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Western Oregon Plan Revisions
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BLM:

~~I very much oppose the designation of large tracts of BLM lands for OHV use.~~
The acres listed for OHV sites are too big. There are far more non-motorized recreational users than OHV users.

Proposing 100,000 acres for OHV use opens our area to become a destination spot for other OHV users which will bring more and more people here. That will cause more use by OHV's than expected. Since the BLM can't patrol the OHV places now, they won't be able to patrol additional areas set aside for OHV. There will be more environmental damage, garbage dumps, and other activities not compatible with all the other recreational uses.

OHV's are damaging to the land, and wildlife. I've hiked enough to know first hand how much damage they cause. I've also been told by an ATV rider how he chased a deer in the snow. That's horrible and I bet other people do that as well.

Plus, there is noise pollution and erosion. I've seen those problems as well. Please take a harder look at these problems and don't set aside so much land for gas-powered vehicles.

Thank you for taking comments on this important issue.

Sincerely, 

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