

# Public Comment Form

Revising the BLM's Resource Management Plans in Western Oregon

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I represent SOFA, Southern Oregon Freeride Association. We are a volunteer group of mountain bikers with a passion for advocating the progression of this sport. I was contacted by Dennis Berg in regards to the lack of representation of Mtn bikers. We would like to be the central group in advocating, constructing & maintaining Mtn bike trails. We feel that there is a lack of Mtn Bike trails in our area. Especially trails oriented to the now dominant style of Mtn Biking called "freeriding". This a more aggressive type of mtn biking that involves the use of downhill trails with natural and manmade features to create a more technical type of trail. The use of rock ledges, jumps & elevated wooden structures for example. We would like to see Mtn bike specific trail <sup>systems</sup> areas that range from beginner to advanced double black diamond trails. Innovations in mountain bike design & suspension coupled with the human desire to push

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were our personal limits has created this new sport  
 exploding in popularity ~~sports~~. With the lack of  
 with bike trails, encounters with other trails has  
 increased dramatically. This is causing "bad blood"  
 between with bikers & other users. The sport of  
 Mt biking & freeriding in particular will continue  
 to increase creating more encounters. For example,  
 in BC, Canada, this sport has become the  
 most popular sport in that country. It even has  
 it's own syndicated television show. This sport is  
 more popular than football or any other organized  
 sport. Every Ski Mountain in BC has expanded  
 into summer months catering to "freeride"  
 Mt bikers. Providing lift accessed trails.  
 This is also beginning to take place here in the  
 U.S. It would be foolish not to recognize  
 this sport and the effects it will have on  
 our forests. Illegal trails <sup>already</sup> have been  
 constructed all over Southern Oregon. If we do not  
 provide places for "Freeriders" not only will trail  
 encounters increase but illegal trail construction  
 will continue to increase.

We need places to ride!!

please contact me. I would love to work  
 with the BLM to make this happen.