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AmericanMotorcyclist.com

The Honorable Greg Walden
U.S. House of Representatives
2182 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. Walden:

The American Motorcyclist Association is writing to thank you for introducing H.R. 4272, the Forest Access in Rural Communities Act.

Founded in 1924, the AMA is the premier advocate of the motorcycling community. We represent the interests of millions of on- and off-highway motorcyclists and all-terrain-vehicle riders in the United States. Our mission is to promote the motorcycle lifestyle and protect the future of motorcycling.

As you are aware, this bill would require the U.S. Forest Service to consult and be in concurrence with affected county governments before altering access to the National Forest System – including closing or decommissioning roads and trails.

The AMA is concerned that due to a lack of local input, access for motorized recreation is being unfairly limited on USFS lands. By requiring concurrence from local governments, this bill would ensure that those who use Forest Service land for recreation would be afforded an opportunity to comment on access issues.

We would like to work with your office to ensure any future concerns we may have are addressed, so this important legislation can be signed into law.

Once again, thank you for introducing H.R. 4272.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, (202) 742-4301, or by email, wallard@ama-cycle.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wayne Allard'.

Wayne Allard
Vice President, Government Relations