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Our organization, Oregon Dunes Responsible Management Corporation is a 501(c)(3) that was developed to ensure the 1994 Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area (ODNRA) Management Plan is adhered to by the U.S. Forest Service, the governing body of the ODNRA. Our efforts work to benefit the public and protect the ODNRA for multiple use.

Multiple use includes off highway vehicles, fishing, hunting, hiking, sand boarding, bicycling, horseback riding, camping, commercial enterprise, nearby residents, enhancements to benefit the public, and more. Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) activity in the ODNRA has increased dramatically recently, and along with it OHV illegal exhaust noise has become a contentious issue, polarizing various user groups and local residents. The alarming aspect of illegal OHV exhaust noise is that most factory original exhaust systems are not the problem. Owner installed aftermarket systems that increase the exhaust noise far beyond the legal limit and lack of proper system maintenance are the sources of the annoyance that overwhelms other users and nearby residents. It has been described as harmful to the environment.

The Oregon Dunes Management Plan of 1994 supports responsible OHV noise monitoring and enforcement. Therefore, our organization endorses the proposal set forth in HB2232 as a step toward future harmony among all activities in the ODNRA. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.