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Improved Trails at Shotgun OHV Site

(Springfield, OR) Last summer and fall, the Shotgun Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trail segments 19, 24 and 25 were rerouted where they intersect with BLM Rd. 15-1-28. These improvements have increased rider safety, improved water quality and reduced maintenance.

The objective of the project was to improve the safety of road-trail intersections while reducing impacts to water quality. Recent timber harvest activity and year-round use of the trails had resulted in damages to the trail tread, leading to continued erosion and unsustainable trail conditions.

This 6 month project required obliterating existing segments of the trail and re-routing them to improve drainage and reduce erosion. The BLM enlisted the muscle of Lane County's Juvenile Forest Work Team to help seed and surface the area.

"The reroutes and new drainage control features will help ensure these trails can be enjoyed for many years to come, while helping prevent erosion and sedimentation," said Bill O'Sullivan, Field Manager for the Upper Willamette Resource Area of the BLM's Eugene District. "We hope riders will continue to enjoy these trails knowing that the environmental integrity of the site will remain high."

The BLM welcomes comments on this project and ideas for future improvements to the Shotgun OHV Trail System. For more information please contact Bill O'Sullivan at (541)683-6287 or wosulliv@blm.gov, or visit the Eugene District website at www.blm.gov/or/districts/eugene.

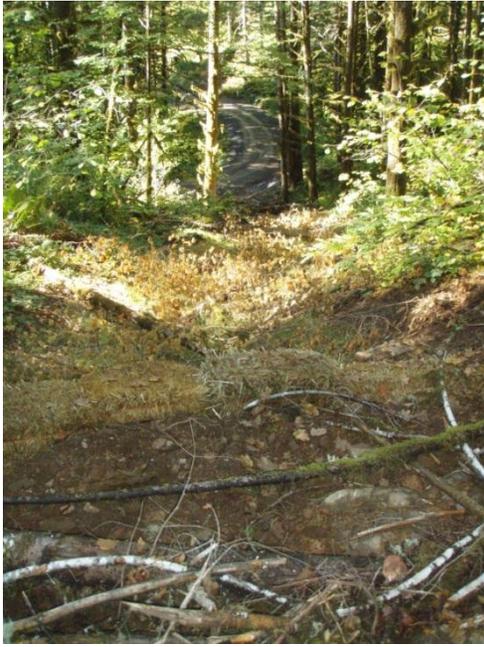
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(Left) Several gullied and eroded trails starting from BLM Road 15-1-28 were obliterated and covered with brush. (Right) The new route for Trail 19 was outsloped and the grade was reduced to help direct water off the gravel-hardened trail surface.

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