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Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 7:56 AM
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Here's another public comment letter, regarding the OHV Park.

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Since the flyer had little to no information pertaining to when to send written materials, I am sending you the attachment that I created to offer for public comment.

Since I only moved here in October 2007, I don't know where the "Planning Commission" is located. Since you did not include instructions on where or in what format, the attachment is all I have to offer.

I hope the Commission does not allow the OHV park, I could only see many problems and too many law suits in the future if they were to build a OHV park so close to a residential area and the adverse affects it would have on a fragile environment.

Thank You,

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We strongly disagree with the proposed OHV Park at Fish Creek. We have been residents of the Bay View Subdivision since October 2007. We moved to this area because of the peace and quiet and the beautiful scenery associated with the area. The last thing that we want is to listen to a noisy off road vehicles (Which sound like chainsaws) pack of buzzing bees all summer long while we are trying to enjoy life here in Juneau.

I believe the placement of an OHV park in the proposed area is a grave error of judgment and is only being considered because of profit and greed. There is not benefit to the landowners in the area and it would severely impact the natural environment in the area as well. Bears, Eagles, Owls, all animals and birds living in the area would be affected.

The noise factor would also be a great detriment. Instead of listening to the sound of birds and the wind in the trees we would be constantly overcome by the sound of noisy off road vehicles. If anyone states that noise does not impact environment, they would be telling an untruth. I have lived in areas that have had OHV parks. They are a constant thorn in the side of the community. Issue rise all of the time to include:

1. Excessive noise violations
2. Fatal Accidents (Children and Adults)
3. Environmental Degradation and damage to Forestry areas
4. Lack of security and illegal uses

Not only would this park affect the local community, it would affect the Juneau government, who would be plagued by calls from residents reporting noise violations, raucous and rowdy use and illegal use of alcohol by riders. Police would be responding at all hours to misuse of the park.

How would they monitor and measure the noise levels?

How would they take care of Security?"

How would they respond to environmental issues when a vehicle wrecks and loses fluid into the wetlands?

How will it affect the Juneau Police Department, and how many times will they have to respond to misuse at the OHV Park.

But, mostly, how will it affect current property values of residents already living in the area?

Adversely!

Has any ever sought to buy property next to an OHV park? No.

If this park was going to be placed near the homes of the board members I believe it would be rejected immediately.

The bottom line is that there is no amount of noise buffer in this area that would preclude issues to current residents. If you are outside you will hear it...all the time. If anyone has ever heard the sound of a chainsaw in the woods they would understand.

Below is a list of typical noise operating levels :

Device	dBA
Grand Canyon at Night (no roads, birds, wind)	10
Quiet basement w/o mechanical equipment	20
Quiet Room	28-33
Computer	37-45
Refrigerator	40-43
Typical Living Room	40
Forced Hot Air Heating System	42-52
Radio Playing in Background	45-50
Background Music	50
Bathroom Exhaust Fan	54-55
Microwave	55-59
Normal Conversation	55-65
Clothes Dryer	56-58
Printer	58-65
Window Fan on High	60-66
Alarm Clock	60-80
Dishwasher	63-66
Clothes Washer	65-70
Phone	66-75
Push Reel Mower	68-72
Inside Car, Windows Closed, 30 MPH	68-73
Handheld Electronic Games	68-76
Kitchen Exhaust Fan, High	69-71
Inside Car, Windows Open, 30 MPH	72-76
Garbage Disposal	76-83
Air Popcorn Popper	78-85
Hairdryer	80-95
Electric Can Opener	81-83
Vacuum Cleaner	84-89

Coffee Grinder	84-95
Handheld Electric Mixer	86-91
Lawn Mower	88-94
Air Compressor	90-93
1/4" Drill	92-95
Food Processor	93-100
Weed Whacker	94-96
Leaf Blower	95-105
Circular Saw	100-104

If you do a simple search of OHV parks on the internet, you will find that most of them are under constant attack. The reasons vary, however, most deal with noise and environmental degradation issues. Standard and stock OHVs have to reduce noise levels right off the dealers floor (Reduce by 60%)...to adhere to OHV park guidelines. Will everyone adhere...doubtful.

We are here in "Last Great Frontier" let's keep it that way!!

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