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CAHA ORV

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From: Sandra_Hamilton@nps.gov
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 4:59 PM
To: Fox, Lori
Subject: Fw: CAHA soundscapes

Hi Lori,

Let me know if you did NOT get these from Nancy, so I can forward when I get it from Frank tomorrow.
Thanks.

Sandy

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To
Sandra Hamilton/DENVER/NPS@NPS
06/28/2010 04:41 PM
cc
Subject
Re: CAHA soundscapes(Document link:
Sandra Hamilton)

Hi Sandy,

I sent it to you and Doug and Nancy a while back. Yours bounced back. I'll resend it again tomorrow when I get back to the office.

Frank

----- Original Message -----

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From: Sandra Hamilton
Sent: 06/28/2010 04:35 PM MDT
To: Frank Turina
Cc: Doug Wetmore
Subject: Fw: CAHA soundscapes
Hi Frank,

We're trying to get all the responses completed to compile and forward to the park and SOL for review. If you already sent these would you re-send to me, please. If not would it work for you to send them to us tomorrow? We're getting down to the wire. Thanks.

Sandy

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Doug Wetmore/DENVER/NPS@NPS, Sandra
Hamilton/DENVER/NPS@NPS
06/11/2010 02:39 PM
cc
Subject
Re: CAHA soundscapes(Document link:
Sandra Hamilton)

Thanks. The questions seem pretty straightforward. I've been travelling this week, but I will send you a response when I get back to the office on monday.

----- Original Message -----
From: Doug Wetmore
Sent: 06/07/2010 10:55 AM MDT
To: Sandra Hamilton

Cc: Frank Turina
Subject: Re: CAHA soundscapes
Hi Frank.

They are in PEPC. Comment numbers 13773 and 14572.

<https://pepc.nps.gov/correspondences.cfm?projectId=10641&documentId=32596>

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06/07/2010 10:51 cc
AM Frank Turina/FTCOLLINS/NPS@NPS
Subject
Re: CAHA soundscapes(Document link:
Doug Wetmore)

Hi Doug,

Sorry, I forgot to ask you to forward the comment letters themselves (that contain these quotes) also to Frank so he can see the context of the representative quotes. Thanks.

Sandy

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CAHA soundscapes

Hi Frank.

We're in the process of addressing public comments on the CAHA ORV Management Plan/DEIS. Could you take a look at the following two comments on Soundscapes and provide us with responses?

Thanks.

Representative Quote: Analysis of the soundscape was incomplete. It did not consider that the likelihood of noise pollution in the form of dueling radios, tailgate parties etc. increase with the presence of ORVs. This needs to be re-evaluated with consideration of park values based on the above mentioned park policies, executive orders as well as the Organic Act and enabling legislation.

Representative Quote: Concerning the monitoring of noise within the park, the low range of 20dBA during low activity for the locations shown does not sound feasible for an extended period of time. By definition 20dBA has been compared to whispering or rustling leaves. 30dBA is associated with a quiet nighttime in the desert. 60dBA is normal conversation and a car moving slowly (Ref: <http://www.makeitlouder.com/Decibel%20Level%20Chart.txt>) Using the rank that is quoted in the DEIS without a reference table to me is misleading to what people expect for noise levels. It also should be noted that as one moves away from the noise source the measurement drops.

In this park there are two types of soundscapes. One being the natural and the other man made (i.e. Walking along the beach and talking, driving on the beach close to the ocean). As one moves away from the manmade "sound" the "natural" surrounds it and will gradually drown it out. So if one takes into account that as a "sound source" moves away by a distance of 10 meters the sound drops by approximately two fold, there is a point of a very short distance the background "Nature" sounds drown out the intruding noise. This piece should have been included in the Off Road Vehicle Management Plan. This also should include how much sound is killed by sand dunes, grass, and trees. The problem is this is all taken for granted because it relates to common sense; Alternative "A" again allows for the greatest lee way in management for adjustments

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