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I am proud to present to you the Mt. Hood Off-Highway Vehicle Management Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision (ROD), which are available on our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/projects>. This plan and its attendant decision are the result of several years of hard work on the part of the public, the Forest Service, and a variety of government and non-government stakeholders, and I am especially appreciative for all the engagement, input, and collaboration we were able to have with you. I hope that this level of dialogue will continue on future projects on the Mt. Hood National Forest.

I have chosen a modified version of Alternative 3 as the path the Forest will take for managing off-highway vehicles. "Modified Alternative 3," as we call it, incorporates elements from Alternatives 3 and 4, and a description of those elements that we plan to implement begins in the ROD at *Section 2.0: Decision*. I would strongly encourage you to read through the ROD, especially *Section 3.0: Decision Rationale* where I detail my reasoning for selecting this modified alternative.

I believe that the alternative I have selected is the best way to balance the capability of the land, environmental effects, the needs of OHV enthusiasts, and the interests of other recreationists. I believe the alternative I have selected most appropriately balances human use of the Mt. Hood National Forest with the conservation of our natural resources.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,

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