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Oceano dune recreation area closures

My name is Eric Correia and I am a third generation family member that has been able to enjoy our Oceano dune recreational area for over 20 years now. I've grown up making family trips out to the dunes to go camping and riding. One of the last great memories of my dad was the huge smile he had while enjoying a dune buggy ride just before losing his life to a long battle of cancer. Not everyone enjoys motor sports like we do but for us it was a time of therapeutic recreation. A time we could get the family together and enjoy some good quality family time. We aren't able to afford beach front property or a million dollar home on the Mesa but luckily have the opportunity to camp on the beach and enjoy the beautiful weather. The future of the Oceano dunes is under attack by people that bought property down wind of a sand dune. These people failed to do their due diligence before purchasing their property and the developer overlooked the wind and the negative impact of removing eucalyptus trees to create a better view and to turn a profit. What you don't realize is closing more and more of the riding area creates a dangerous environment for all of the riders out there. It takes a great deal of people and puts them in a confined area even smaller than it was before. I looked forward to sharing these great memories with my children someday but the closures and confinement are going to take that opportunity away. It is very sad to see that the corruption beginning at the developers, land owners, air resource board appointees, all the way up to city and county officials is going to destroy a tradition that many families were able to enjoy for over 50 years now. Stop the closures, open more area to the south, stop making decisions based on biased opinions!

Why are you trying to artificially create vegetation that existed in the 30s but still allow development to continue on the Mesa downwind of a NATURAL SAND DUNE?