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Friends,

Thank you for being so aggressive that residents near the proposed ATV practice and training facility and accessory campground become aware and have their say in regard to this possibility. I do have some concerns about the tendency of people nowadays to act like they are obligated to make their fair contribution of noise and stink wherever they go, whether just getting there or hanging around in a camping area, including increased wildfire risk.

1. Air pollution: I live at [REDACTED] --right next to Melrose Road. It can be smelly, which disturbs any right I may possibly have to a reasonably-decent environment, that I moved out into the countryside to enjoy. I have lungs that are keenly sensitive to the crude exhaust of older cars and trucks. ATVs are notoriously smelly for their size. I hope that the trails forged into the bush nearby are far enough away from the boundaries of the proposed property so that the stink of their exhaust pipes has maximal filtration through the forest.
2. Noise pollution: ATVs are noisy. We already have them churning up and down Melrose Road regularly. Another reason to have the trails on the property well inside that property. The trucks that haul them can be a lot noisier. **It would be a relieving thing if the entry way into the property was west of us, maybe near the power lines.** Berms in the right places could help muffle noise that could otherwise echo through the forest on a calm evening. (Regulations in regard to how early in the mornings or late in the evenings the proposed tracks would be used might be helpful. Then there's also the likelihood of the noise of ghetto blasters and loud music at all hours in the camping area that should be regulated.)
3. Increased wildfire risk: camping areas with smokers hanging around, and hot mufflers and catalytic converters sitting on dried-out grass or sparks from ramming ATVs around over stones on a hot, windy day? Such things could spell a wildfire timebomb during our fire seasons.

Hopefully, you've got all these problems and more, well in hand, already. Thanks for seeking to be listening to the local residents.

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