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Attn. Katie Isacksen  
Siuslaw National Forest  
3200 Jefferson Way  
Corvallis, OR. 97331

RE: Dunes ATV Decibel Limits

To whom it may concern,

There are many large areas in the Oregon Dunes that have been given to ATV riders that have no effect on home owners, neighborhoods, and others looking for peace and quiet where they camp, kayak, hike, fish, picnic, or canoe.

The real issue here is that you have allowed ATV riding in too close of a proximity to neighborhoods and other recreational areas – this is what you should be discussing. I have first hand knowledge of this problem because I lived on Cleawox Lake for 15 years and have been hiking and kayaking in the Florence area for 25 years.

The problem is that ATV riders don't stay out of the restricted areas. They come much closer to neighborhoods than is allowed and go into areas like Cleawox Lake and the Siltcoos River where others don't appreciate the LOUD noise and the garbage some ATV riders leave behind.

It makes absolutely no sense to raise the decibel limit when you take the above issues into consideration. Why should home owners and others pay the price for bad decisions? Home owners are subject to loss of home value as this noise issue becomes worse as more and more people come to the dunes for ATV riding. Home owners and others deserve the same peace and quiet as the ATV riders have when they go home to their quiet back yards.

I am aware of what a cash cow the ATV activities bring to Florence, but with all the land available to the ATV crowd, why not focus on moving them out of these problem areas where they don't stay in the designated areas? Get on top of the problem now, it's not going to get better.

To raise the decibel level in areas that impact others negatively is irresponsible. Either keep ATV riders away from neighborhoods and places where others want to recreate in peace, or keep the decibel levels lower in those areas.

*Sincerely,*  
*Laure Davis*