

Did you Know Info #1 – Who are we?



The AZ 4 Wheel Drive Association (A4WDA) has been around since 1976; we are a not for profit association that is funded entirely by our members and donations.

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The AZ 4 Wheel Drive Association (A4WDA), formerly known as the AZ State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs (ASA4WDC) has been around since 1976. We are an organization of clubs and individual members.

The A4WDA believes in responsible motorized recreation and access. By getting information out to those who use our public lands, hopefully, it will also help keep our roads and trails open and gain new respect for all public and private property.

In this series Maddie, my 4 year old German shepherd and I will cover the lands that we use in our sport, but also give you information on who owns what, what is required, where to get more information, safety, camping, mapping and other information.

A4WDA Info #- – Some of the ideas we will cover

This series will start next week.

When Maddie and I are out exploring in the Jeep—or even just talking with people at events—we quickly realize how much confusion there is around using public lands.

Many people aren't sure who actually owns the land, who manages it, or what rules apply. Questions like “*Am I allowed to be here?*”, “*Do I need a permit?*”, or “*Where do I even find reliable information?*” come up all the time.

The truth is, public land use in Arizona can feel complicated. Between different agencies, changing regulations, and scattered resources, it's easy to get overwhelmed.

We're not claiming to be experts—but through our own experience, research, and time on the trail, we want to help simplify things and point you in the right direction.

In this series, we'll break down the essentials and give you a clearer understanding of what's out there and how to navigate it responsibly.

Topics we'll cover include:

- Arizona permits
- OHV decals
- Vehicle modifications
- Law enforcement and enforcement practices
- Land management agencies in Arizona and what's allowed:
 - Arizona State Trust Land
 - U.S. Forest Service
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - National Parks & National Monuments
 - Wilderness Areas
- Camping and firearms
- Trail fixes and preparedness
- Maps, apps, and navigation tools
- Trail ratings and more