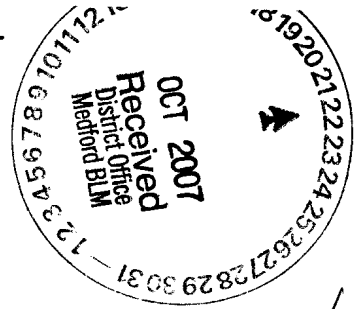


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Subject: Western Oregon Regional Plan Revision 1616

Comments from a neighbor concerning future management plans for Worthington/Obenchain area in Jackson County, Oregon.

First, I would like to thank the BLM for recent restoration efforts in this area. Then I need to thank my neighbors for the community effort to install BLM style gates and billboard signs at most entrances to this area. The efforts, so far, will reduce erosion and the resulting stream damage in this important watershed. Cooperation between landowners and the people who use this area for recreation has increase and there seems to be a new respect for the land, streams, and wildlife habitat.

Most of the reclamation efforts so far have been mainly aimed at limiting vehicle traffic and or repairing the abuse by boggers, poachers, trash dumpers and others bent on destroying the area's beauty. The abandoned cars, piles of tires, discarded building materials, furniture, appliances, dead animal and other mountains of trash have been cleaned up. Signs have been posted which state the authorized uses of the area and dates each closure is in effect. Green Dot areas are marked along with posting of fire regulations and restrictions. Now -----

I have read that you are proposing opening this area up as an Off Highway Vehicle Emphasis Area. The list of objections to this designation from me, my community and people who are enjoying the area for non-vehicle recreation is so endless I hesitate to even start.

Please note my objection, and horror, to allowing this beautiful land to be once again mauled, trashed and abused by people who believe they have the right to operate OHV's to the extreme. They leave the land useless, scared and trashed, while destroying habitat. Please don't allow them to decide the future of the native plants and animal.

Thanks for reading this, and again PLEASE note my very strong objections to any plan which will cause nuclear style devasation to this part of Oregon.

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I understand that the 2-2
Comment Period HAS
Been Extended.

THANKS

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