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To Whom It May Concern:

I think it is a very BAD idea to designate BLM lands near rural residential areas as proposed OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE EMPHASIS AREAS. There must be areas not adjacent to existing residential areas available for this type recreation. Many people who own land and live in residential rural areas prize their peace and quiet. That is one of the main reasons they buy and live in rural areas. I feel it would be a serious infraction upon the rights of citizens as myself who live in rural areas such as Selma to allow public use of land near their residences that could cause them physical discomfort such as sound polution, as well as other problems.

On top of that concern, most people acknowledge that off road vehicles and dirt bikes pose safty hazards and accidents in these off road areas are definately probable considering the logistics. Is the county in which these accidents occur liable to respond or is the state or BLM? I believe it might be wise to consider what may happen to someone who had an accident in these proposed OFF-HIGHWAY VECHICLE EMPHASIS AREAS. If we allow people in these areas, knowing they could get hurt, whether it is a vehicle accident, a wild animal attack or a firearms problem, aren't we as a county or state responsible to be able to try and ensure their safty? Considering recent events in this county I don't think we are able. I've written this to voice my opinion AGAINST such a change.

Sincerely yours
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