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TO: Western Oregon Regional Plan Directors

Thanks for letting me get this off of my chest.

I understand the BLM is considering designating the Worthington/
Obenchain area of Southern Oregon as an Off Highway Vehicle Emphasis
area. YIKES !!!

You have just finished a reclamation project and now you are considering
allowing the area to be destroyed?

This is beyond comprehension. The list of reasons the area should be
excluded from such a devastating designation seem obvious.

Fire hazard - erosion - litter - vandalism - trespassing - poaching -
harassment of wildlife - degradation of habitat - impact on county roads -
exclusion of use by people seeking non-motorized recreation - precious
trees, flowers, meadows will be sacrificed so a very few can cause major
damage to wildlife habitat - the many streams in the area will be fouled and
realigned outside of their ancient stream beds dumping massive amounts of
silt and debris into low lying areas and stream's - by allowing extreme
vehicle use you will be encouraging noise, pollution, destruction and
encroachment onto adjoining private lands along with dumping and other
unsafe and illegal acts.

Pandering to the few that consider recreation to be destroying God's
creations seems very extreme. Why not note my objections and consider
leaving the area for Hikers, Horses, Hunters, Bird watchers, Mountain
bikers, and for all people who love and respect the open lands?

We don't need more problems on our public lands.

Your neighbor,
Julie Frings

