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Comments: Dear BLM,

I am writing to express my strong support for the inclusion of motorized recreational activities, particularly motorcycle access, in the government forest management plan for Oregon and Washington. These states boast some of the most exceptional backcountry motorcycling in the world, and it is crucial to preserve and promote these opportunities for current and future generations.

As a lifelong resident of Oregon who has enjoyed motorcycle riding throughout the region, I understand the unique and irreplaceable experiences that come with exploring the vast and remote public lands in this area. These landscapes not only hold sentimental value for me but also provide an unparalleled sense of freedom and connection with nature. It would be truly tragic to lose access to these areas, preventing me from sharing the same cherished memories and experiences with my grandkids and friends.

Public lands, with their wild and remote appeal, attract visitors from all over the world. This intrinsic quality should not only be maintained but also expanded upon as an integral part of the forest management plan. Motorized recreation plays a vital role in supporting local economies, contributing significantly to the financial health of communities. The funds generated from motorized activities, including user fees and related expenditures, often surpass those from other recreational activities.

It is essential to recognize that motorized recreation not only enriches the lives of enthusiasts but also contributes substantially to the financial well-being of the region. Therefore, I urge you to treat access for motorized use as equally important in the forest management plan. A balanced approach that preserves and promotes motorized recreational activities will ensure the continued enjoyment of these landscapes for generations to come, while also sustaining the economic benefits derived from this form of recreation.

Thank you for considering the importance of including motorized activities in the forest management plan. I trust that your decisions will reflect the diverse needs and interests of the community, fostering a sustainable and inclusive approach to land management.

Sincerely,

Brad Parker