



# Meeting the Demands for OHV Recreation Opportunities

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An aerial photograph of a grassy field with a light blue rectangular text box overlaid in the center. The text box contains the title 'OHV Recreation' and a bulleted list of three points. The background shows a mix of green and brown grass, with some darker patches and a small purple object visible on the left side.

# OHV Recreation

- Demand is growing
- It's not going away
- It can be managed



# You can provide:

- High quality OHV riding opportunities
- Sufficient quantities of trail opportunities
- Protect the environment



# Land Base

- Public or private
- Open space protection
- No such thing as “sacrifice area”
- Doesn’t need to be “reclamation”



# The Four “E’s”

- Engineering
- Education
- Enforcement
- Evaluation



# Engineering

- Planning process
- Entrance and exit
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Kiosks and signs
- Trails and tracks
- Tot lots

# Planning, Trail Design, and Construction

- People will have fun
- Design the facilities to meet their needs
- Focus on trails not mud and hill climbs



- Use design techniques that minimize the need for maintenance



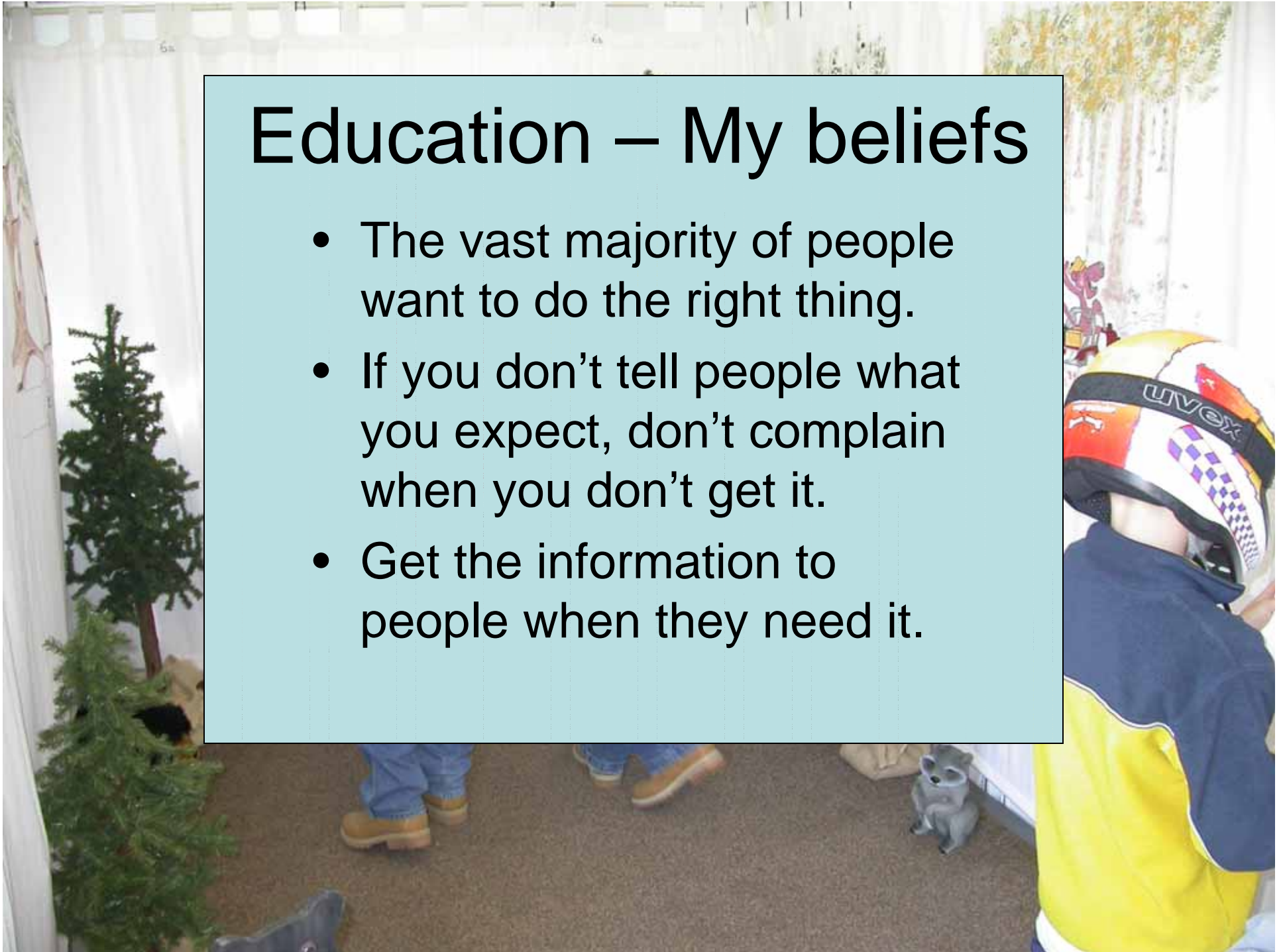
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- Use construction methods to protect resources



