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We live in one of the most beautiful, yet most noise polluted areas of the Oregon Coast near Sandlake Recreation Area. Obviously, we support all the proposed changes OPRD suggested for safe vehicle compliance and rider safety. 96 decibels is way better than 120+ decibels if it can just be enforceable and there are the enforcers to do it. We strongly support limiting the number of riders allowed out there by issuing a limited number of permits the way it was done in the past. There just aren't enough officers to enforce noise levels or other safety violations when there are thousands of riders out there.

What happened out there over 4th of July weekend should never be allowed to happen again by OPRD, US Forest Service, any other agencies with jurisdiction and Tillamook County Commissioner. Letting bandstands be erected on our beaches and live bands perform, along with thousands of ATVs racing around was definitely not safe. Bring back the system of limiting the number of permits. Find ways to enforce curfew, noise level, illegal fireworks, and driving under the influence. The snowy plover chicks are actually out there and can survive if we do better. Raise the price of riding on a priceless stretch of beach.