

Bureau Of Land Management
Medford Oregon
Recreational Planner, Dennis Byrd
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Dear Dennis,

Please include the names I have sent you as a part of those wishing to be heard and opposing the WOPR. As an avid equestrian on public land and having acces to the Anderson Butte area it is very dangerous to share trails with motorcycles. Deadly in fact, at least for horseman. Careful consideration should be taken regarding sharing of trails between these groups.

I have spent many years building, finding, existing and locating future trails for the BLM, also cleaning up debris. This is easily verifiable should you question it. Also as previous Legislative Director of Trails for the BCHO in the Illinois Valley ,I have worked with the Forest Service and BLM to keep trails clear and passable, rerouted trails around endangered birds etc. I find it imperative to work together to create cohesive plans that work well for everyone. Because the line of sight in these heavily forested areas, is so limited, time to remove oneself from harms way, if one were to hear a motorcycle coming is sketchy at best, the trails are narrow and steep, with absolutely nowhere to go. Roads can easily be shared. Trails not so easily.

I would be happy to work with any and all parties in the future to help create a situation that could work for everyone. I realize it would not be easy. I have never charged for my time concerning

trails and would continue to avail myself free of charge.

Your time and attention is appreciated. I realize it is not easy to be in your shoes.

Also, this may reach you at or beyond the deadline, I would appreciate it if you would include my comments. My infant son has been very ill and is showing improvement. Thank you.

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Petition Opposing the Creation of 13 Off-Highway Vehicle Emphasis Recreation Areas in the Medford BLM District

We are strongly opposed to BLM's proposal to create 13 areas for intensive off-highway vehicles (OHV) affecting 100,751 acres in the Medford BLM District in Southern Oregon. The public lands proposed for intensive OHVs would destroy the ability for local citizens to use these lands for any other recreational activities, including horse-back riding, hiking, hunting, bird watching, trail bikes and other non-motorized activities. Considering the rapidly growing use of public land for non-motorized recreation in the Medford BLM district, we urge BLM to eliminate consideration of these OHV emphasis areas and rather work with local citizens to develop a recreation management plan that will accommodate all recreational activities.

NAME	CITY	Type of Recreational Use of BLM Land and # of Times/Month
Susan Recreate	Jacksonville	Horse-back Riding 22/month; hiking 12/month
P.S. Kellogg P.S. Kellogg	JACKSON Co. GRANTS Pass	Horseback Riding/monthly Hiking/monthly
James A. [unclear]	Talent	Hike + horse twice a week
Kim Hall	Central Point	Hike 3 to 4 times a week
D.S. Hall	Central Point	Hike 4 times a week
Jay [unclear]	Talent	3 times wk Anderson Butte!

Medford District OHV Emphasis Areas

The following interim management guidelines would apply to OHV emphasis areas on the Medford District if designated in the RMP revision.

Anderson Butte: 11,742 acres

Coyote Creek: 14,597 acres

East Howard: 6,812 acres

Elderberry Flats: 3,393 acres

Elliot Creek: 3,931 acres

Ferris Gulch: 2,222 acres

Illinois Valley: 4,681 acres

Lake Creek: 8,561 acres

Quartz Creek: 6,867 acres

Salt Creek: 4,692 acres

Spencer Creek: 7,468 acres

Timber Mountain/ Johns Peak: 16,375 acres

Worthington Road/Obenchain: 9,410 acres

Niche: These OHV emphasis areas offer a multiple-use trail riding experience for users of Class I (ATVs), Class II (4WDs) and Class III (motorcycles) vehicles. The transportation system of these areas also supports commercial and administrative access.

Management Guidelines:

- Paved roads are limited to licensed, street-legal vehicles only.
- Level 1 and 2 routes are open to Class I (ATVs), Class II (4WDs) and Class III (motorcycles) vehicles. Trails less than 50 inches wide are restricted to ATVs and motorcycles.
- ATVs and motorcycles must have valid Oregon ATV permits.
- Non-motorized travel is allowed on all access routes (e.g. horseback riding, hiking, and mountain biking) but is not encouraged due to potential conflicts and safety hazards.**
- Motorized use on the road and trail system may be restricted during the summer due to fire hazard conditions.