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Subject ATV riding on public lands

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Dear Ms. Lindaman,

I am not a member of any ATV club, merely a private citizen who enjoys riding an ATV responsibly on our public lands. I understand that BLM and the Forest Service are each independently working on plans that would limit ATV riding to areas posted as open to such vehicles. I would hate to see this, and feel it would be an unnecessary overreaction to pressure by those who would close our public lands to ATV use altogether.

My wife and I enjoy riding on old logging roads on BLM and Forest Service Lands in Southern Oregon, and look forward to doing the same in areas further from home, and possibly other states. We respect the environment, don't leave trash, stay on existing roads and trails, and enjoy long rides in the mountains on a given day or weekend not being confined to a posted play area for hotdoggers.

This usage is hardly detrimental. These same departments of government that would now restrict this type of benign usage are themselves guilty of allowing clear-cutting to devastate huge tracts of forest for decades. Yet even all that harm is beginning to heal in many areas. All we want to do is ride through and see it coming back.

If there is a website link or email list I can join to keep apprised of developments, I would greatly appreciate having the information.

Thank you,
J. Cody Couch
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