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REF. WOPR Comments.

As residents of Jackson County here in Southern Oregon we are concerned about some of these revisions to the 1994 ^{Plan} which have been put forth.

Two revision categories are most troubling; the opening of very many more offroad vehicle (OHV) emphasis areas and the highly greater harvest of old growth timber, allowing it to be clear cut.

The OHV emphasis in our District is unreasonable when considering the District population and the number of proposed OHV emphasis areas. Eleven of the 13 new areas are proposed for the Medford District. This seems odd as $\frac{1}{13}$ th of the areas certainly are not required since we are probably less than $\frac{1}{13}$ th of the population of Western Oregon. Regardless of this fact the many of the emphasis areas border and/or are intertwined with privately owned lands. How would you propose to keep conflicts between OHV operators and landowners to a minimum? What will keep OHV operators from using private lands even if by honest mistake. Does your operation plan to handle this before, not after the fact?

Please consider the impact on history towns and in these proposed OHV emphasis areas especially in the Jones Peak/Timber Mountain area. We suggest the revision be revised to 4 OHV emphasis areas instead of 11.

The clear cutting of Old growth forest is really disappointing. Past clear cutting has left scars all over Western Oregon. But more important to us this proposal would allow the destruction of ecosystems that cannot be replaced by reforestation. This proposed "regulation" also flies in the face of the Endangered Species Act, which to our knowledge has not been repealed by Congress.

Most important, please construct a thing plans to adjust existing reforested areas which will provide increased ~~for~~ regrowth.

Please !! No more clear cutting !!!

Please consider the impact of these proposals before the damage is done.

We don't ask for no timber harvest. We don't ask for no OHV usage. Please be more responsible to the land.

We are writing to our elected Federal officials to beg them to enact legislation which protects our beautiful area from caprice of one administration or another.

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