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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to comment on BLM's Western Oregon Plan Revisions for Off-Highway Vehicle sites.

I oppose the designation of large tracts of BLM lands for OHV use. The acreage listed as potential OHV sites is not fairly balanced. BLM itself recognizes that non-motorized recreational users are a far larger number than OHV users. I understand that there are over 100,000 acres out of a total of 800,000 acres being considered for OHV use (12.5% of BLM's land) while OHV users comprise less than 6% of BLM land recreational users.

OHV use has a far more damaging impact to the land, wildlife, and to nearby rural residences than other recreational uses. In addition, the proximity to rural residences could easily cause a decrease in private land values.

I propose that you consider the following:

1. What will be the noise impact to residences and other non-OHV BLM recreational users?
2. What effect will erosion have?
3. How will wildlife be impacted?

I urge you to consider alternatives that aren't so damaging.

Sincerely,



Kris Bennett

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- Senator Ron Wyden
- Senator Gordon Smith
- Congressman Greg Walden
- Congressman Peter DeFazio