

Folks, read all this and you'll have an easy time of it when writing you letter to Mr Queen. Billy did a nice job with his actual letter. Even half this long would be fine if that's what you're comfortable with.

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**Bill Queen, District Ranger
Lookout Mt. Ranger District**

**Please write your own letter using
these points.**

To District Ranger, Bill Queen,

I, Billy Toman, President of the Lobos Motorcycle Club would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the trails and the land use matters of the Ochoco National forest. Some of us have used this area since I was a young man by hunting and taking the family for outings in the pristine area.

We want to preserve the right to continue to use this area for years to come, and we will help gain the use of the trails and jeep roads by helping on the restoration of over-used areas that may have been caused by OHV use. We have put many hours helping the Bend, Fort Rock OHV area known as the China-Hat OHV grounds, so we are pre-trained on how to take care of the grounds that we use.

Please do not let this area or any part of it go into wilderness for I have just turned 78 years and do not have the legs to hike any great distance. We, the senior citizens still pay taxes and have the time to give you help on developing new trails and maintain the ones that are already open. With 165,000 acres there should be room for all of us to use and the use of single-track trails would keep the foot print small and could be used by other users so we all have access to the area..

Our club is 60 strong and as a spokesman for those that cannot write at this time, I know they back up my commitment to helping your District whenever you need us.

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POINTS TO CONSIDER FOR SCOPING COMMENTS

Subject: RE: New Ochoco OHV area
From: "Barrett - Single Track" <brownbsr@msn.com>
Date: Mon, December 07, 2009 10:39 am
To: <jared@etra.net>, "'Officers"' <officers@omraoffroad.com>

Jared, guys,

I haven't ridden the area, but the comment period, which tentatively ends in 12-20, is worth an awareness campaign. THE Ochoco trail riders have worked hard to champion

actual single track trail in the area and some of their ideas have made it into this proposal. On the other hand, the Sierra Club and the local environmentalists community out of Bend and Prineville have been very vocal and active. The Forest Supervisor has recognized that the vocal outcry he's been hearing does not necessarily reflect balanced or complete input. (In fact OHV users have been a little quiet on the issue.) So I think he's really begging for us to speak out.

- We like the current proposal, though it really needs more dedicated single track.
- The precise environmental problem in this forest is that it's an unmanaged system, and this proposal moves the area toward a high quality, managed program.
- Local OHV volunteer partners are poised and ready to make this program a success for OHV users, the local community and the forest itself.
- It's important to stake our claim that designated wilderness can cooperate with adjacent OHV use. The dangerous and open ended concept that Wilderness areas need **additional** buffer areas **around** them is a slippery slope to disaster. This area is an important test case to make this case. We're environmentalists too. We appreciate and love these natural areas near existing wilderness and we know that they can co-exist with proper, sustainable planning and management.
- The Ochoco Trail Riders should be rewarded for their work over the past ten years. An OHV positive decision here will vindicate the idea that organizing and working within the system to developed sustainable trail plans, as they've done, can lead to win-win outcomes. The alternative - outlaw or renegade OHV use - is the path to failure.
- The overwhelming majority of the thousands of volunteer hours logged in the Oregon woods are attributed to motorcycle riders.

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these points. *Larry***

Complement USFS on proposal & thank them for opportunity to comment.
And then make comments and suggest your additions or changes

Project area is consensus area agreed to in the PAC Working Group

I/We want to protect forest resources and will help to achieve that protection

I/We will help on restoration of damaged areas related to OHV activity

Inventoried roadless areas are not wilderness. Existing trails and roads are appropriate OHV recreation opportunities

Proposed trail system is marginal compared to established successful East Fort Rock system.

Comparison: **East Fort Rock-** 114,309 acres and
178.61 Square miles with
318.6 total miles of designated OHV trail equaling 1.8 miles of trails per sq mile

77.62 total miles of Shared use roads
Combined use is 396.22 miles equaling 2.2 miles of OHV use per sq mile

Proposed Ochoco summit- approx. 165,000 acres
257.81 Square miles with *Proposed*
Approx. 124 miles of OHV trail equaling .48 miles of trails per sq mile
Approx. 45 miles of Shared use roads
Combined use is approx. 169 miles of OHV use equaling .66 miles of OHV use per sq mile

Additional miles easy to incorporate using user created trails

- ❑ Use cross country ski trails when and where possible
- ❑ Class III trails are easiest to locate, build, and maintain
- ❑ Add parallel trails to segments connected with single trail segment
 - a. Between Ochoco Divide & Ahalt Pit
 - b. Between Roads 22-200 and end of 22-306 (using 256?)
 - c. Between TH on Road 22-350 and Scotts Camp (including Scotts pit)
- ❑ Add short 2 or 3 (2-5 mile) loops at all staging and play areas
- ❑ Provide designated trail to boundary of project area for future access to MT Pisgah
- ❑ (rd 335?) from Cottonwood Pit
- ❑ Provide designated trails or shared use road for access to Spanish Peak and Slide Mtn.

Keep it short and simple. In your own voice and your own emotion.

Talk about what trail riding means to you.

Pick a topic or two from the two letters above and add them to your note. Then, if you find yourself in agreement with them, pick one of the specific trail issues from the last 7 lines to include in you letter.

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