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RE: BLM'S Western Oregon Plan Revision or WOPR
OHV Emphasis Areas

Dear Sir:

This letter is in protest to the OHV (off highway vehicle) proposed sites located here in Jackson County.

The concern and consternation for some of these proposed sites can only be surpassed by amazement that they were not simply dismissed out of hand for the following reasons.

Class 1 Lands: Environmentally and ecologically sensitive, where soil impact and erosion is critical.

Destinations located on variable width, high maintenance, poor line of site, gravel roads.

Destination and use areas are located in Elk and Deer migration corridors and wintering areas.

Destination and use areas are located in headwater and stream beds feeding and some containing steelhead and Coho salmon migration routes and spawning beds.

The OHV crowd is clamoring for more areas to carry on their activities, which is a viable pursuit in its self.

However, one must realize that the loggers, miners, river rafters, hunters, fishermen (i.e. anyone using public ground) have had their activities, as well as livelihoods, affected and restricted due to the concerns of environment and conservation.

The Game Commission, BLM, and Sheriff Dept. have taken measures to maintain and progress these areas with notable success. Seasonal controlled gates, Green Dot Road Systems, repair to erosion damage, wildlife habitat enhancement, and patrolling for violators, all have contributed to these areas.

Now is not the time to take a step back. Oregon's public lands are for everyone to use but for none to abuse.

Thank you for your consideration

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P.S. Jack and Sharon are multi-generational native Oregonians, who own OHV'S, vote regularly, and have lived on Worthington Road for 29 years.

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