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Hello,

I'm writing you today to show my opposition to the closure of Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area.

Let me begin by letting you know that Oceano Dunes (AKA "Pismo") was the first SVRA I ever visited. My family used to camp on the beach every year for New Year's from the time I was about 5 years old. Back then we could only afford dirt bikes for my dad and my brothers, but Pismo is ultimately where my passion for off-road started.

I haven't been to Pismo much in the last few years, simply because my family's interest has shifted from dunes on beaches to rocks in the mountains, but the idea that any area set aside for any type of off-road enthusiast is in jeopardy deserves my attention, and yours as well.

The off-road industry is growing rapidly. The establishment of OHV and SVRA parks is critical in maintaining that industry and keeping off-roaders in designated areas and out of places where they don't belong. Oceano Dunes is the only state designated park in central California. If it gets closed, where would local enthusiasts go to ride? Please opt keep them on state reserved land.

One of my favorite magazine articles appeared in Petersen's 4 Wheel and Off-road a few years ago, it was about a group of Jeep Wranglers attempting the Rubicon trail. Pretty Run-of-the-mill, except for the fact that every one of the Jeep's and their owners/driver's had been put on a boat and shipped here from Belgium. Dutch law prevents vehicle owners from modifying their vehicles outside of factory conditions, on top of that, they have absolutely no government land set aside for them to drive on.

That article has really put things into perspective for me. Off-roading is literally my entire life. My husband and I both own rock crawlers, all my spare time is spent working on my own rig, building others, or attending events to support the community. After I read that article about those Jeep's, I thought, 'what if it all went away?'

One day I want to share Oceano Dunes with my children, just the way my parents did with me. I want my son's and daughters to learn to ride motorcycles, drive a stick shift, tread lightly, and above all respect the environment and appreciate the land that's been set aside for us.

So here I am, writing to you today asking that you too oppose the closures at Oceano Dunes SVRA. For the sake of a community and a passion.

Thank you,

Amber Turner