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To Whom it May Concern,

Like many people who share a passion about keeping ODSVRA open, I can never make it to the hearings so I am writing this letter of support for ODSVRA. I hope our voices are heard even though we can not make it to the meetings. Even though we are not standing in front of you, please hear our words, our plea, our arguments. Please keep an open, unbiased mind when sifting through the information presented at these meetings. I have been a resident in the area for over 40 years. I have been enjoying Oceano Dunes since I was a kid and now take my four daughters to enjoy it, just like I did. I have taught them to respect the land, always leaving it cleaner than when we arrived. My daughters have all learned to drive and navigate tough terrain, safely. They have walked for miles up and over dunes. They know what a treasure it is and what a privilege it is to be able to wake up on the beach, listening to the ocean and also watching the sunset into the water, all while enjoying it on a ride or sitting at our camper, just like I have been doing as a kid. Recently, when we have been cruising the beach, I have had to explain the fencing, the straw hail bails, the changes to the beach. Why are they doing that? What is it for? What is happening to our beach? Why can't we go there? I am teaching my children to be inquisitive, to do research, to analyze situations. Are people really getting sick from sand that has blown for thousands of years here? Why now? What has changed? What does closing some many acres of land do? How does that help? What is the outcome they expect? Where is the science? What does the research say? So, they have been reading online. They have been doing their own research. And at the end of the day, after investigating and trying to figure out why, they have come to the same conclusion at me. There is no evidence that closing off the beach, limiting the use of ODSVRA, will make the sand stop blowing and improve the health of people living on the Mesa. Show us the hard proven evidence that this plan will work. Show us the scientific facts that limiting the use of ODSVRA will stop the sand from blowing. What you will do though is hurt the economy, the very backbone of what makes Oceano and Pismo viable attraction for locals and tourists. What you will do is make the ODSVRA unsafe for rides by limiting their space. What you will do is appease the rich folks who decided to buy luxury homes where trees once stood to block the wind. What you will do is make it impossible for people like us to get a reservation to camp in the summer and busy holidays because of restricted camping use.

So, I kindly request that you carefully review all facts and that you make UNBIASED recommendations and actions.

Thank you,

Concerned citizen
Long time resident
Beach lover
Oceano Dune rider
Lover of nature