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To: Area Director of Worthington/Obenchain, Jackson County, Oregon.

My comments on the purposed WOPR OHV changes in my backyard.

The community here in Southern Oregon has extended themselves to help manage our public lands. With help from, and the support of, the Bureau of Land Management we have formed a community alliance. Landowners with property adjacent to this area have been allowed to participate in installing gates, fences, sign boards, removing mountains of garbage, and notifying the authorities of illegal activities at our own expense. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has designated the area as a winter range and has imposed restrictions to insure wildlife receive a chance to thrive. The Oregon Department of Forestry manages this area to protect against wildfires. You have lots of support.

Please allow me to say this is no place to allow Extreme motor vehicle use. The area is ripe with streams, meadows, timber and again habitat suited for elk, deer, birds, insects and all the rest of the indigenous wildlife.

You are making a decision which will have an enormous impact on Oregon's future. Recreation can exist with habitat, but not if your recreation comes from destroying nature with an Off Highway Vehicle.

Come look. My neighbors and I will point out the unequaled value of this resource management area as it is.

Thanks
Robert Lacy