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Comments: I strongly oppose raising the sound level to 97 decibels for OHV's as described in the proposed standard and guideline. I was hiking on the Dellenback trail today, and the grandeur of those spectacular dunes was disturbed by the sound of OHV's being driven near Tenmile Creek. I have hiked those dunes hundreds of times and have often easily heard OHV's nearby. Also, I saw OHV tracks near Tenmile Creek and on the way back to the trailhead, a growing problem on the Dellenback. Please see attached photo. Two years ago, two very loud OHV's drove near myself and several other hikers on the Dellenback trail, raced up and down the dunes, and blasted south to the Spinreel Campground area. The sound was deafening. And this was at 2:00 in the afternoon! I wish there were more resources available for better law enforcement to keep OHV's out of restricted dune areas. The ultimate goal still needs to be to reduce the sound of OHV's for the protection of our hearing and to not disturb wildlife. I live in North Bend, and can hear the sound of OHV's in my neighborhood, that are on the dunes in the Horsfall area, usually in the evening. It is not impossible for manufacturers to make OHV's quieter, and they should be required to do so. Thank you for allowing us to provide public input on this proposal.