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We strongly support OPRD managing the sound output on OHVs. We live within a mile of the Dunes National Recreation Area and the sound from the OHV's can be overwhelming especially on weekends, during the summer months and during large events, such as the UTV takeover.

We have lived in the Shorewood Area for more than 37 years and have noticed that within the last ten years, and especially since about 2020 the number of OHVs and sound disturbance has drastically increased. And to make matters worse, the USFS who administers the Dunes NRA has, according to their own records, failed to perform any adequate enforcement, specifically of their 1994 Dunes NRA Management Plan, which received significant public input and was touted as a commitment by the USFS to local landowners that sounds would be adequately managed. Unfortunately that has not been the case.

The USFS used to have 5 law enforcement officers that patrolled the Dunes. Now there is only 1 LEO and there has been an absence of any credible enforcement of illegal (greater than 94 Db on the Dunes) noise from OHV's there. According to USFS records, more than 50% of the OHV's exceed the standards established in the 1994 Management Plan.

We believe OHV's have a right to use the Dunes NRA but NOT when they are in violation of the rules.

We see the OPRD setting and enforcing OHV noise as a BEGINNING to get a handle on this problem and help the estimated 5-7,000 people that live within earshot of the Dunes NRA.

Thank you for considering our comments.