

Date: 03-21-15

To: State of Oregon Senate and Legislature

Re: HB 3455

First, I would like to thank you for taking the time to listen and contemplate to the opinion which I hope to express from this letter. I am confident, as the governing body for the state of Oregon that your time is valuable and limited. My desire is to instill a greater sense of need and urgency as it relates to the above mentioned legislation.

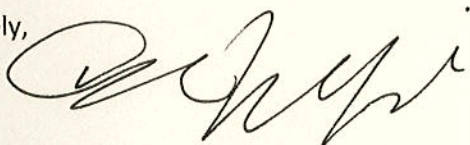
Second, although I am a small business owner in the city of Salem currently, I do possess some first-hand knowledge and experience as it relates to ATV's and their recreational use. Back in 2004, my wife Brenda and I helped some friends for a summer who then owned Spinreel Dune Buggy Rental located off Hwy 101 on Spinreel Rd. just north of Coos Bay, OR. Over the course of six months we were there, I became very familiar with the diverse terrain of the Oregon National Dune and Recreation Area. Not only did I supply assistance to the riders who rented from us, but would also assist private riders as well. ATV use and recreation can be fun for the whole family, but it can also be extremely dangerous. As you know, the ONDRA is quite large and the need to help individuals who were lost or broke down would occur on a daily basis.

Third, I also witnessed and was contacted by riders who had friends, family, or loved ones involved in ATV accidents. While the majority of these were minor in nature, there was a significant number that would require emergency services and EMT to be present to administer first-aid to the individuals. I remember the EMT's appreciation as we would meet them at the State Park across from Spinreel to guide them over and through the maze of dunes to the victims in need of medical assistance. However, I also remember their frustration as they would not always be able to reach the victims in their emergency vehicles because emergency vans and ambulances are not equipped to be driven in most places of the ONDRA.

Fourth and finally, I want to voice my sincere support for HB 3455 and its' ability to provide financial support to emergency services as well as representation on the ATV Advisory Committee. In my opinion, placing a fire district and EMS representative onto the ATV Advisory board is absolutely necessary. I believe adequate terrain transportation is a NECESSITY, when the welfare of the recipient is mandatorily predicated by time lost if the emergency services and EMT's do not have the ability to reach the victims quickly. PASS this legislation and make sure emergency services have the equipment it needs to provide adequate services!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris H. Wylie", written in a cursive style.

Chris H. Wylie