

A Response to the Article on Hogback Range Ecosystem Balance

To the editor:

I'm writing in response to the article in the July 3 Daily Record on the subject of the Hogback usage. It seems to be a little known fact in this area that the Dakota Hogback Range is a unique geological formation that begins in New Mexico and extends into Wyoming. (Ref Roadside Geology of Colorado by Halka Chronic.) With this understanding, maybe more people would respect this natural wonder and stop destroying it with their ATV's.

The article was right about the ATV's destroying the eco-system balance. When it rains all of that loosened soils flow down the east-west streets on the west side of town to at least Seventh Street. This is annoying and it costs the city a lot of dollars to remove the dirt and rocks.

As for the noise level, I live about three blocks from the hogbacks and I can see the hills from my desk. When the ATV's are on the hill, the level of noise sounds like it is on my street although the vehicles look like ants, they are so far away. I can't begin to enjoy sitting on my deck during those times.

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