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To: WOPR
From: Ali Pearson
Re: OHV zoning changes

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To whom it may Concern:

It recently came to my attention that the BLM is considering changing the zoning of the Worthington/Obenchain area to OHV priority zoning. I have hiked around on the property in that area, and seen what damage that kind of use does to the land. There were huge ruts carved and eroded into the trails and roads so deep you would have trouble climbing out of them if you were to fall in. It is obvious that the soil types and slopes will not tolerate OHV activities.

As an independent contractor I frequently work for the Park Service and California Regional and State Parks. I see a lot of multi-use countryside. What I see in your Worthington/Obenchain area is some land that should be valued for the elk and salmon habitat it provides, and the recreational activities that can take place there without eroding the soil resources and impacting the wildlife. Coho salmon spawn in Little Butte Creek. Sediment runoff in the stream could exterminate the Coho in a few as three years, as we have seen happen here in California.

I urge you to consider protecting what you have for the benefit of the wildlife, as well as keeping options open for future enjoyment of the area.

Please don't zone for OHV priority.

Sincerely,

Ali Pearson