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Co-Chairs Gorseck and McLain, Vice Chairs Boquist and Boshart Davis, Members of the Committee,

I Support HB 3248

ATV riding is a popular recreational activity in Central Oregon and throughout the state. Riders have been limited to off-road areas. The passage of HB3248 would change that, allowing ATV enthusiasts to travel on public roads to access off-road riding areas. This would provide greater convenience for users and help support local businesses that cater to ATV enthusiasts.

Many of the forest service roads are off limits to ATV/UTV (side by sides) There are 2 lane forest service roads we cannot be on to access the next connecting single lane road. This would help this issue and tie areas together.

We are not asking to ride down I 5 or HWY 217. We are asking for access outside of metro areas. We want to be legal to ride in John Day , La Pine, Christmas valley, Sumpter, etc. We would like to get gas and food. Leave money in small towns. Some may say how much area do THEY need. We have a lot of forest area that is open. They are open to on hwy vehicles only . I do not want to take my daily driver down most forest service roads. There are caves, mines high lakes, camp grounds and areas you can drive to but it would beat up your car or truck.

There is concern about safety ALL UTV have seat belts. Helmets are required for ATV. They are safer to be on the rough roads.

I urge the Oregon Legislature to support HB3248 and help promote the growth of the ATV industry in our state.

Thank you  
Scott Kelly