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I am writing to lend my voice to the thousands of Americans that have previously requested that the Rogue-River Siskiyou National Forest focus motorized recreation on expanding Forest Service roads.

I disagree with the 2009 letter from Representative DeFazio and Senators Wyden and Merkley to the Forest Supervisor Conroy requesting that lands proposed for wilderness designation by the Forest Service be designated as off-road vehicle routes. I also disagree that the Forest Service should re-think its "plan amendments" to open protected botanical areas, research natural areas, and backcountry non-motorized areas to off-road vehicle use.

The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest has over 4,500 miles of roads available for motorized recreation and has one of the most extensive and developed ORV trail systems on the West Coast in the Cascades District. There is ample need to open botanical areas, roadless areas, and research natural areas to the Forest Users who prefer off-road vehicle use.

The travel management process was intended to facilitate the construction of new motorized ORV trails in sensitive coastal meadow areas.

I am discouraged that the Forest Supervisor continues to ignore the American public and the Oregon ORV users in this planning process. Why are the values of those of us who enjoy ORV unimportant to the Forest Service? How should we make those values heard other than contacting our elected officials?

Please respect my values and my voice.

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