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“From May 29, 2012 through October 19, 2017, the District has received one hundred thirty-three (133) complaints from residents downwind of the ODSVRA regarding dust from off-road vehicle activity. Complainants state the level of particulate (dust) is unhealthy, creating an injurious environment and impacting their ability to go outdoors and enjoy their homes or property, or participate in outdoor activities in their neighborhoods. Complainants further state they associate difficulty breathing, respiratory issues, exacerbation of pre-existing conditions such as asthma and COPD, watery and stinging eyes, and other adverse effects associated with particulate matter.” – Complainants are not claiming the dust is the cause of the issue. Complainants are claiming the respirable crystalline silica is unhealthy. There will always be dust emission with or without OHV activity. State Parks’ and the APCD’s recent studies clearly show the levels of respirable crystalline silica to be at level so minuscule that it was, “below the detection limit for the analytical technique applied.” The analytical results indicated, “NONE OF THE SAMPLES OBTAINED EXCEEDED THE CURRENT OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH STANDARD FOR TOTAL DUST, RESPIRABLE DUST OR QUARTZ.” Language such as “dust from off-road vehicle activity” is not only incorrect, it is irresponsible when no such evidence exists that off-road vehicle activity is the source of the issue.

Do not restrict the Dunes, leave it for the majority of the people to use.

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