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Comments: Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on NFPA # 6475.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit developed to ensure the 1994 Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area (ODNRA) Management Plan is followed by the U.S. Forest Service, the governing body of the 30,000 acre ODNRA, which is located within the Siuslaw National Forest in western Oregon. Our efforts work to benefit the public and protect the ODNRA for multiple use while preserving the dunes. Multiple use includes off highway vehicles, fishing, hunting, hiking, sand bicycles, sand boarding, horseback riding, wildlife viewing, camping, commercial enterprises, invasive species and vegetation control efforts, mushroom harvesting, berry cultivation and harvesting, nearby residents, wildlife conservation efforts, enhancements to improve ODNRA use to benefit the public, and more.

The ODNRA 1994 Management Plan took over twenty years to develop, with input from USFS staff and the public, resulting in a comprehensive well done guideline for the future. However, as recreational pursuits have changed, leaning heavily toward off highway vehicle use, much of the diversity and intended use of the Oregon Dunes has changed, with little good faith enforcement of the Management Plan by the ODNRA. The environmental and multiple use aspects of the area have been gradually overlooked to benefit the off highway vehicle community, causing an imbalance that violates the Management Plan as well as numerous CFR's. Recently (2020), the Pacific Marten was named a threatened species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This species resides primarily in the Oregon Dunes area, and with only an estimated seventy left, should be of concern to the proposed amendment scoping and analysis.

With proper management, including meaningful law enforcement, the ODNRA should be capable of continuing multiple use for all parties, but without following the current regulations, off highway vehicles is a segment that is facing severe restrictions as has happened in other areas of the country.

Our organization has worked with major OHV interests including Save The Rider's Dunes in a effort to solve issues in the ODNRA that clearly violate regulations in the 1994 Management Plan. Meetings with the ODNRA staff attended by local county government officials, local law enforcement, USFS law enforcement management and staff, local residents, off highway vehicle organizations and dealers over a five year period have resulted in no cooperation from the ODNRA. In fact, cutbacks in a once effective USFS Law enforcement from five LEO's to none has led to a culture in the ODNRA displayed by many riders that is harming the experience of law abiding ohv enthusiasts in popular riding areas.

The Siuslaw National Forest has supervision over the ODNRA as mandated by Congress in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area Act of 1972. It appears reasonable to include the ODNRA and its management in the Northwest Forest Plan Amendment #64745. The five interrelated topics to be addressed in the amendment scoping fall within the issues now confronting the ODNRA, making this an opportune time to evaluate how to follow the ODNRA Management Plan of 1994.

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