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**To:** [Tod Petersen](mailto:Tod.Petersen)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Plate Visibility Study Request  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 02, 2013 6:23:25 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Jones <[scott.jones46@yahoo.com](mailto:scott.jones46@yahoo.com)>  
To: Byron M. Stuck <[nmatrust@hotmail.com](mailto:nmatrust@hotmail.com)>; Petersen Tod <[TOD701@aol.com](mailto:TOD701@aol.com)>  
Sent: Wed, Jan 2, 2013 6:19 am  
Subject: Fw: Fwd: FW: Plate Visibility Study Request

Byron

Here is the email that was forwarded to us through the AMA regarding Utah's experiences with this issue

Thanks  
Scott

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Jerry Abboud <[g.abboud@comcast.net](mailto:g.abboud@comcast.net)>  
**To:** Scott Jones <[scott.jones46@yahoo.com](mailto:scott.jones46@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2012 10:09 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Plate Visibility Study Request

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** FW: Plate Visibility Study Request  
**Date:** Tue, 27 Nov 2012 14:18:18 +0000  
**From:** Rick Podliska <[r.podliska@ama-cycle.org](mailto:r.podliska@ama-cycle.org)>  
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Very interesting from the Utah State Parks on OHV licensing program.

**From:** Chris Haller [<mailto:chrishaller@utah.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2012 9:15 AM  
**To:** Rick Podliska  
**Subject:** Re: Plate Visibility Study Request

Rick:

Thank you for your interest in the Utah State Parks Off-highway Vehicle Program. I apologize that it has taken me awhile to respond to your email request. We recently changed our email account to Goggle and some emails have been lost, others show up late and well, I hope that you get the picture.

Anyway, we did not do a study, however here is some information that I hope will assist; a

State law was passed that made each ATV display a numbering system that could be viewed from 100 feet. This law did not include snowmobiles or off highway motorcycles. This numbering system, which included letters, had to be at least one inch high. This determination was made by a study in which the average human being can detect letter and numbers at a certain height and distance. After a year the State law was removed because our legislative representatives felt that it served no real solutions and we concur with their reversal. Letters and numbers are often times read incorrectly by those reporting the violation, similar to a vehicle license plate on a highway, when they are reported to law enforcement. In addition, ATVs are sometimes operated in muddy/dusty environments and thus the numbering system may not be viewed clearly because of the environment. Lastly, in Utah, a violation can only be written to a person, not an OHV, meaning that the numbering system was assigned to the ATV, not a person. So, if a violation was reported to law enforcement they could make the tie back to the owner of the ATV, however unless the owner confesses there is no ability to cite the person operating, unless law enforcement is present at that exact moment in time when the violation occurred.

I hope that this assists and I apologize about not responding sooner. If you need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,  
Chris

RIDE ON Utah!

On Wed, Oct 3, 2012 at 2:54 PM, Rick Podliska <[rpodliska@ama-cycle.org](mailto:rpodliska@ama-cycle.org)> wrote:  
Chris,

I am with the American Motorcyclist Association and we heard that the Utah State Parks did a study on license plate visibility. Could you forward us a copy of the study?

Thanks,

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