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Mitigation Measure – Final MDNS

Project Name: Wheeled All Terrain Vehicles-designated open roads

Review of the proposal indicates that there may be potential for significant adverse environmental impacts. The impacts may be mitigated by conditioning the proposal. Mitigation measures are intended to address and mitigate the environmental impacts to a point of non-significance.

Probable Significant Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

1. Critical Areas

Only certain existing county roads with a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less are proposed for opening to use by WATV's. Damage to critical areas such as wetlands, sensitive plant species, or highly erodible areas can occur if riders leave the roadway and illegally operate their WATV's in such a manner that damage to critical areas occurs. To minimize the possibility of damage caused by illegal ridership the following conditions must be met:

- a) Roadways opened to WATV use must be signed to inform the motoring public that the roadway is open to use by WATV's and that WATV riders must remain on the traveled portion of the roadway.
- b) In addition to the legally required signage additional signs will be erected in areas adjacent to critical areas where the roadway and surrounding topography results in a high likelihood that those riders operating their vehicles illegally will leave the traveled portion of the roadway.
- c) Maps of roadways open to WATV use will be maintained on the Okanogan County Public Works website.
- d) Okanogan County Public Works will apply for funding for WATV signs from the Multiuse Roadway Safety Account as established by RCW 46.09.540.

2. Traffic

In addition to normal traffic enforcement the Okanogan Board of County Commissioners will review and consider adopting an ordinance specifically outlawing the illegal operation of WATV's with enhanced penalties for illegal off road operation.

3. The Okanogan Board of County Commissioners will consult with the WDFW, DNR, and USFS prior to public review of the proposed ordinance to gather information regarding enforcement concerns the agencies may have.

3. Annual review

The Board of County Commissioners will invite the resource agencies and local law enforcement to provide feedback regarding the impacts to critical areas, service delivery, and other issues regarding WATV use by March of each year beginning in 2018.