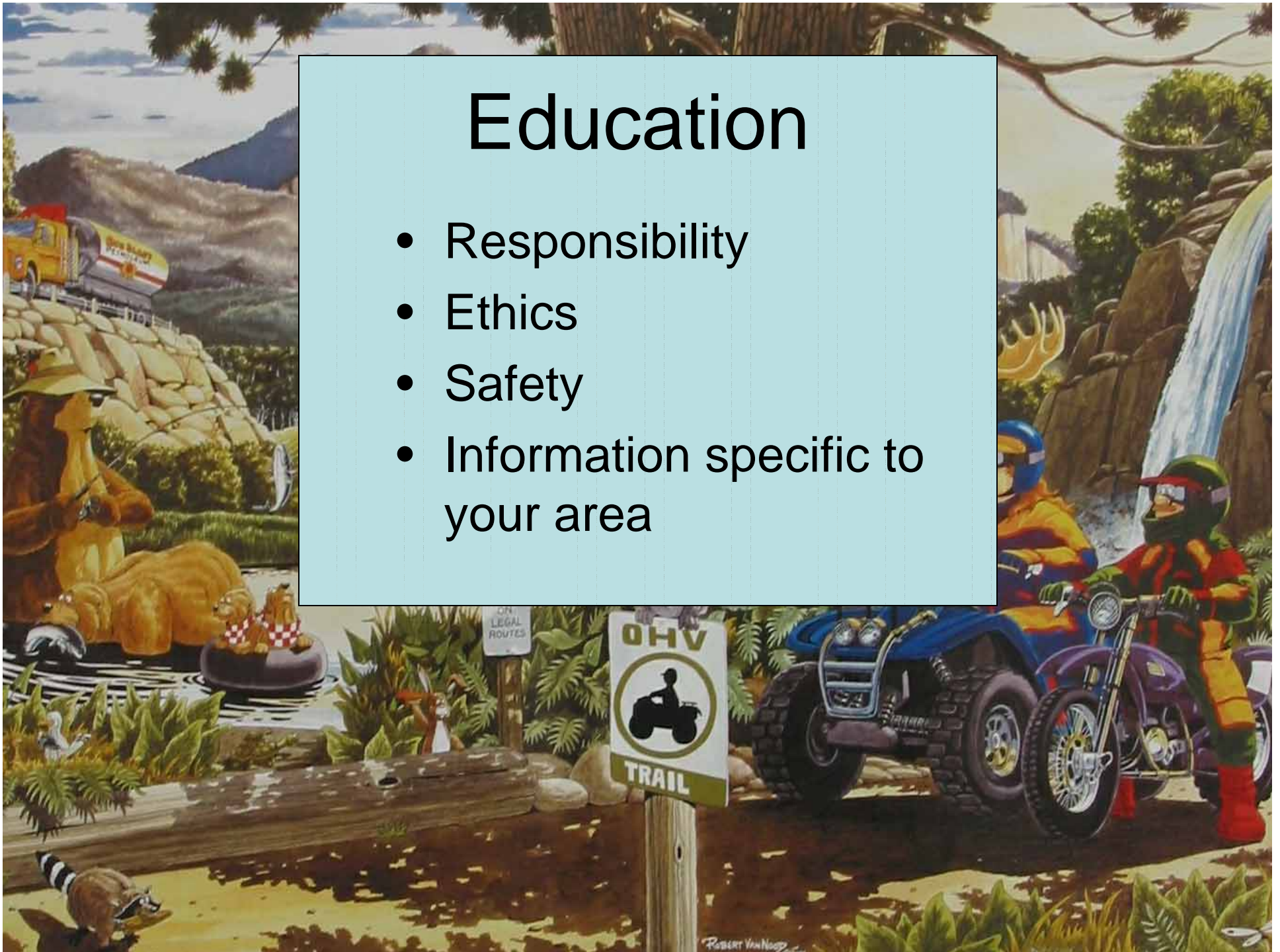
# Education – My beliefs

- The vast majority of people want to do the right thing.
- If you don't tell people what you expect, don't complain when you don't get it.
- Get the information to people when they need it.



