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Subject: Oceano Dunes

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## Good afternoon,

I was recently informed that the State Parks have made a tentative deal with the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District. The deal will virtually eliminate off road use at Oceano Dunes over the next five years, starting in November of 2018.

I am an avid off road enthusiast. My dad, brother and I have been going to Oceano for over 35 years. I have passed this great off road area to my children as well. We love the town, the dunes and the recreation it entails. Every year we have a family and friends gathering at Pismo. My family comes from San Jose, my friends from LA and my brother and his family come from San Diego. Closing this area down will affect more than just us. Thousand of visitors come to the dunes yearly. My family and I personally will find a different area to visit and spend our consumer dollars at.

It appears the area is being closed due to silica in the air. What are the real facts? Who is conducting the monitoring? How have the facts been established? How much of the silica in the air is actually caused by off road use? What affect does the marine biological material have on the monitoring? These questions and many others need to be answered prior to the State Parks being bullied into the agreement.

Thank you for your time and please keep Oceano Dunes open.

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