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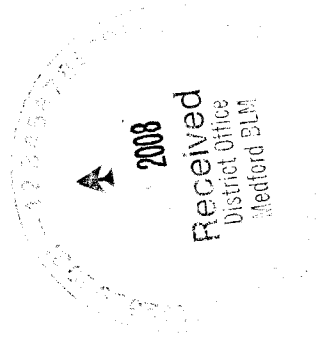
**Butte Falls
Trail Riders**

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Western Oregon Plan Revisions
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The Butte Falls Trail Riders (BFTR) are opposed to the Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR) proposed thirteen sites of Bureau of Land Management property for off-highway vehicle (OHV) use.

The BFTR are specifically opposed to the Worthington Road/Obenchain site comprising 9,410 acres. The BFTR use this area for trail riding and OHV use will seriously impact horse riders. The BFTR request that the Worthington Road/Obenchain site be removed from consideration as OHV use.

OHVs are incompatible with horses and are a danger to horses and riders. OHV use causes noise and trash pollution, soil erosion, impacts streams, riparian areas and irrigation flow, and is a fire hazard. OHV use harms wildlife and their habitat.

OHV areas should be located in existing non-forested areas where fire, noise, soil, and natural habitat and wild life are not impacted.

Sincerely,

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