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Subject: STOP CLOSING OHV AREA at ODSVRA - OPEN MORE OHV AREA
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To whom it may concern,

I am deeply concerned with the recent closures of OHV riding area at Oceano Dunes SVRA. The park has been a vacation destination for my family since I was a young child. We live in the Bay Area and camp at the park and ride our OHV toys about once a month, year round. With every square inch of OHV area closed, we offroaders are slowly losing our park. Oceano Dunes is a very unique national park that is treasured by countless OHV enthusiasts. I had planned to move to SLO County so that I could live closer to the dunes that I love so much. The only reason I am not a SLO County resident today is due to the large concern I have seeing what has been happening with the park.

I AM AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLOSURES TO OHV RIDING AREA.

There is no proof that OHV riding is contributing to the levels of particulate matter in the area. Please consider scientific evidence and rational logic while deciding to close more OHV riding area. Consider opening more of the lost OHV riding area back up. The park is only a fraction of what it used to be. We need our riding area back.

Please consider the following questions:

- a) After a decade of studying the dust issue, what percentage of the dust on the Nipomo Mesa is from the ODSVRA?
 - o What percentage of the dust is from: construction, roads, agriculture, train tracks or refinery?
- b) The recent SCRIPs report identifies marine biological material (PM2.5 & PM 10) being blown from the ocean into the surrounding community and found in the same monitors used in the APCD dust studies.
 - o How did the APCD account for these particulates in all of their studies?
 - o When will the APCD update all of the studies (i.e. Phase I & Phase II) over the past 10 years to clearly delineate the marine biological material influence?
 - o What is the ODSVRA contribution to the dust with the correction to include the marine biological material?
- c) The APCD has made numerous statements (written & verbal) stating that there is a significant amount of silica PM particulates coming from the ODSVRA, however recent studies by both the APCD and State Parks prove there is no silica PM particulates originating from the ODSVRA.
 - o When will the APCD publicly state it was wrong and that there is no silica particulates coming from the ODSVRA?
- d) The APCD has focused on vegetating the dunes to a condition back to the 1930's, but has made no mention of replanting the Eucalyptus trees on the Nipomo Mesa that were used to filter out the dust that has been blowing since the beginning of time.
 - o How many acres of Eucalyptus trees is the APCD recommending be planted?
 - o When will the APCD recommend that the farm land in front of the homes on the Nipomo Mesa be returned to the same size as the 1930's?

Regards,
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