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Comments: For thirty years, I have participated in OHV usage. I am a lifelong Jeep owner. In recent years, I have participated in Club activities, lead by the Wandering Willys Jeep Club, who has been a registered Jeep club in the State of Washington for over 50 years.

I implore State and Federal Forestry Department heads to reach out to OHV clubs local to the West Coast segments, defined in the attached studies. Please seek volunteer help from the clubs; many members share experience in positive trail usage and maintenance projects. Well planned projects, with only a few months of notice could have a reasonably-sized, volunteer work force available for forestry improvements, to areas deemed 'sensitive' in the studies. We could participate in areas sensitive to fire prevention, areas susceptible to environmental damage by way of changing climate or areas previously damaged by simple usage. There are several areas this volunteer group could be used, with proper Forestry Supervision, to help maintain sensitive forestry areas.

Further, if needed, I would think that along with our State and Federal OHV permits we must purchase every year, there might be some type of mandatory requirement for the OHV users to be involved with their local Forest Managers; either by volunteering time in the field or attending workshops geared to educating users groups on what they can do to help maintain balance with their trail usage and a happy forest system.

Lastly, although not specifically mentioned in the attached studies, I find it deeply disturbing that simply closing trails and access to OHV areas is considered forestry management. It's more a simple way to remove freedoms from good individuals. Closing Public Lands to OHV usage is a quick means to boost numbers on a chart. It merely paints-over troubled areas noted in a study; rather than address a problem and provide a solution that both highly benefits the Public Lands and the users who seek solitude and time away from their daily routines.

Thank you for reading my comments.

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