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Western Oregon Plan Revisions
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To BLM:

1. The Department of Interior Resource Management Plans must be aligned for continuity with Department of Agriculture U.S.F.S. Resource Management Plans, especially concerning O.H.V. Recreation us in Riparian Areas and Late success ional reserves(L.S.R.), both which are sustainable, desirable OHV recreation use areas. Scientifically, the exclusion of OHV recreation from parts of these areas can be a situational decision, but OHV Recreation must not continue to be categorically excluded from these area by administrative doctrine. This is a major reason why higher quality OHV recreation facilities exist on U.S.F.S. managed lands, and not on B.L.M. managed lands in our area.
2. There are no proposed trails for OHV recreation, in spite of dozens of proposed trails for non-motorized uses.(page 134, volume 1) This is an embarrassing omission. Motorized use is increasing at a much faster rate than non-motorized, especially in this area. Motorized recreation also has a greater proven ability to pay for the mileage required for it. Proposed trails and trail mileage for motorized recreation should greatly exceed trail quantity for other uses.
3. Tallow Box Mountain area in Ruch/Applegate is a known use area proposed for OHV events by previous BLM District Manager, Richard Drehobl, yet is not included as an emphasis area. It is contiguous to the Anderson Butte, Johns Peak, and Ferris Gulch use areas and I require its inclusion as an OHV emphasis area.
4. BLM and O&C lands are designated by congress to provide a sustainable timber supply as well as developed recreation facilities. However, the public domain lands(PD) are not subject to this same timber standard yet are intended to be managed as such. As a OHV recreation enthusiast, I would like the PD lands within the OHV Recreation emphasis areas be removed from the O&C timber harvest quotas and managed to promote an old growth L.S.R. forest regime. L.S.R. forest conditions are more desirable for OHV recreation and better for the environment as a whole.
5. I support all of the OHV emphasis areas. I do not feel the 13 areas in the preferred alternative number 2 are enough to accommodate existing and future OHV recreation, especially accounting for its popularity and the growth of the area.
6. I need specific information about the decision making process employed for final selection of the OHV emphasis areas. What specifically are the criteria for final selection of an area? Comment numbers? Complaint? Funding? The 13 identified emphasis areas include 3 existing designated areas and 10 identified as existing intensely used areas. Additionally I mentioned Tallow Box Mountain must be included. All 14 at minimum must be included in the WOPR final document.\

7. Loop connectivity between use areas is desirable for recreation purposes.
8. Most of the Sterling Ditch Trail in the upper Little Applegate is overgrown, unused, and in serious neglect, and has been for decades. Class III motorized enthusiasts (motorcycle)have offered for decades to reopen, stabilize and maintain this trail as part of the Anderson Butte use area. It is past time for these offers to be accepted, and implemented.
9. Near the top of the Sterling Ditch Trail, the Little Applegate Recreation Site should be restored to its previous status as a camping facility as well as a day use site, including the footbridge and vault restrooms that were destroyed this last decade.
10. The Greyback Mountain Trail should also bear a Class III OHV designation for continuity with the Boundary Trail system, which it intersects. It is also an important connection corridor from the Boundary System to the Ferris Gulch OHV use area to the north.
11. Socio Economic Considerations to human environments require more thorough analysis and greater sensitivity than in past document efforts. Financial and Social impacts to citizens, groups, cities and economies need to have greater standing in these decision documents, with a standing at least as substantial as timber, threatened species, air and water quality, special concern areas, etc. Decisions that devastate businesses, economies, and recreation opportunities for little or no valid reasoning are unacceptable.
12. Anderson Butte emphasis area needs to continue thru to the U.S F.S. lands to the south for a future cooperative venue between BLM / USFS.
13. BLM contiguous parcels on the Humbug Basin including the Old Billy Mountain needs inclusion in the Timber Mountain / John Peak emphasis area.

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