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I am writing to add my voice to the thousands of Americans that have previously asked that the Rogue-River Siskiyou National Forest focus motorized recreation on existing Forest Service roads. And, along with this, to manage botanical areas, roadless areas and backcountry hiking trails for their special non-motorized values.

I agree 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 NOT be designated as off-road vehicle routes. I also agree 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 travel management process was not intended to facilitate the costly construction of new motorized ORV trails in sensitive coastal meadow areas. Withdraw all plans for new construction of motorized ORV trails and allow only motorcycles on motorized trails in the Gold Beach District as was intended with the Siskiyou management plan.

I can see that the Forest Supervisor continues to ignore the American public and the Oregon Congressional Delegation in this planning process. Why are the values of those of us who appreciate botanical diversity and roadless wildlands unimportant to the Forest Service? How should we make those values heard other than participating in the NEPA planning process and contacting our elected officials?

Please respect my values and my voice.

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