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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

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San Luis Obispo County
Air Pollution Control District
3433 Roberto Court
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Re: Oceano Dunes OHV Area Closing

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a lifelong resident of the Central Coast I would like to give you my input on the OHV area and your consideration of its closing.

First and foremost when the homes were built on the Mesa and the developers were allowed to remove all those trees, in short what was removed to make way for houses was a natural wind barrier. The wind is a natural act that you are not able to control.

Second, if you close the OHV area – you will single handedly be responsible for the fall of numerous businesses that not only pay taxes, but also employ county residence. Gas stations will close, restaurants will close, RV parks will close, hotels will close and eventually cities will fail. You may not see this happen immediately, but history has proven this to be the case – your neighbors to the south would be a very good example of this – Guadalupe is hanging on by a thread. They are down to 2 gas stations, 1 grocery store and I think maybe 2 little mom & pop restaurants. A very minimal infrastructure and virtually every single resident works in another city.

Third – and only because I think it needs mentioning – if you close the beach and the dust particulates are still there – then what....are you going after the farmers who farm the fields between the dunes and the mesa or have you figured out how to control Mother Nature?

It is unfortunate that dust allergies are so much worse for some than others, just as some get the flu and some don't. We don't stop eating all together because we have a food allergy, we simply eat other things.

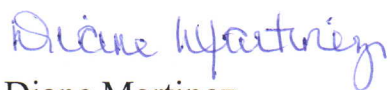
I would ask that other alternatives to closing Oceano be considered. Perhaps no off-roading when the sustained wind speed at the coastline exceeds 20 mph or perhaps they need better filtration systems on their air conditioning units?

I strongly urge you to not close the OHV area, because, well I don't want to see another form of recreation taken from us. Since the OHV area has been there much longer than the homes on the mesa I would think that the home owners should bare the majority of the responsibility for living in a wind prone area and complaining about it and closing the OHV area is not their only option.

I hope that you will consider the far reaching impact this decision will have even on communities not in San Luis Obispo County as verses the complaining of a some whom choose to live in an area that has always and will always be prone to dust.....because the wind blows!!!

Thank you for the opportunity to have my voice heard.

Sincerely,



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