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Congressman Greg Walden
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Dear Congressman Walden:

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association and its membership of snowmobilers support HR 4272, the Forest in Rural Communities Act, introduced by Congressman Greg Walden.

Local input should be a big part of the decision making process, assuring the needs, concerns and desires of the people most affected are involved. Those living and working in these areas are in the best position to understand the impact on their local economy and environment.

Decisions being made during the Travel management Rule process involving altering public access to the forest lands, decommissioning roads, trails and closing of roads, should be based on local input as each area is unique. Decisions should not be made on the basis of one size fits all, but each area looked at as the distinctive area it is with the input of county and local leaders and those who use the area.

Policies and rules adopted without consideration or understanding of local circumstances can have unintended consequences. Local flexibility makes common sense.

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