From: Conroy, Scott
To: Krantz, David
Subject: Re: Motor Vehicles on the Forest
Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 9:47:20 PM

Yes I am getting spammed with messages. I just forwarded a few. I am deletng or redirecting the rest.

----- Original Message -----
From: Krantz, David
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 08:48 PM
To: Conroy, Scott
Subject: RE: Motor Vehicles on the Forest

Hi Scott--

Please forward any more of these messages to the comments email account. Here's the address: FS-comments-pacificnorthwest-rogueriver-siskiyou.

I've received over 400 form messages today into my work email account and have now set up rules for any additional ones to be redirected to the comments account. Let me know if you're getting a flood of messages too. If so, follow the instructions to redirect those with the same subject heading into the comments account.

Thanks.

-----Original Message-----
From: Conroy, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 2:20 PM
To: Krantz, David
Subject: Fw: Motor Vehicles on the Forest

----- Original Message -----
From: Sandy Greenwald [mailto:sandy.green.wald@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 12:19 PM
To: Conroy, Scott
Subject: Motor Vehicles on the Forest

Dear USFS,

I have seen tremendous damage done by motor vehicles on the BLM lands in my neighborhood, in the Little Butte Creek watershed. Fortunately, our local lands managers took action, installed some gates, did some erosion control projects, and today the land is beginning to heal. However, the last 10 years did some expensive damage which we cannot now afford to fix.

I urge you to save your agency time and money in the future by making these closures now. OHV use has increased greatly in the last decade, and if these trends continue, the level of damage will be exponentially greater.

In my experience, there are a lot of devoted "mudboggers" who cannot resist a patch of soft soil. It is unfortunate that this compulsion must limit the freedom of the many more sensible OHV riders. But a single "rogue" rider can do centuries worth of damage in a half hour - ruts a foot deep, gullies that will continue to downcut.

Just getting quad riders to stay on roads is a major task you have set yourselves. In order to properly protect our Botanic Areas and RNA's it will be necessary to close and/or gate the nearby roads,

otherwise people will go wherever they want to. Signs deter the law abiding, but they are not the ones who do the most damage.

I understand OHV riding is a popular hobby. However, it can also be extremely destructive, and we are not obliged to provide a place on our public lands for ecological vandalism.

Sincerely,

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