# Education

- Responsibility
- Ethics
- Safety
- Information specific to your area



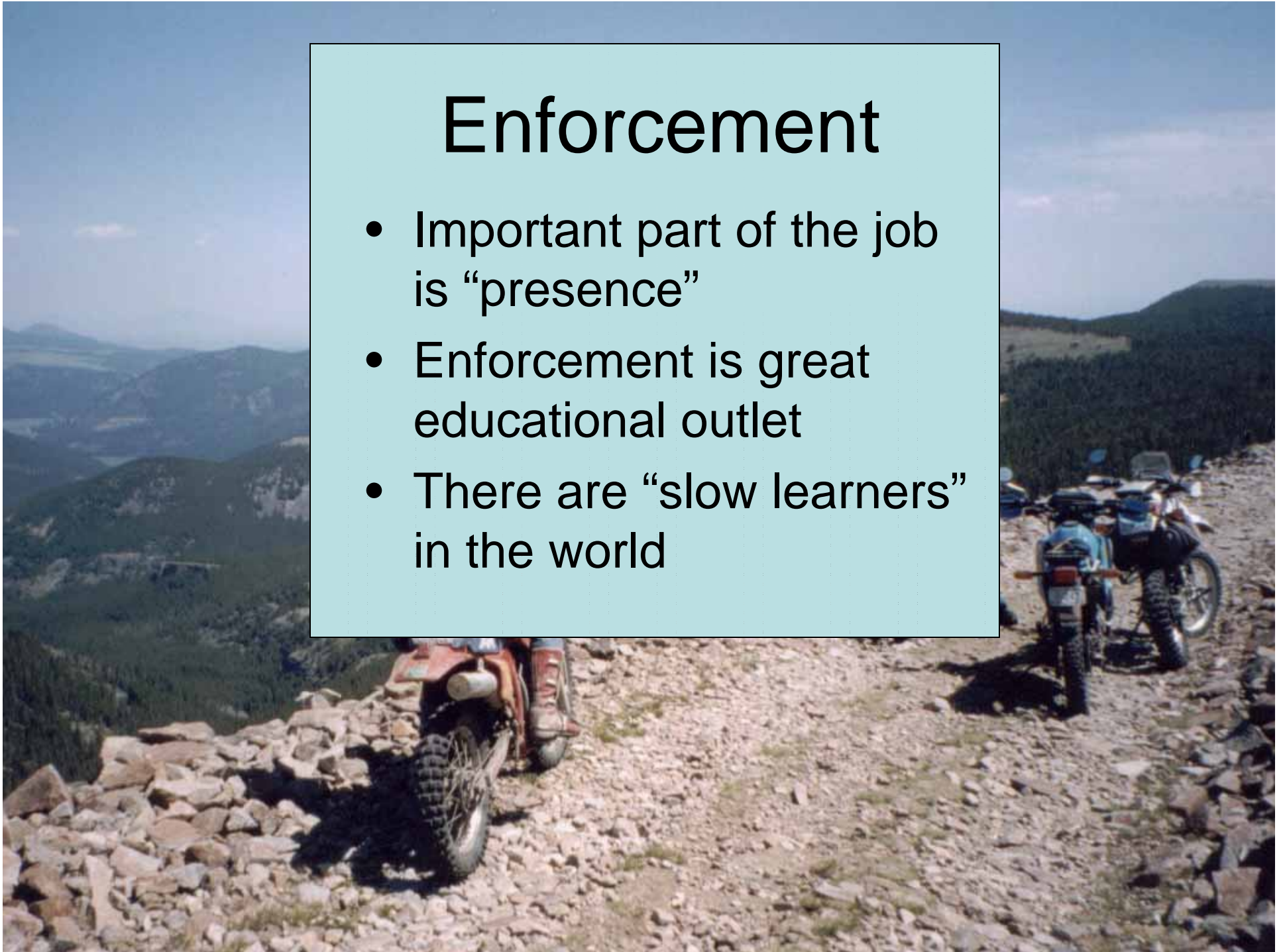
# Education - Outlets

- Signs
- Brochures
- Web sites
- Club meetings
- Enthusiast newsletters
- Dealerships
- PSAs
- Hunting regulations
- School curriculums
- Group activities
- Civic groups



# Enforcement

- Important part of the job is “presence”
- Enforcement is great educational outlet
- There are “slow learners” in the world



# Evaluation

- Keep track of your successes and failures
- Make adjustments



# Tools available through the NOHVCC

- *Park Guidelines for Off-Highway Vehicles*
- NOHVCC Information Library
- Contact with experts, agencies, consultants
- NOHVCC OHV Recreation Management Workshop Series
- National OHV Program Managers Conference

