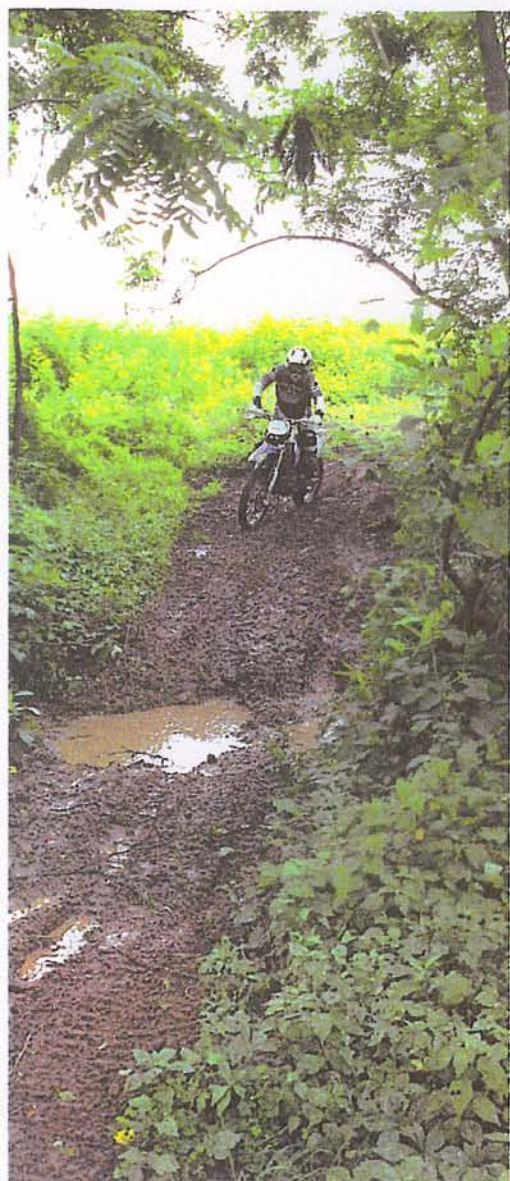


MUDHOLE

MANAGEMENT

Thanks to Don Thurber

► When crossing a deep mud hole or creek, (especially if the depth is unknown) your technique is very important. While this statement may sound blatantly sophomoric, if you drive into a mud hole at speed and are not set up to accept the consequences, you're two clicks from doing a good ole lip digger. Our buddies at Woods Blaster sent this in, and it's the Mud 101 Basics. Thanks, and we hope you pass the audition.



As you approach the crossing look for a good line—one with traction or a rut to help loft the front wheel. Also, scan ahead for a safe landing area.



Keep up your momentum, using second or third gear. As you approach the bank, gas it hard and feed the clutch to lift the front tire up and over the waterhole. This will also keep your gloves and goggles dry.



As you land, stay on the throttle hard and it will help keep the rear tire cleaned-out and pull you through. Keep two fingers on the clutch and finesse your way over the bank. Scan the trail ahead and prepare for the next obstacle.