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Dear BLM,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the RMP for western Oregon. I am an avid OHV advocate and rider and also a steward of the land who practices Tread Lightly! Our group frequently holds dunes clean ups. Our first was held during March 2011 in Coos Bay. This year we are getting off to a great start; holding our first at Winchester Bay during President's Day weekend and we are holding another tomorrow in Coos Bay. You should note that rider demographics have severely diverged from the "stereotypical rider. " Today's riders are concerned about the environment and safety and these are concerns are demonstrated by how we ride.

My recommendation is to reopen the North Spit and the old Coast Guard Road behind the foredune for winter use. This would provide an excellent opportunity to ride in the southern area, especially for families. Many people I know have actually got to experience riding here before it was closed. I have never had that opportunity. My parents have a Myers Manx Dune Buggy that I used to ride in starting when I was an infant! They relate wonderful stories of being able to ride from Coos Bay to Florence. Our riding opportunities have greatly decreased over time and this would be a wonderful opportunity to open something back up which has no solid basis for closure.

I would be happy to sit on any Advisory Commissions or workgroups that you may be forming, to determine the use of these lands. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 360-901-8489.

Best Regards,

Heidi R. Murphy