

**Grand Mesa Jeep Club
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Mission Statement of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club

The Grand Mesa Jeep Club promotes ethical stewardship of motorized recreation and enjoyment of the American Back Country

GRAND MESA JEEP CLUB REGULATIONS

These regulations have been made for the benefit of the club and it's members and we ask your cooperation in helping to maintain a good name for the club. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change, add to, or amend these regulations as may be required. In accepting membership into the Grand Mesa Jeep Club (GMJC), members and their guests accept and agree to follow the Club's By-Laws and Regulations as amended. Copies of the Club regulations will be provided for new members, club by-laws will be provided at the member's request.

Vehicle Use

1. When vehicles are moving on open highways, a distance of two or three vehicle lengths between vehicles is to be maintained.
2. Vehicle speed is never to exceed the legal speed posted limit at any time.
3. All vehicles are to be keep in sight of the vehicle directly behind them at all times. If the vehicle behind you stops, you are to do likewise.
4. When crossing through gates, gates are to be placed back in their original position.
5. When a fork in the road is reached, it is recommended that the vehicle ahead pause or stop until is certain that the following vehicle is aware of the proper turn.
6. No individual vehicle or groups of vehicles are to leave the group as a whole unless the leader is notified.
7. Each vehicle *must* have the following: license plate or use permit, vehicle insurance, fire extinguisher, one front and rear tow hook or suitable alternative, first-aid kit and a citizens band radio is recommended.

8. If you use spare parts or items from other members, you will be responsible for reimbursing that member for those items.

Individual Responsibility

1. All drivers are required to follow all motor vehicle laws as established by city, county, state and federal law. Any alcohol/drug use while driving on a GMJC trip is grounds for expulsion from GMJC.
2. There is to be no spreading of litter. All camping and picnic grounds are to be kept clean, and thoroughly checked prior to departure.
3. Club dues are payable within 90 days from the beginning of the calendar year. Guests are allowed three trips before payment of dues are required. If dues are not paid within the time stated, further trips or activities with the group will not be permitted, until such time as dues are paid, or other arrangements are made.
4. Skillful off-pavement driving requires total vehicle control and an awareness of road and trail obstacles. Members must know the limits of their vehicles, and, of *themselves*.
5. “Tread Lightly” and “Stay the Trail” etiquette requires us to travel only where motorized vehicles are permitted, respecting the rights of others to use trails, educating ourselves by using maps and following regulations from public agencies and complying with signs and barriers. It encourages us to avoid streams, lakeshores and wildlife and to drive responsibility and to protect the environment.
6. In accepting membership in the Grand Mesa Jeep Club, the member hereby agrees, for himself, his heirs, executors and guests to hold the Grand Mesa Jeep Club, as well as any and all members free and harmless for, or on account of any damages to person and/or property which may be claimed by any person or persons whomsoever by reason of participation in any club activities.
7. Please *respect* group leaders as volunteers and individuals who have spent a considerable amount of time organizing and preparing for the trip.

Group Leaders

1. The group leader will be responsible for seeing that no private land will be tressed upon without special permission from the owner, *in writing*.
2. A strict departure on all trips will be adhered to as announced.
3. Group leaders will be responsible for maintaining posted speed limits when leading the club and will be sensitive to the members vehicle needs.

4. Group leaders will coordinate activities, keeping the members informed of trip information, problems or concerns and will encourage consensus among the group when differences are encountered.
5. Group leaders will organize trips in advance and notify the appropriate club representative of the information in writing. This information will be done in enough time so that *trip information, specific vehicle requirements* and *trail difficulty* can be placed in the monthly GMJC newsletter and posted on the web site.
6. Group leaders may organize short notice trips on social media sites. The group leader will include meeting times & places, trail, trail difficulty and specific vehicle requirements.