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Western Oregon Plan Revisions  
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Re: BLM Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR) for Off-Highway Vehicle sites

**I strongly oppose the designation of large tracts of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land for off-highway vehicle (OHV) use.**

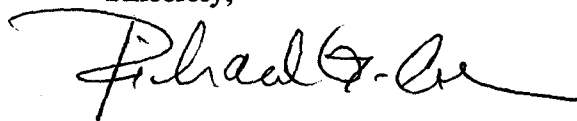
OHV use is far more damaging to the land and wildlife than any other recreational uses. There would be too much additional noise pollution, wildlife disturbance, wildlife death, erosion and destructive run-off.

The acreage listed as potential OHV sites is just too big. BLM itself recognizes that non-motorized recreational users are a far larger number than OHV users. BLM estimates that the ratio is in excess of two to one. Other estimates are even higher.

The potential allocation of more than 100,000 acres for OHV use would insure that our area will become a destination location for OHV users, drawing more people from outside our area. That would have the effect of resulting in more use by OHV's than anticipated, and more environmental damage. BLM is already unable to patrol the areas currently being used. Any additional acreage set aside for OHV use would compound the problem.

Please consider alternatives that will have much less negative impact on our dwindling precious natural resources.

Sincerely,



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