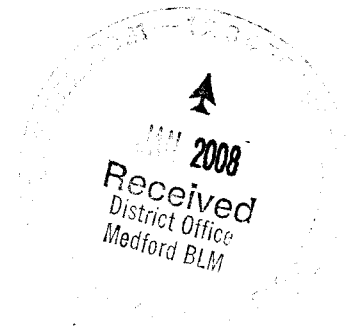


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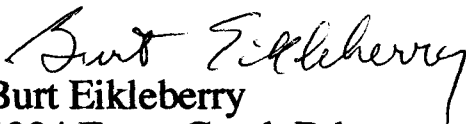
Dear Mr. Whittington:

I tried using the website for the WOPR, but had trouble, as I suppose I am just not computer literate enough. Anyway, the following paragraph is what I tried to send. It conveys only the tip of the iceberg of our feelings, but we at least have to try to make our voices heard.

My wife and I have looked at all the alternatives and are horrified at the amount of land that is designated as OHV emphasis areas. We live on the right fork of Foots Creek Road in section 15 and can't believe the shaded areas in sections 14 and 23! There are homes in that area, and the OHV people would be driving through private property, or right next to it, to get to those areas. Plus they would be driving on a narrow dirt road. The whole John's Peak OHV Emphasis Area is interlaced with private property. We have lived in So. Oregon since 1978. Our homestead has been here since 1873. Our home was built in 1896, so we are not talking from the standpoint of people who recently moved to the country and want to keep others out. We do, however, want to perserve the environment and the historic life style.

If OHV people would respect the land and the rights of others, we might feel differently, but too many of them feel it is their right to tear up the land and disregard anyone but themselves. Unfortunately we are not as well organized as the MRA, but all the neighbors we have spoken to are upset at the possibilities that loom if more area is given to OHV riders.

Sincerely,


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