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Recreation; 1. Refreshment of body or mind; diversion; amusement. 2. Any pleasurable exercise or occupation. Funk & Wagnalls

This letter is being written from the perspective of a motorcyclist of fifty (50) years and the Charter President of the Motorcycle Riders Association (M R A).

A few of the "outdoor" recreation activities in southern Oregon include: hiking, horseback riding, snow and water skiing, snowmobiles, hang gliding, aviation, A T V riding, fishing and hunting. Perhaps, with the exception of hiking and cross country skiing, all forms of recreation have some impact on the environment and impact upon fellow humans.

None of the above listed activities have recently drawn more attention and have become more "politicized" than the use of A T V's on public lands. At the time of the founding of the M R A, there were very, very few people who rode A T V's, mostly motorcycles, on public lands. In the past forty (40) years the number has grown into the thousands.

It appears as though the 97% of public land usage will be reduced to about 11%, with some dozen or so "designated / managed areas" geographically defined. I SUPPORT the concept of managing designated areas for A T V's, I STRONGLY object to further reduction.

In the final analysis, resulting decisions need to balance what we think we know, with what we wish, coupled with what is the best for those effected in the long haul.

Sincerely,
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