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A friend and I are in our early 70's. We used to ride duo sport motorcycles. This allowed us to trailer our bikes to a general riding area and ride all over from there, even when going from one area to another included paved roads. For a number of years, due to disabilities, we have been unable to ride bikes and enjoy the sport of easily exploring back country mountain roads and other back country roads.

Last year I tried to work with the ODOT ADA representative and get him to assist us in using our RZR's in the same manner as we once used our duo sport bikes. I conferred with the NW ADA rep as well as the one in DC. Both were in agreement that the state had a duty to allow my request. I worked my way all the way to the top of ODOT, which is Chris Steckler. Not only was every person in ODOT not helpful, but they were antagonistic toward my desires and held contempt for the ADA. In fact, the ODOT ADA rep. laughed about turning people like me down, when in fact, his duty is to try and assist the disabled.

As disabled persons, we need at least limited access to paved roads. There are times after exploring the mountains or central Oregon back country, it is late and unsafe to track many miles back to our staging area. At those times, we really need to be able to access often very close paved roads to return to our staging area.