

I would like my comments made part of the public record in opposition to **HB3251**.

HB3251 will limit recreational activities in the State Forests. Recreational activities in the state forests should not be limited to selected groups. They should be open to everyone.

What study, if any, was done to conclude that vehicles over 200 pounds were doing any damage? Without the proper studies and science to prove damage is being done by vehicles over 200 pounds you are arbitrarily closing access to state lands that need not be closed!

This bill is going around the Public review process required by the DSL. The Public has a RIGHT to participate in the review process. Without public input on public lands, the Oregon citizen is being deprived of their rights!

There is nothing in this bill that addresses enforcement. There would be a cost to this bill to the State since someone would be monitoring these areas for violations plus it would need to go through the courts. (5) Violation of this section is a Class A violation. How in the world can you write a bill that does not address the costs of enforcement?

This Bill involves more government intervention in who can and can't use public lands. Public Lands are for the recreational use of ALL the public. Don't close them down because some environmental groups have determined they know better than anyone else what is good for the public lands.

Regards,  
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