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To those involved in making decisions on the Baldy Mesa OHV Trail and Staging Project location and funding, please consider the following.

1. The historic area of the Sanford/Mormon Wagon Trail is unique to our area and would be destroyed forever with the traffic of OHV.
2. The Wagon Train Trails also would be destroyed for future generations to explore and enjoy. Please allow the historic past of our area to be preserved instead of destroyed.
3. Moving here 20+ years ago it was peaceful and quiet. This would be destroyed due to the noise level and dust created by the OHV. As a resident on the edge of the proposed trail route, dust and noise would affect health issues of asthma and heart problems.
4. The question of how the OHV would be confined to the trail has not been answered. Being realistic, OHV riders will be tempted to seek out other trails along the way to explore.

How will the area at the West end be closed? If it is by a few poles, they can be removed or ridden around. We all know OHV riders will use the dirt roads from Phelan to access and exit the trail, creating even more illegal OHV riding in our residential areas. This would increase problems for Code Enforcement Officer and the Sheriff who already find it difficult to control.

Please consider the peace and quiet of residents.

5. The lure of grant money for the Forest Department is strong. However, there are many problems created as a result of proposed trail. Therefore, please consider the residents many concerns and place the OHV trails in areas where there are no residents. There are certainly many other possibilities.
6. Surely the local forest could and should remain a forest for the enjoyment of hikers and horseback riding. By doing so, this will preserve our historic trails of Wagons and Mormons for future generations.

Thank you for your attention. Perhaps the entire project could be placed on hold until a satisfactory decision to all is found.

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