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Comments: I'm opposed to the USFS new amendment proposed to raise the sound limit on the ODNRA. I feel you should standardize the limit to 93 or 95 decibels that you studied
and set back in the mid 1990's. The USFS needs to set the decibel limit that meets
the needs for safety, the environment, and the adjacent neighboring communities
not increase the limit to meet riders and manufacturers noise output and test results.

Excessive OHV noise has been exculating every year with the increase use in the Oregon Dunes and the lack of enforcement. The USFS sound measurement of individual OHV's doesn't consider multiple vehicles or noise level at full throttle speed which is used to climb hills.

This noise issue has been verbal and written concern to the USFS by the local communities for over 40 years with no measurable reduced results. A proposal increase of 93 to 97 decibels is a increase of over 50% in noise and at 99 decibels is like a car horn at 16 feet per USFS memos on this issue. The 99 decibel level will be the limit in your proposal since you allow a 2 decibel enforcement variance.

Enforcement and written citations are the key to control noise not outreach and education. Signs and written material get little or no results in lowering the sound issue.

Note: My family has lived here in the dunes at Hauser on adjacent land to USFS for over 115 years.