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Bureau of Land Management
Medford District

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Dear Sir:

I am writing at this time to comment on the Western Oregon Plan Revisions.

I have two strong opinions that I must air.

1. When crafting a long range forest plan I feel that logging should be done in such a manner as to avoid cutting old growth trees. Old growth forest are more valuable left standing as animal habitat and to create fresh water. Therefore, cutting would be done on second growth forests. Also the over crowding should be dealt with immediately. Every year the forest products industry gets better at using these smaller diameter logs. thinning will create thousands of good paying jobs in the woods.
2. Public land should never be sacrificed to appease a small constituency like off road riders. Most of these folks will ride with wreckless abandon. To know this will be done one only needs to watch a television commercial for an ATV. I will never believe that motorcyclists and ATVers are responsible stewards as the Motorcycle Riders Assoc claims. That is a silly notion on its face. A quick trip to the Johns Peak area will prove my point. That area is a sacrifice area. In a brief aside to my point in comment 2. I would bet that lobbying money of the MRA comes from big motorcycle companies. Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki, Polaris, Bombardier etc. I don't see a little struggling home town club.

In summation I say No to old growth logging and No to sacrifice land for ATV's to tear up.

Respectfully submitted:
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