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Dear Interested Parties,

Subject: Congressionally Legislated Designation for Semi-Primitive Roded and Un-roded BackCountry Recreation for Public Lands

Advocates for Access to Public Lands is spear-heading a campaign to gather the necessary support to convince our federal legislators that motorized and non-motorized recreation is a legitimate use of our public lands and that a legislated designation to ensure continued use of such lands is necessary and timely to provide an alternative to more restrictive designations that greatly reduce or totally eliminate existing motorized recreation. This new designation will also preserve existing renewable resource harvesting, grazing, active land management & handicapped access.

The U.S. Forest Service is presently developing a nation wide road management plan and the end result will be a blueprint for all future motorized and non-motorized access. To insure that the public will not have existing identified road access threatened in the future by a more restrictive land use designation (Wilderness, Scenic rivers, National monument, etc.), action should be taken now to defend our recreational areas. It will require considerable effort and overwhelming numbers to encourage our legislators to sponsor a new federally legislated land use designation that insures our recreational areas with the same permanency as more restrictive designations that continue to erode and diminish motorized and non-motorized access on public lands.

We are asking that interested parties consider supporting the attached resolution that identifies a new public use designation and provides a responsible alternative and a sense of permanency where OHV recreation has existed for generations.

Please contact your local state and federal legislators and ask them to support this new land management policy. Advocates for Access will be the gathering point for resolutions. We will be asking Congressman "Buck" McKeon to sponsor this legislation if we receive the support he needs to move it through Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,

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