

Derek Emerson



Family: Sister in Michigan, brother in college, mom and dad in Missoula, girlfriend Kristina, a few dogs

Employment: now a Mortality Statistician for the MT health department. In college: landscaped, painted houses, wrote parking tickets, security guard work, janitor.

Life History: Born near Oklahoma City, lived most of my life in Missoula, just moved to Helena for my current job.

4x4s: 1987 Toyota truck, solid axle swap, custom adapter for dual five speed transmissions, rear locker, 4.37 axle gears, exo-cage, twin stick t-case, doodads, things and stuff. Basically more shifters than I can remember. Also have a 1989 Toyota 4runner, winter daily driving usage (busy fixing the previous owner's lack of mechanical know-how) also have owned two $\frac{3}{4}$ ton GM full size trucks in the past

Modifications: homemade bumpers and flat bed, 37-inch Pitbulls on aluminum wheels, various ammo boxes and jerry cans strapped to the bed,

Summit racing seats w/ five point harnesses, lots and lots of homemade cheap modifications

Favorite 4x4: all beat-up old Toyotas

If money were no object what would you drive off road? Better running, better equipped version of my current toy...

Same question, but on road? Some hot rod/buggy hybrid, like something out of Mad Max.

Favorite trail you've been on? Trails in and around P-burg/Deer Lodge

Trail you would like to run someday? Johnson Valley Hammer Trails, some in OR or western WA

Unrealistically? The far reaches of Russia

Other interests? Camping, hiking, backpacking, fishing. All the things most young men in MT do.

Goals in Life: have a good career, family and lots of 4x4 junk

If you could be any thing in the world? I'm still young enough to be anything...so retired?

