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RE: Off Highway Vehicle Park, Worthington/Obenchain Area

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Christine Mott. I live at 1700 S. Obenchain Road in Eagle Point.

I was extremely surprised and disappointed when I heard that the Worthington/Obenchain area is being considered for an off highway vehicle park; contractors for our local BLM office just recently finished eliminating some of the illegal OHV trails coming off of Obenchain Road at considerable expense.

Although everyone in the Obenchain/Worthington area would be affected by an off highway vehicle park in our "backyards", my property is one of the closest to the Obenchain "jeep road." I already experience the noise, litter, careless shooting, poaching, trespassing and increased fire hazard which off roaders bring to my neighborhood, and I feel that creating an off highway vehicle park will only increase these problems for everyone in this vicinity.

BLM doesn't have the money to fix existing problems, let alone create stable new trails for even more vehicles. Will the new visiting drivers be willing to stay on designated trails? With just two BLM law enforcement agents in the entire district, we had better hope so.

Please consider leaving the Worthington/Obenchain area as is. It is a wonderful place for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking and bird watching AND the off roaders enjoy it too during designated months.

Sincerely,

Christine Mott

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c: Tim Reuwsaat, BLM Medford District Manager