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As a long term user of Oregon's public lands I have a problem with the unfettered use of ATV's on public lands. I have led group trips into areas around Bend's Badlands wilderness which has many ORV and ATV trails . What I have experienced is ATV's traveling across paved highways at speed without stopping. The areas wildlife has been heavily impacted by the noise, wear and tear on lands and plants they depend on for their survival. When the bill refers to public land I wonder how this will affect wilderness study areas such as Sutton Mountain. The bill does not clearly state that areas that are now posted as no motorized use will be respected. The last concern I have is who will be out there checking the condition of our public lands considering the limited budget and staff available. Usually use without rules and limitations leads to over use and destruction.