

Help BLM Better Understand Your Concerns

BLM often receives comments and letters regarding travel management that do not provide useful information for planning purposes. Most of these comments elicit either support for or opposition to a specific road or group of roads without explaining the concern or issue that led to the support or opposition. To provide BLM the most useful information possible, we suggest that you consider the following questions regarding how you would like BLM to manage the access to public lands in Owyhee County. Your responses to these questions will help ensure that your interests and concerns are better understood and considered.

1. How many off-highway vehicles do you own? (excluding snow machines)
2. What would you consider to be your predominant or most common type of experience on public lands in Owyhee County? Or, how would you categorize your most common use of public lands in Owyhee County?
3. Please consider the management of routes on public lands. What is most important to you as a visitor or landowner in Owyhee County?
4. In your opinion, is it necessary for BLM to provide trailheads to each trail or group of trails?
5. Could you use trails that are also sometimes used for competitive motorcycle races?
 - a. Why or Why Not? Please provide a reason for your answer to the last question.
6. Sometimes the construction and/or use of a route damages a natural or cultural resource. For example, a route crosses a stream several times and degrades water quality. What would you consider to be an acceptable solution?
7. How would you manage a certain area that was being used predominantly by one type of user (i.e. motorcycling or hiking), what is your **most** preferred solution?
8. Sometimes a route is necessary for commercial operations such as grazing or mining and it's only or main purpose is for access to maintain related facilities. If this type of route does not access a destination of public interest or provide a loop opportunity, how should the BLM manage the route?
9. BLM must provide a network of roads and trails that minimizes impacts to wildlife populations and habitats, including the protection of endangered or threatened species. What solutions would you consider when the use of a route has the potential to harass wildlife or damage habitat?
10. BLM must minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other recreational uses within the same area. What would you do to resolve a conflict between user groups (non-motorized and motorized) in the same area?
11. What solutions would you consider to resolve conflicts between multiple user groups, including recreational or competitive motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, rock crawler 4X4, horses, hikers, mountain bikes, gem collecting, or other?
12. How do you think BLM should limit resource damage resulting from multiple (redundant, parallel, duplicate) routes leading to the same destination?
13. How should BLM manage routes whose original and principle purpose was to provide access to private land or administrative sites?

14. If a route across public land provides access to private property, should BLM limit the use of that route to the private landowner? How would you prevent the general public from using the same route?