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Dear Sir,

It has just come to my attention that the BLM is in the process of determining how the BLM land near my home, Section 25, will be managed. At present it is a totally multiple use area. I ride my horses there and want to preserve my ability to do so. They are proposing to designate it to be an Off-Highway Vehicle Emphasis Area, which would be part of a larger off-road vehicle area extending southward over the ridge toward Kerby.

If this is adopted as an Off-Highway Vehicle Emphasis Area as proposed, it would eventually bring in large numbers of ORV users from outside the immediate area and displace all other forms of recreation and forest use. Thereby destroying a large part of my own enjoyment of the public land adjacent to my own property, as well as negatively impacting my property value.

The added noise and disruption caused by large numbers of off-road vehicles is undesirable and will destroy a great deal of my enjoyment of my own home and property. The loss of true multiple use of this land will effect everyone who now uses it without damage to the forest and without disruption of the enjoyment of the land by the residents in the area.

It would seem that there are far better locations for an off-road vehicle area than adjacent to an existing residential area. In other areas in Oregon that have been designated as off-road vehicle areas, adjacent residences have experienced a loss in resale value, as no one would intentionally buy into this undesirable location.

Thank you for considering my position and that of my neighbors and please preserve the peace and quiet of my neighborhood.

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