



Desert Wranglers Tail and Mid Gunner Responsibilities

The Tail and Mid Gunner positions are critical when going off-road to ensure safety and smooth operations. The Trail Leader is responsible for the overall conduct of the activities off-road, but is usually limited to seeing the Jeeps two or three back. For that reason, the Mid and Tail Gunnery are the eyes and ears of the Trail Leader “back in the pack”. The Mid Gunner will take up a position mid-way in the pack. The Tail Gunner will take up position in the end of the group. Under the Trail Leader’s direction, the Mid and Tail Gunner will report by radio all briefed events and issues as they arise.

Some typical items to address are but are not limited to:

- Vehicle Spacing
- Vehicle Mechanical Issues
- Jeep stopped for any reason
- Overtaking Traffic
- Turns Enroute

Tail and Mid Gunnery must be comfortable talking on the radio.

Tail and often Mid Gunnery should be prepared to follow along the pre-planned route using the GPX file for the run supplied by the Trail Leader.

The Tail Gunner will be the last Jeep in the group to complete all obstacles. Should a breakdown occur or if a Jeep is unable to complete an obstacle, the Tail Gunner is responsible for escorting the Jeep(s) to a safe location for repairs or rendezvous with the Trail Leader further down the route. This activity must be coordinated with the Trail leader prior to departure to keep all informed. If the Tail Gunner must depart to escort a group, the Mid Gunner assumes the role and position of the Tail Gunner.

The Tail and Mid Gunnery are very much a part of the Trail Leader’s off-road management team. All are encouraged to support each other in the challenges to keep the group on track and together in order to complete the run safely.