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Dear Ms. Petrella:

The American Motorcyclist Association is writing to you regarding the interagency information collection program, proposed in FR Doc No: 2014-02980.

Founded in 1924, the AMA is the premier advocate of the motorcycling community. We represent the interests of millions of American on- and off-highway motorcyclists and all-terrain-vehicle riders. Our mission is to promote the motorcycle lifestyle and protect the future of motorcycling.

The AMA urges all parties involved in carrying out this system of surveys to ensure that off-highway-vehicle users are properly surveyed, and that an accurate level of economic benefits be attributed to motorized recreation.

Often, OHV recreation occurs some distance from developed facilities. As a result, it is often more difficult to adequately survey OHV use on public lands. The AMA believes this unfairly minimizes motorized recreation's positive impact on local economies and attendance.

The result often is an unfavorable allocation of resources devoted to current and new motorized recreational opportunities.

To counter this problem, the AMA urges you to provide the option for OHV enthusiasts to participate in online surveys regarding their experiences with federal land management agencies.

The AMA offers itself as a resource to reach out to the motorcycling community to secure feedback from the motorized recreation community.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, (202) 742-4301, or by email, wallard@ama-cycle.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne Allard". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "W" and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

Wayne Allard
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