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Comments: I object to any OSV use in the White Mountains, regardless of only 9%. How will USFS patrol and restrict the use of this unique area from vandalism, accidental or on purpose? The USFS write-up for the area says: "Its splendid remoteness and moonscape appearance gives the Patriarch Grove a surreal atmosphere." At the same time, this proposal does not include the trees. The USFS cannot protect, patrol, or restrict this valuable natural resource from OSV use. The vandalism in the Patriarch Groves Methuselah tree is only one example of the lack of protection during the non-snow season. How will you protect the surreal atmosphere from the loud noise OSVs produce? While wildlife there may have been studied and inventoried, the effect of loud noise on humans and wildlife has not been studied in this remote, surreal area.