



**MOTORCYCLE
INDUSTRY
COUNCIL**



June 20, 2023

The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman
House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Raul Grijalva
Ranking Member
House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Grijalva:

On behalf of the Motorcycle Industry Council¹ (MIC), Specialty Vehicle Institute of America² (SVIA), and Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association³ (ROHVA) – together referenced as the Associations, I write in support of H.R. 3397, *To require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw a rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to conservation and landscape health.*

As you are aware the BLM’s proposed rule titled, “Conservation and Landscape Health,” proposes changes that are too broad in nature and sweeping in scope to realistically be implemented, or even understood in totality. It is impossible to understand how a brand-new conservation leasing program will work when at the same time, a newly defined “conservation” is being elevated to a use on equal footing with other uses. We also believe that some of the proposed changes to the management of BLM lands are foundational changes not envisioned by Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and are convinced that the proposals taken in total warrant Congressional action to implement as a whole.

As a result, we urge the Committee to report H.R. 3397, and for the full House of Representatives to quickly take up and pass the legislation.

¹ The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) is a not-for-profit, national trade association representing several hundred manufacturers, distributors, dealers and retailers of motorcycles, scooters, motorcycle parts, accessories and related goods, and allied trades.

² The Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) is the national not-for-profit trade association representing manufacturers, dealers, and distributors of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) in the United States. SVIA’s primary goal is to promote safe and responsible use of ATVs.

³ The Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA) is a national, not-for-profit trade association formed to promote the safe and responsible use of recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs – sometimes referred to as side-by-sides or UTVs) manufactured or distributed in North America. ROHVA is also accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to serve as the Standards Developing Organization for ROVs. More information on the standard can be found at <https://rohva.org/ansi-standard/>.

Please see the attached comments the Associations prepared for submission to the BLM which outline our concerns with the proposed rule in more detail.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott F. Galloway". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Senior Vice President Government Relations
Motorcycle Industry Council
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America

CC Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources