

# Quiet Riot

## Bear Creek

- Adjacent to new additions to the Mt. Hood Wilderness and threatened bull trout streams.
- No significant existing OHV presence. 40 miles of new motorized single-track trail would be built.

## Gibson's Prairie

- Adjacent to the City of The Dalles drinking water supply.
- Gibson's Prairie has a popular horse camp and the Starvation Ridge Trail is used by mountain bikers. Potential for user conflict is high.

## La Dee Flat

- OHV route would bisect the Salmon-Huckleberry and Roaring River Wildernesses.
- History of illegal activity including dumping.
- "Mudding" results in surface erosion.

## Peavine

- Within 1/2 mile of the Pacific Crest Trail. Documented illegal OHV riding on the trail.
- Historic Skyline Road and elk calving grounds would be imperiled.

## Rock Creek

- Sportsman's Park community has been fighting the proposed area for 5 years.
- The area has recently been thinned to reduce the threat of fire. Residents have documented an increase in user created routes.

## McCubbins Gulch

- Currently designated as an OHV area along an existing utility corridor and the route for the proposed Palomar Pipeline.
- Adjacent to the Warm Springs Indian Reservation and within cultural/historic areas.



It has been almost 2 years since the Forest Service released the Mt. Hood Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Travel Plan, which proposes to designate up to 6 new off-road playgrounds around the mountain! Although the OHV Plan improves off-road management by designating certain routes for OHV use and making all others illegal, the current proposal for Mt. Hood National Forest falls short by not addressing the larger recreation community and the need for comprehensive planning for the road system. The next opportunity the public has for comment on the proposal is when the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is released in August 2009.

### **Forest-wide travel must be addressed**

The vast majority of Mt. Hood National Forest users are not off-roaders. In keeping with the intent and spirit of the national mandate to create Travel Plans for every National Forest, it is critical that the plan address the Mt. Hood road network.

### **Quiet Recreation**

Mt. Hood receives over 4 million visits annually and when the road system fails to provide access to key recreation areas, the Forest Service needs a plan. Analysis of Mt. Hood National Forest as a destination for world-class recreation must be considered simultaneously with roads and off-road vehicle access.

### **Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs)**

The current plan to create six OHV play areas falls short for two reasons: 1) Approximately 50,000 acres would be sacrificed to a use that is not compatible with forest health or other recreation, and 2) It assumes that enforcement will be sufficient despite the fact that Mt. Hood's 1.1 million acres has only four law enforcement officers!

