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Colorado Counties, Inc

Please vote NO on HB 12-1066

Off-Highway Vehicles on County Roads

Sponsor: Rep. Priola

- HB 12-1066 removes local control from 52 non-urban counties by **mandating** that they allow off-highway vehicles (OHVs) on all county roads with a speed limit under 45 mph, including some residential areas.
- Under current state statute, county governments already have the regulatory authority to allow OHVs on roads in the unincorporated area of a county (excluding state highways). This bill strips counties of the ability to decide what works best for their communities.
- HB12-1066 would effectively add thousands of miles of county roads to the state's trail system.
- CCI recognizes that the use of off-road vehicles is an important regional tourism attraction, and many counties have worked closely with the OHV community to decide in a cooperative fashion where these vehicles can be safely ridden and enjoyed. Examples include:
 - The Alpine Loop Backcountry Byway, a 75-mile road and trail system that covers four counties in Southwest Colorado; and
 - A cooperative effort in Moffat, Rio Blanco and Uintah (Utah) counties in Northwest Colorado to map a regional road system that is open to OHV users.
- Allowing OHVs on county roads would result in an unfunded mandate in the form of additional signage and road maintenance; noise and dust mitigation issues; drafting and adopting local ordinances; and placing additional demands on local law enforcement to enforce vehicle safety laws.

CCI asks for your NO vote on HB 12-1066

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