From: Scott Atkinson
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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 existing Forest Service roads, trails, and other available recreational areas.

I do not agree with the 2009 and later letters 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. We have seen several serious fires in the Forests due to road and trail closures because the fire crews could not access the fires.

The Forest Service has done a very poor job of managing the forests and have let conditions decline even when they have received additional funds. It is about bad management and priorities.

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. These are usually maintained by the individual user groups. Too often the roads and trails are closed off without any notice to the public.

I am discouraged that the Forest Supervisor continues to ignore the American public and the National Congressional Resources Committees in this planning process.

Please respect my values and my voice.

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