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ATV Travel Plan

The forests belong to all of us not just the environmental groups that want to keep the forests untouched. Millions of acres have been put into "wilderness areas" for this purpose but that is not enough for this group of people, they want it ALL and will stop at nothing to get their way. They are paying to local district to decommission roads and file law suits to stop logging and recreation. Now, with the proposed new travel plan it appears that the region has bought into this way of thinking even more by the blatant discrimination toward "certain" groups of motorized recreation, specifically the WATV group.

This group has complied with all your requests and were told that if they got there ATV's licensed via Wash State (which we have at great personal expense)we would be able to ride on all forest service roads. The local district has repeatedly lied to us over and over, has gone so far as to physically alter the current printed travel plan to exclude ATV's, harassed people using the forest and have done all they could to stop certain groups from using the forest. This is just another attempt to limit not only WATV's but motorcycles and any other vehicles the district and environmental groups doesn't approve of

This is really simple, Roads are meant to be traveled on. An ATV is not going to do any more damage to a road than any other motorized vehicle that is currently licensed and allowed on the forest service roads.

This District is part of the United States Forest Service not the MVCC or Conservation NW and should be treated the same just liked districts all over the United States which are "open to all user groups"

I have contacted the local district for more information and have been ignored which doesn't surprise me. It appears they don't want me to be an informed citizen and will probably ignor my input as well, which is normal for them

It is very obvious the problem is not with ATV's, motorcycles or with snowmobiles it's the local district is where the problem is, they have been accepting money from environmental groups which in turn tell the district what they will do or loose future donations

I'm am not anti environment just someone that has been in the Methow Valley over 16 years and don't appreciate outside groups telling me how to live here.

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