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I am opposed to establishing an ATV park anywhere near Eaglecrest. If the machines whose engines club members were revving in the Douglas 4th of July parade were an example, these noisy, smelly machines will ruin any remaining peace and quiet left anywhere in the Fish Creek valley.

The noise will be a nuisance to anyone attempting to engage in the quiet enjoyment of their property anywhere from 7 mile to 10 mile on the North Douglas Highway.

If the City does allow this annoying & disruptive nuisance in North Douglas, no one under the age of 16, licensed to operate a motor vehicle or motorcycle by the State of Alaska should be allowed to operate a vehicle in the Park.

Any ATV or motorcycle not licensed to operate on a public road that is found operating outside the Park boundary should be subject to impoundment & forfeiture. All vehicle operators should be required to wear helmets and operate equipment safely or be banned from the Park. No carrying of passengers should be allowed. No 3 wheeled ATVs should be allowed.

Now, a word for ATV proponents: I admit that I have a negative opinion about ATV and snowmobile users. That opinion is based on the 100 per cent negative experience I have had with both groups.

I always choose to engage in my NON MOTORIZED outdoor activities in places where it is illegal to operate ATVs, off-road motorcycles, and snowmobiles, and as a result all of my encounters with the operators of these vehicles have been negative.

I have been cursed and threatened with assault by teenagers and adults, and I have seen trailhead vehicles vandalized because they had ski or bicycle racks when those with snowmobile platforms or ATV ramps were not.

These folks simply refuse to understand why the other 98% of us don't want to "share" their noise and fumes. Sorry, your machines are so loud no one can "share" space with you, and the other 98% of us don't appreciate the track record ATV operators have left at Echo Cove, the Bessie Creek Trail, and at Dredge Lake.

Recreation does NOT require internal combustion engines! Get off your lard filled posteriors, folks, get on a bike or on foot, and lose some of that extra weight. That's recreation, not riding around tearing up the muskeg, polluting the air, wasting precious fuel, and adding to the global warming problem.

This facility should NOT be approved.

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