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Subject: Proposed closure of Bessey Recreation Complex to All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) use
To: Nebraska Off Highway Vehicle Association (NOHVA)

I am writing to inform you of a proposed special order closure to the Bessey Recreation Complex to ATV use. The following concerns have been brought to my attention by my staff and members of the public (via my staff):

- Use of the living areas as parking lots for ATVs
- Riding ATVs from campsite to campsite, the showers, and the river access after being informed those were not permitted practices
- Running of ATVs during quiet hours of the campground
- Off-loading on the grass in the day use area
- Driving at excessive speeds on Cedar Loop as a racing oval
- Producing trenches by spinning circles in and around the campsites
- Removing parking barriers to park ATVs in campsites
- Parking on the use area of the group campground

With the safety and resource damage concerns mentioned above, it will be in my best interest to close the campground to ATV use. Prior to doing so, we will designate loading and off-loading areas. I look forward to your comments on this proposal.

/s/ Terry Baker

Terry Baker
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