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I have been a resident of the Nipomo Mesa for the past 7 years, having moved here from the San Fernando Valley in Southern California to escape bad air, traffic congestion, and stressful living conditions.

I am extremely disappointed to have since learned that our air quality is some of the worse in the country, surpassing Beijing during the Olympics. And it is also surprising is to learn that the bad air is the result of recreational vehicles breaking the natural crust of the Oceano Dunes and thereby releasing extremely fine silica dust particles in the air that lodge in your lungs.

Since moving here, my husband and I, who are avid outdoor enthusiasts - golfers, hikers, and kayakers, have been forced to significantly curtail our time outdoors due to the increasing number of days the air quality is detrimental to our health. I am horrified to think that young families with small children live under these conditions, which will most certainly affect their lungs over a fairly short time. Many of us have already suffered from asthma and other respiratory ailments since moving here.

We need to act now! The Dunes need to be allowed to self restore. This can be done in phases, allowing the off road vehicles to continue to enjoy select portions of the Dunes that are not in a direct path of homes. But extending it out over 5 years with a minimal cutback isn't the answer. Our health is suffering now, our quality of life is suffering, our air quality is the worst, and not to ignore that the noise pollution is deafening during most weekends and every holiday. What's it going to take to move off the dime here?

Please do the right thing for your Nipomo Mesa residents and put their interests before vacationers who visit our beautiful Oceano Dunes, kick up the silica and then drive home, leaving us to suffer. We live here every day, generate revenue and create jobs every day, not just on weekends and holidays. Please do the right thing.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Sincerely,  
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