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Dear BLM:

Off road vehicles of all kinds are damaging wherever they are used. I don't think there's much controversy about that. However, the controversy is over where they should be allowed.

As a hiker I see lots of erosion and ruts in the trails in the mountains. Some meadows also are full of ruts. I also see places where there are small springs that are completely torn up by off road vehicles. It's terrible and I know it will take a long time for those places to be healed.

The vehicles are also very noisy and it's awful to have to listen to them when you're on a hike. We should be able to find peace and quiet in the mountains.

Please look for less damaging alternatives than the one proposed. I guess we need to leave some land for off road riders but it should be way less than a hundred thousand acres. Maybe having fewer places for them to go to would help,

Thank you.



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