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Comments: RE: Regarding Raising Noise Levels for ATV/OHV in Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area
To Whom It May Concern

I live in Winchester Bay above Umpqua Dunes Park. Daily I listen to the ATV traffic going to and from the Dunes and also the traffic in the ODNRA. Banshee Hill is approx ½ Mile from my home.

The ODNRA legal noise machines are barely noticeable at 93 decibels. It is audibly noticeable which machines are compliant and which are not, at my home. The majority are not. I have complained many times to the sheriff's department to enforce the OR 467 Noise Laws, but they do not, or will not. The difference between 93 and 97 decibels is huge.

There is no enforcement of the present 93 decibel rating now, and I do not believe that there will be if the noise level is raised. All this will do is further decrease the quality of life here with more noise pollution.

There is a simple solution to the argument that off the shelf quads are 96 97 decibels. It's called a stealth exhaust that is \$150.00-\$200.00. If they want to enjoy their sport and ride in this National Recreation Area they should purchase one for their machines.

The effect of this incessant disruptive noise is not only hard on the people that live within the area, but also the wildlife. As the ATV traffic has increased over the years so has the absence of wild life that used to be abundant here. Bears, birds, coons rabbits to name a few. Most are rarely seen anymore. The incessant noise has scarred most away.

It used to be that you could go for walks on the beach and the dunes here in Winchester Bay and enjoy the sounds of the surf and the birds. Now there is that ever present and mostly constant loud ATV noise.

It is a travesty to increase the decibel level and just make it worse.