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I strongly oppose your plan to designate and extend an Off -Highway Vehicle Emphasis Area in my back yard! I purchased my property because it was quiet and secluded. I live on a private dirt road, which is maintained by me and my neighbors. We already have to put up with the off road vehicle traffic looking for BLM land to destroy. These people trespass, tear up the land, litter, camp, shoot (and poach game) all summer long. We constantly have to tell them that they are not welcome on private property. My neighbors have gated their roads to keep them out. The ORV just go around the gates. Ditches and berms have been installed, they just go around those too.

Those that do find the BLM land to ride on, are also a nuisance. We can hear them, like they are in our back yards. In fact, many times I have had to check my property to see that they are not riding on my land. They camp and dump their garbage, and do not stay on the trails, causing ruts and damage to the forest. We also hear shooting from that area, and worry all summer long about fires started by these people. I am already afraid to hike or ride horseback in the area, on weekends.

Opening sections 15 and 21 to more of this kind of use will not only add noise and disruption to my neighborhood, but will lower property values. Why would you want to allow this kind of use near a growing residential area? Who would police this area, and who would pay for it?

Please do not designate sections 15 and 21 to be an off road area, encouraging even more, out of the area, ORV to our back yards.

Sincerely,


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