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Dear Sirs and Ma'ams -

I am a San Luis Obispo County native and current SLO County resident who opposes any further closure of Oceano Dunes SVRA/Pismo State Beach for OHV, automotive, horseback, overnight camping, day use and other public recreational uses. I'm an avid outdoorswoman who rides horses, hikes, mountain bikes and camps. While I grew up camping with my family in these dunes and along that beachfront, I rarely drive out there anymore, but I do believe in protecting public access to public lands.

The Oceano Dunes SVRA has been reduced in size by more than 16,000 acres since its heyday. If you look south of the current southernmost boundary of the park, you'll see that, as it does everywhere else in the world, the wind shifts sand in that now-protected Nipomo-Guadalupe Dunes Complex, regardless of human interference. On severely windy days, you can see the wave of dust blowing from Point Sal east, picking up more dust and growing as it crosses agricultural lands and continues inland. There are no vehicles there. Haven't been in more than 30 years, yet Earth's dirt, dust, wind, rain persist.

When making real estate purchases, it is the prospective property owner's responsibility to do their due diligence regarding potential annoyances: noise, dust, proximity to various venues. People have been riding these dunes since the days of horse and buggy, since the horseless carriage, through the advent of muscle cars and into the OHV era.

My niece has asthma. It's a scary thing. I'm not in any way belittling people who experience breathing/health issues. However, closure of Oceano Dunes SVRA, or further reduction of public access to this public space, will not cure those issues. The proposed closure of Oceano Dunes to OHV access will not solve the dust problem in rural Nipomo. In fact, there are many disturbers of dirt MUCH closer to people's homes in that community which are not addressed, nor can most of them likely be addressed easily: agricultural tilling; denuding of land for massive construction projects; removal of the forest of trees that once served as a wind block; arenas; dirt footpaths; riding trails; unpaved lots. Short of living in a bubble, there is no way to eliminate dust. (Homes and the products within also are also sources of dust, mold and related dust mites, etc.)

Taxpayers work hard, and they need to play hard. For some, that means riding OHVs. Oceano SVRA is the ONLY stretch of California beach that provides OHV access, accessible on-beach camping, while remaining an affordable family gathering place.

Please do not further limit OHV recreational access to Oceano Dunes SVRA, and consider expanding its access to accommodate taxpayers, green sticker users, the ever-expanding population.

Than you for your consideration,

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