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I strongly encourage you to make a responsible decision regarding Travel Management in the Rogue-River Siskiyou National Forest that focuses motorized recreation on existing Forest Service roads while managing botanical areas, roadless areas and backcountry hiking trails for their special non-motorized values. I work on these Travel Plans in the Wallowa-Whitman and Malheur National Forests and I belevie the choice is clear. The Forest Service must make a responsible decision that is not liked by some, or an irresponsible decision that is not liked by many. Motorized use and the fossil fuel consumption is damaging this entire Earth. It is totally unreasonable to allow motorized vehicles in old growth areas, important botanical areas, roadless areas, and lands with potential wilderness value, and all stream crossings and miles in riparian areas, and elk core habitat areas, should be evaluated for closing. Protect our cultural heritage!

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 simply no need to open botanical areas, roadless areas, and research natural areas to the 2% of Forest Users who prefer off-road vehicle use (according to the Forest Service analysis).

The travel management process was not intended to facilitate the costly construction of new motorized ORV trails in sensitive coastal meadow areas. Please 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.

Big wild open county is a critical and irreplaceable part of our natural heritage. Oregonians need big open wild country, just as wildlife do. Motorized vehicles should be kept out of these areas so this can still be Oregon country!

Please respect my values and my voice.

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