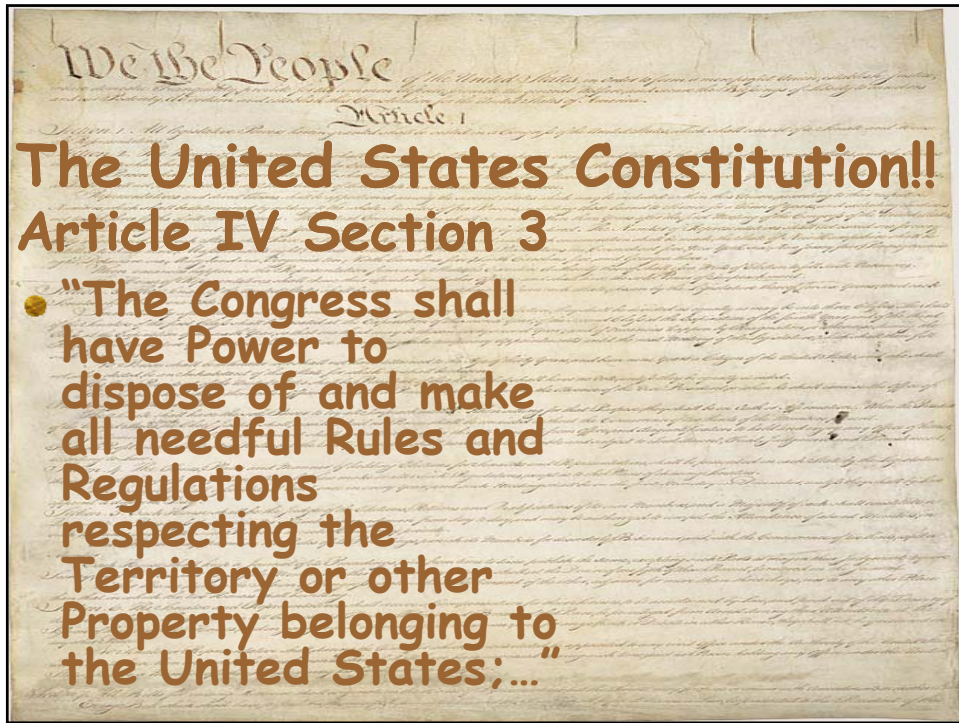
Laws

Constitution

Policy - Manuals & Directives

Executive Orders

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**We the People**  
Article 1

## The United States Constitution!!

### Article IV Section 3

- "The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States;..."



## Key Laws That Affect Trail Management

Name some?

## Some Major Laws Affecting Trails

National Environmental Policy Act  
Historical Preservation Act (Sec. 106 & 110)  
Wilderness Act  
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act  
Executive Order 11990 Protection of Wetlands  
National Trails System Act  
Endangered Species Act  
Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient  
Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users  
(SAFETEA-LU 8/10/05)  
Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Sec. 504)  
Americans With Disabilities Act (July 26, 1990)  
Executive Order 11644 - Use of Off-Road  
Vehicles on Public lands (2/8/72) as amended

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## Where to Get More Information On Laws

<http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/>  
<http://thomas.loc.gov>  
<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr.html>  
[www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/env\\_sum.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/env_sum.htm)  
[www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov)

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Thanks!

Questions?

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