

Off-Road Vehicles Regulations Slated For Publication

Proposed regulations governing use of off-road vehicles on National Forest System Lands were planned for publication last week in the Federal Register, Chief John R. McGuire of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, announced recently.

Forest Service administrative instructions have also been written, and a draft Environmental Statement prepared in accordance with Section 102(c) on the National Environmental Policy Act, he said.

The revised regulations and administrative instructions were proposed in compliance with Executive Order 11644 of February 8, 1972, which called for regulations to ensure that off-road vehicle use be controlled and directed so as to protect resources, promote safety of all users, and minimize conflicts among the various uses of public lands.

An off-road vehicle is one deriving its motive power from any source other than muscle and is used off established roadways for travel over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland or other natural terrain.

The proposed regulations would not apply to any registered motorboat, any military, fire, emergency or law enforcement vehicle when used for official or emergency purposes. They also would not apply to any vehicle, use of which is expressly authorized by the agency under a permit, lease, license, or contract. Vehicles operating under the United States mining laws are exempt from the new regulations, and use of vehicles for mining is still under study.

The new regulations will require that the continuing

planning process provide for designation of specific areas and trials for off-road vehicle use, use restriction, and closure to any or all of such use. Provisions are made for public involvement in the planning process. That process is scheduled for completion by the end of 1976.

Public comment is invited on the proposed regulations in accordance with the rulemaking process and on the Environmental Statement, as provided by the National Environmental Policy Act. Written comments on the proposed regulations should be sent to Chief, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, in Washington, D.C. 20250, within 30 days of their publication in the Federal Register.

Farm Museum Director Named

Carroll J. Hopf, Mount Joy R1, has been appointed director of the Pennsylvania Farm Museum of Landis Valley.

His appointment was announced Saturday by William J. Wewer, executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

Hopf, 34, succeeds Blanche K. Reigel, who retired last year after many years of service in the post. Since June of 1966, he had served as Curator of Collections at the Farm Museum, and also as acting director since Mrs. Reigel's retirement.

Jersey Cattle Club To Hold Calf Sale

District III Jersey Cattle Club will again hold a Junior Jersey Calf Sale for 4-H and FFA youth work in Pennsylvania. The sale again will be held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Jersey cattle Club meeting March 30 and March 31.

The State Club will meet at the Willow Valley Motel, Lancaster County.

The calf sale will be held at the William Aaron farm, Quarryville, March 31 at 10:30 a.m.

Jim Boswell Assoc., Unionville, Chester County Auctioneer, donated his service free for this worthy cause last year and will do so again this year.

The proceeds from the sale are turned over to the Pennsylvania State Jersey Club for 4-H and FFA work.

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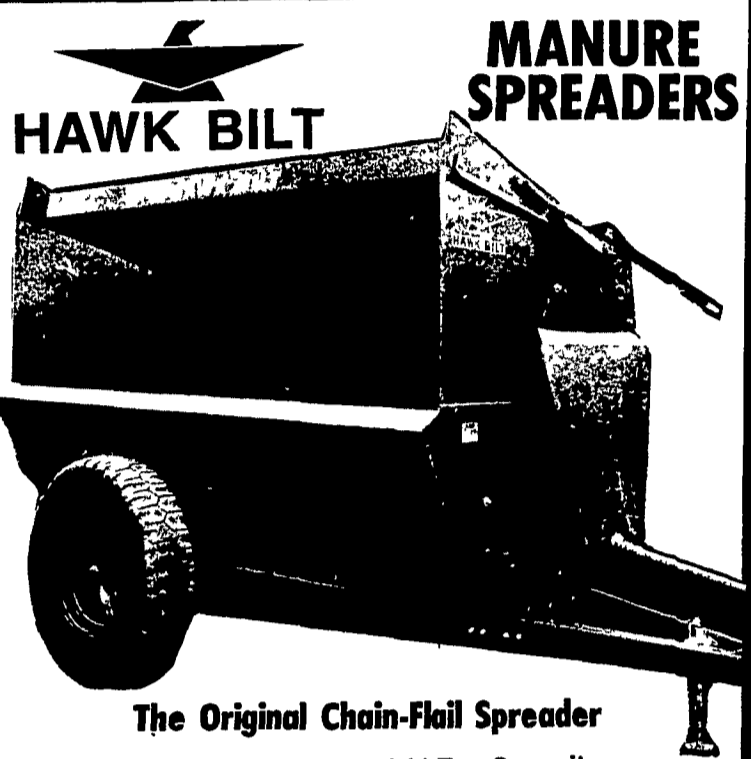
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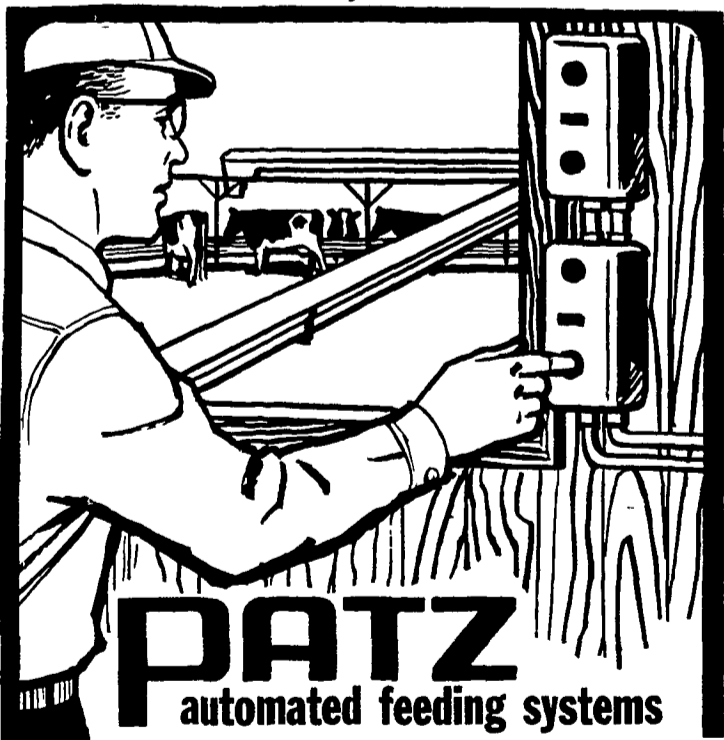
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