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Mr. Dougherty:

I'm reaching out hoping you will include OHV use in the National Forest planning and management. It is my belief with reasonable access comes reasonable compliance. I grew up in the wild west days of OHV recreation where there was no legal access to riding areas and no compliance with the laws. This brought about the original California Green Sticker program. Moreover, strange as it may sound, OHV use is a net environmental positive . . . many of those who oppose OHV use typically prefer to vacation in far off lands whereas the OHV community prefers to enjoy our National Forest right here at home. My airline pilot friend did some back of envelope calculations and told me a 777, at 80% capacity, flying LAX-Heathrow round trip burns 250# of jet fuel per passenger . . . that's more than I burned in my dirtbike in the last 5 years.

The spotted owl was the excuse de jour to restrict access to OHV use and logging, hopefully the newer studies debunking any connection and rather identifying the barred owl as the real culprit carries the day and we can bring back some of those good paying logging jobs.

I see the OHV community as a greatly underserved community, hopefully this wrong is soon righted.

Best Regards,

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