California Four Wheel Drive Association, Inc.

Over 55 years advocating for recreation

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The California 4 Wheel Drive Association (C4WDA) was founded in 1959 and we are a non-profit organization that has actively promoted the advancement of vehicle oriented outdoor recreation.

C4WDA is a volunteer-based organization of enthusiasts who promote responsible family recreation and exercise environmental conservation for the purpose of protecting access to public lands.

C4WDA has many members that are recreational visitors to the Oceano Dunes SVRA and they are very interested and concerned about actions that deal with the OHV recreational opportunity at Oceano Dunes SVRA.

As OHV recreation opportunities at the Oceano Dunes SVRA are reduced, the demand for OHV recreational opportunities by California citizen's increases. We are very concerned with systematic reduction in the size of the Oceano Dunes SVRA.

We feel that there should be no net loss in OHV opportunity.

Most of complaints filed with APCD are from people living in the Trilogy development. Their complaints contain false information regarding the crystalline silica content of the PM10. They were also misled as to the nature of the dust emissions, they presume that the entirety of emissions is caused by OHV recreation. This is simply not true. The dunes that surround the South San Luis Obispo County community have been created over tens of thousands of years. While any disruption is going to have some impact, it is not realistic to presume that there is no natural process occurring.

The Woodland Specific Plan EIR indicated that the air quality in that development area during construction and even post construction would be significantly worse. The plan deforested hundreds of acres on the Mesa and has been in the construction mode for more than a decade. The second and third phases have just been approved and construction has begun. The Trilogy residents live in a construction zone yet dare to blame OHV recreation for the dust. The APCD pointed the finger toward the dunes rather than admit to the fact that they did not provide the Board of Supervisors full details of the potential impacts to this area.

OHV recreation is a substantial economic force in California, supporting jobs, local communities and tax revenues.

C4WDA appreciates this opportunity to be involved in the public planning process on behalf of its members who enjoy recreation in the Oceano Dunes SVRA.

Please contact me if you have questions or wish to discuss any aspect of these comments.

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