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To whom this may concern,

I am writing to you today in support of keeping our public lands open for the enjoyment of families today and in the future. Unlike most of the folks who are writing to you, our family has only been to the Oceano SVRA once. It was last November. It was my wife, our 8-year-old son, our yellow lab, and myself. Our 3-day camping trip was in celebration of my wife's birthday. We do not own quads, dirt bikes, sand rails, or an RV. Our trip consisted of tent camping on the beach. We drove to Oceano SVRA from LA county because it is the only place that we know of where you can drive your vehicle on the beach and camp. We had an amazing time. Our son still talks about that trip. The memories we made on that trip will be with us forever. We are looking forward to doing it again, but the recent turn of events is putting that at risk.

I urge you to please do your due diligence and look at the facts. As off-roaders, we face threats of losing the use of public lands all of the time. Thankfully, there are organizations such as Friends of Oceano Dunes and CORVA that fight the battle to ensure that we do not lose our privilege to enjoy the natural beauty that our wonderful country has to offer.

Please keep the Oceano SVRA open to the public. Closure is not the answer.

Sincerely

Henry Velasquez





