

Mayor Ron Lundbom
620 SE Hillcrest Rd
John Day, Oregon 97845

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James LaBar, Committee Administrator

RE: SB192 for Off Road Vehicle uses on Highways

Dear Mr. LaBar,

I have been an ORV user for many years. I think the use of an ORV is safe, economical and does not create any more of a hazard than a bike, motorcycle or even a Smart car. In our area short trips on an ATV saves gas and is handy for accessing our trails and forest roads that are only a short distance from town. Now that a lot of cities and counties have approved their use on their roads, the next logical step is to allow them on rural state highways also.

I am a business owner in an economically depressed area. We could sure use the ORV community to help bring some tourist dollars here. We have one of the most extensive and beautiful off road trail systems in the state and opening up our rural state highways to ORV use help all access that resource.

We have a lot of farmers and ranchers that use an ORV. Letting them access their land via an ATV is a lot more practical and efficient, in some cases, than a pickup. Other states allow ORV use on their highways with no more incidents than other vehicles and in some states the law enforcement community uses them with success also.

I offer my whole hearted support for SB192 and I urge you to consider it also. Thank you, Ron.

Sincerely Ron Lundbom,
Mayor, City of John Day.