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Subject: BLM Western Oregon Plan Revision

Dear BLM;

We are concerned about the Off-Highway (OHV) recreational opportunities under your current alternatives in the Western Oregon Plan Revision.:

We applaud the proposed designation change of some lands as OHV areas for future development, but do NOT approve of the thousands of acres of lands that will be closed. This will actually reduce the total number of recreational acres. Your own statistics show an increase in popularity and usage of OHV areas along with concerns of crowding in areas. Your plans do NOT show any "net" growth of acreage for OHV activities.

The use of the Interim Off Highway Management Plan listed in appendix J is a good start. However, without a formalized Travel Management Plan it is premature to select any one of the proposed alternative plans without details on how it will affect the OHV community.

Additional activities the BLM should consider adding to the plan are: the reduction of "patch work" lands to reduce "land lock" and easement issues, reduce the un-secured BLM lands which are not accessible to the public, and opening up 600,000 more acres of land for public enjoyment.

Please remember as you manage OUR land that we enjoy all its values too.

Sincerely;


Dan Ferguson