

Owyhee Initiative Facts Regarding Access

- More than 500 miles requested by hunters and others will remain open to all, by law.
- After five-plus years of negotiations at the table and during field trips, which included hunters, motorized recreation interests, ranchers and conservationists, about 30 miles of road mapped by hunters are proposed to be closed.
- Over 10,000 miles of road or routes criss-cross Owyhee County.
- Access is recognized in S. 3794 through mapping that shows a number of cherry stem, wilderness corridor and wilderness boundary four-wheel drive roads that have and will continue to be utilized by all public land users.
- Ninety (90) percent of the 517,000 acre wilderness areas will be within one to two miles of a road, an appropriate amount of access for wilderness areas, some of which are ninety minutes from one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the West.
- Eight (8) rights-of-way across private lands plus twelve (12) new public access points across lands that will be purchased or traded to become public lands have been negotiated by the Owyhee Initiative work group.
- S. 3794 will assist both the county and the BLM to get a grip on the growing problem of indiscriminate use of off highway vehicles.