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Dear John,

Thank you and the US Department of Energy (DOE) for your assertive role in protecting the Natural Areas in the Horizon Center. Advocates for the Oak Ridge Reservation (AFORR) is very pleased that the DOE recognizes that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for the proposed motor sports park to be located at the Horizon Center. Furthermore, it is responsible for DOE to note that the federal government cannot pay the costs of developing this EIS for the purpose of a private development.

DOE has done the right thing in recognizing the responsibility to heed the agreement made decades ago in the original land transfer contract for the Horizon Center. In calling for an EIS, DOE fulfills the legal requirements under the initial land transfer. AFORR is appreciative of DOE taking the steps to protect the sensitive environments in the Natural Areas of the Horizon Center.

Sincerely,

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