Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/10/2021 5:03:35 AM
First name: Joseph
Last name: Cook
Organization:
Title:
Comments: I've been an avid off-roader since 1993, from California to Oregon and Washington. My favorite locations are the Oregon dunes and throughout the years noise has never been an issue for me. I support legislation to improve environmental quality such as spark arrestors preventing increased forest fires, but when it comes to noise we are actually talking a safety point and not a disturbance. This is exactly why motorcycles such as Harley Davidson's encourage high decibels to promote rider safety; and this point is exactly why it is safer to hear someone before you see them on the dunes or in the forest.

If you've ever traversed the Oregon Dunes, the trails are plentiful, the steep hills and big bowls travel for miles. But often we come across other riders and while the flag does help in seeing people, there are many situations where hearing a rider or vehicle before you see it allows for both of you to avoid a collision. As someone decently versed in biology and environmental sciences, i believe the sound may only negatively impact home owners and not the environment; but positively impacts rider safety which I believe outweighs the negatives.