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Dear BLM:

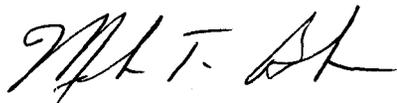
I am a retired sheet metal worker. I live on a fixed income. The land I own is my largest asset.

Your Western Oregon Plan Revisions lay out two Off-Highway Vehicle Emphasis Areas that threaten my investment. The Elliot Creek OHV Emphasis Area is practically in my back yard, and from a noise point of view it is. That's true of the Illinois Valley OHV Emphasis Area, too. I know its noise will travel to me and my neighbors because we can hear the remote controlled airplane events held at Lake Selmac, and dirt bikes are a damned sight louder. If the OHV Emphasis Areas are established every day could be noisy.

Property prices drop when a neighborhood is consistently noisy. I don't like my "quality of life" to be lowered and I don't like my savings to be stolen.

The Executive Order Nixon signed back in 1972 says off-road vehicles on public lands "shall be located . . . to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors." This is law. Obey it and keep OHV Emphasis Areas away from people's homes.

I bet you wouldn't want people biking through your back yard either, and probably for the same reasons.



Mark Brockman

Cc: Trish Lindaman, Tim Reuwsaat, Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Gordon Smith, Representative Peter DeFazio, Senator Jason Atkinson, Representative Ron Maurer