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Thank you Officer Lorenz for taking the time today to discuss the sticker program in Empire.

My understanding is that the stickers are on a calendar year basis. I have a suggestion on that. When our off road vehicles are registered with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife each year they have expiration dates of 3/31. My suggestion would be that the Empire registration might coincide with those dates as well. Most individuals who register with the state receive notices and know annually in March that they need to get their state stickers renewed. If you complimented this time frame with the city requirements then compliance might be more efficient/easily implemented/enforced by all parties.

Another suggestion - Empire and it's surrounding areas bring lots of people interested in the off road trails. These same people bring much needed revenue into the area. If the county doesn't want them to park and drive the short distances to the off road areas then maybe a "staging" area should be considered.

I personally spent many years in the Grand County area. They had a staging parking lot (Idleglen) where numerous vehicles with trailers could park/unload... for a day of recreation. In areas that this wasn't the case it was a mess. Parking on the road, not being able to turn their vehicle/trailer around, sometimes not having room to load/unload, not enough room for other vehicles to safely access the county roads...

Another advantage to this staging area is the convenience for the Rangers. I would often see them check off road vehicles for their annual stickers... making sure they complied with the applicable rules.

Then finally it would allow for any needed emergency personnel/equipment to reach/park in this same area. They wouldn't be blocked by parked cars/trailers along the road when there is an emergency.

I hope you will give my ideas some consideration and we can have a win-win for all concerned.

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