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Dear BLM Mangers

I have read will horror that you may turn my local neighborhood into an Off Highway Vehicle Emphasis Area.

I live on Worthington Road in Eagle Point, which would be the main thoroughfare to get to the OHVWA area.. I am concerned about the increase of traffic on this dirt road, plus the erosion that the mudbogging would cause to the fragile clay soil, the deep ruts and gullies that would be made and the silt that would run into the Little Butte Creek and other salmon spawning streams. I have personally seen this damage and I know that I would not be able to ride my horse in the area because of the problems that the OHV have caused.

I also am concerned with the problems that would be caused to the elk and deer winter range. As you know this area is designated by BLM as an Elk Habitat Management area. What will happen if all these OHV show up in the area to the elk that live there?

Another area of concern is being able to ride my horse on this land. Not only do the OHV cause damage to the area, but they also frighten my horse when I am out ride. This area is very close to were I live and it is perfect for taking a quick morning/afternoon ride with my wife. One of the reasons why I moved here was to be able to ride right out of my backyard onto BLM. If this area was to become a OHVEA, I will not safely be able to do this. Why should I have to trailer my horses someplace so others that do not live in the area can play?

So please when you are making your decision regarding the Worthington Road/Obenchain area remember the damage and erosion that OHV would cause, the impact on the Elk Habitat Management Area and the safety concern for horseback riders and hikers vs OHV.

Sincerely

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