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Presented by Mike Korn  
Senate Highways & Transportation Committee

Mr. Chairman and committee members, for the record I am Mike Korn, Assistant Chief of Law Enforcement of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP).

I am here to offer FWP's support of SB 347. We have witnessed a substantial increase in the unlawful and inappropriate use of motorized vehicles off-road across the state. This problem occurs both on public and private lands resulting in the destruction of property as well as the spread of invasive noxious weeds. SB 347 will aid in providing yet another tool that our officers as well as local and federal law enforcement have to identify those who choose to use their vehicles illegally. We will be able to better track these individuals through both our own observation as well as reports from citizens and act accordingly.

We will continue to work with private landowners as well as state and federal land managers such as DNRC, the BLM and the US Forest Service in efforts to abate this problem. In the meantime, SB 347 provides a better tool to aid in the identification of OHV's in the field.

Thank you.