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Oregon Parks & Recreation ATV Grant Committee

725 Summer St., NE Suite C
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RE: Letter of Support for Grant to USFS Willamette National Forest Middle Fork Ranger District, for Improvements to the Huckleberry Flats OHV Recreation Area

To the Oregon Parks & Recreation ATV Grant Committee,

On behalf of the City of Oakridge, I am writing to express our utmost support to the USFS Willamette National Forest Middle Fork Ranger District in Grant funding to the Huckleberry OHV Recreation Area. Huckleberry Flats OHV area is utilized by locals and tourists. It is one of the economic drivers for the local ecotourism and is rapidly growing. The OHV trails provide a designated place for riders that does not damage our forested areas and sensitive habitats. This requires continual planning, development and rehabilitation with a significant level of maintenance. The maintenance provided by the USFS, not only provides the use of the trails, but also provides safe riding access. As the use of ATV's become even more popular, it is imperative that the USFS preserve safe riding areas to reduce risk of injury to riders.

We ask that you sincerely consider the Grant request for approval. If you have any questions, please contact me at (541) 953-4624.

Respectfully,

Chrissy Hollett

Mayor
City of Oakridge