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## **Bureau of Land Management Seeks Public Comment on Proposed OHV Route for Lakeview Ranch**

*Spokane, WA* – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking public comment on a proposal to designate a 10-mile route for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use on public land in the Lake View Ranch area, northwest of Odessa, WA.

The route has been proposed by the Odessa Citizens Action Committee (OCAC). If implemented, the proposal would connect already existing trails from Odessa to the Lakeview Ranch Road in the north half of the Lakeview Ranch area.

“The route would be created using approximately nine miles of existing two-track roads in the southern part of the Lakeview Ranch parcel,” according to the OCAC proposal. These existing routes are currently designated as non-motorized; however there are designated motorized routes in the northern portion of the Lakeview Ranch area.

The OCAC hopes to create a continuous OHV loop from the town of Odessa, through the Lakeview Ranch area, and then returning to the town on County roads. The OCAC are negotiating rights-of-way on County and City streets to form this continuous loop for trail-riders.

More information on the proposed action can be found on the Spokane District internet site at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/plans](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/plans)

**BLM will accept scoping comments until May 23, 2008.** Email your written comments to [or\\_spokane\\_mail@blm.gov](mailto:or_spokane_mail@blm.gov), or mail them to:

BLM Spokane District Office  
ATTN: Steve Smith  
1103 North Fancher Road  
Spokane Valley, Washington 99212

Comments should identify values, land uses, or resources which could potentially be affected by the proposed action. These comments will help BLM to develop appropriate alternatives, focus our analysis on salient issues and concerns, and provide the necessary information for the BLM to make a final decision.

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Information is also available at the Spokane BLM District Office, located at 1103 North Fancher Road, Spokane Valley, WA or (509) 536-1200.

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The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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