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Comments: Dear USFS, since moving to Bend in 2018 I have enjoy both China Hat for motorcycle recreation as well as other FS land around Bend and in Oregon. In every case, I have been thankful and impressed by FS's maintenance and usefulness of such lands.

Regarding the proposed ban on camping/fires in these proposed areas, I feel it is a factor of growth in the Bend/central Oregon region. We all know Bend is "blowing" up...why...several factors and one if feel contributes greatly to the "secret" places long time Oregonians have enjoyed...social media. I'm also aware of the homeless challenge facing our country, more specifically the western US. I feel bad for people without a place to live and those with mental illness also not able to secure a job or safe place to live.

With regard to China Hat, it doesn't seem proper to restrict land use to the majority of us that respect the forest, (pay for FS permits, carry in/carry out and all the things that are proper to do,) for the few that are not following proper use of the FS.

Since I live in Bend and do not camp at CH, and occasionally ride my dirt bike there my questions to FS are:

- How many rangers are assigned to CH area.
- Can more trash cans/dumpsters be positioned in and around known camp areas besides staging areas.
- Will further enforcement of permits (on car windows etc) prevent the wrong people from access.
- What can volunteers do to help FS

I'd assume the basic factor in all this is resources to patrol and enforce FS lands.

In closing I'm happy to volunteer to help FS with the challenges you face. But also strongly urge FS to not restrict the use of FS lands to the majority of us the use it properly without considering other methods to reduce and remove those who are not properly using FS land.

Thank you,