

November 30, 2020

Dear Becky Orff:

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1. Establish an airboat sound limit of 70 decibels (dBA) that is measured at the shoreline (i.e., not at the airboat). This sound level can be achieved if airboats run at slower speed, travel at greater distance from the shoreline, and are configured to be quieter.
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