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COMMENTS FOR THE: Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR) January 2008

1. **The exclusion of OHV recreation from Riparian Areas and Late Successional Reserves (LSR) areas should be a situational decision** and not continue to be categorically excluded from these areas by administrative doctrine. The USFS does not exclude OHV recreation from these areas and this is a major reason why higher quality OHV recreation facilities exist on U.S.F.S. managed lands in our area.
2. **There are no proposed trails for OHV recreation**, in spite of dozens of proposed trails for non-motorized uses (page 134, volume 1). This is an outrageous omission. Motorized use is increasing at a much faster rate than non-motorized, especially in this area. Motorized recreation also has a greater proven ability to pay for the mileage required for it. Proposed trails and trail mileage for motorized recreation should greatly exceed trail quantity for other uses.
3. **Tallow Box Mountain** area in Ruch/Applegate is a known use area and was proposed for OHV events by previous BLM District Manager, Richard Drehobl and should be included as an emphasis area. It is contiguous to the Anderson Butte, Johns Peak, and Ferris Gulch use areas and I require its inclusion as an OHV emphasis area.
4. BLM and O&C lands are designated by congress to provide a sustainable timber supply as well as developed recreation facilities. However, the public domain lands (PD) are not subject to this same timber standard yet are intended to be managed as such. As an OHV recreation enthusiast, I would like **the PD lands within the OHV Recreation emphasis areas be removed from the O&C timber harvest quotas** and managed to promote an old growth L.S.R. forest regime. L.S.R. forest conditions are more desirable for OHV recreation and better for the environment as a whole.
5. **I support all of the OHV emphasis areas and believe we need more**. The 13 areas in the preferred alternative number 2 are not enough to accommodate existing and future OHV recreation, especially accounting for its popularity and the growth of the area.
6. What is the specific information about the decision making process employed for final selection of the OHV emphasis areas? What specifically are the criteria for final selection of an area? Comment numbers? Complaints? Funding?
7. **Connectivity** between the OHV Emphasis areas is desirable for recreation purposes.
8. Much of the Sterling Ditch Trail in the upper Little Applegate is overgrown, unused, and in serious neglect, and has been for decades. Class III motorized enthusiasts (motorcycle) have offered for decades to reopen, stabilize and maintain the unused portion of this trail as part of the Anderson Butte use area. It is past time for these offers to be accepted, and implemented.
9. Near the top of the Sterling Ditch Trail, the **Little Applegate Recreation Site should be restored** to its previous status as a camping facility as well as a day use site, including the footbridge and vault restrooms that were destroyed.
10. The **Greyback Mountain Trail should bear a Class III OHV designation** for continuity with the Boundary Trail system, which it intersects. It is also an important connection corridor from the Boundary System to the Ferris Gulch OHV use area to the north.
11. **Socio Economic Considerations to human environments** require more thorough analysis and greater sensitivity than in past document efforts. Financial and Social impacts to citizens, groups, cities and economies need to have greater standing in these decision documents, with a standing at least as substantial as timber, threatened species, air and water quality, special concern areas, etc. Decisions that devastate businesses, economies, and recreation opportunities for little or no valid reasoning are unacceptable.
12. **Anderson Butte emphasis area needs to continue south to the USFS lands** for a future cooperative venue between BLM and USFS. USFS is doing their Travel Management Plan for this area right now. **BLM needs to plan connectivity to the USFS trails now.**
13. BLM contiguous parcels on the Humbug Basin including the **Old Billy Mountain need inclusion in the Timber Mountain / John Peak emphasis area**.
14. **The Cinnabar Mountain / Boaz Mountain / Quail Creek area** in the Applegate is an existing OHV use area and has existing OHV trails. This area should be included as an OHV Emphasis Area.
15. **The Spenser Creek OHV Emphasis Area should extend south into the adjoining BLM parcels.** This could more than double the riding in this area.
16. **The MRA should be highly involved in the planning of all OHV Emphasis Areas and OHV Trails.**
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