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Good Afternoon,

I am an eighteen year old girl from the bay area and I have basically grown up in the Pismo Beach Sand Dunes. For all my life this has been the place my entire family and all our friends travel to spend time together. We all own off-road vehicles and my family has been riding them for decades. Being in San Jose, Pismo is the closest place for us to all gather as a family and have the ability to do what we love. I have been keeping up with the news on potential closure on this beautiful area, and it breaks my heart. You probably have never been out in the dunes yourself on a vacation and realized how much fun it is, that is why you have no shame closing it. My family has a never-ending list of memorable moments out on the beach and I hope to have the same with my own children one day, but you are taking this from me. Your reasoning for closing the beach is ridiculous. You claim that our vehicles kick up sand and cause respiratory issues to nearby cities. I have spent over two weeks living in sand deserts with dune access and have never had an issue. My 73 year old grandmother can even spend time in the dunes and feels perfectly fine. Our vehicles barely kick up any dust at all. I was in Pismo the weekend of April 13th and it was very windy. Sand was being kicked up and blown everywhere by acts of nature not by our vehicles. What percentage of dust is being accumulated into the Nipomo area? My family owns a home in the Nipomo Mesa district and we have never once had an issue with dune dust or noise. The Pismo dunes have been open since the 30s. People moving in nearby should be buying homes at their own risk knowing they are close to sand dunes. By closing the dunes you are not only hurting others like me, but also the family-owned businesses that benefit from campers. The town of Oceano will lose abundant amounts of business. The ATV rental shops, restaurants and gas stations, just to name a few, serve mainly only Pismo Dune Riders and rely on their business to keep open. I am only one voice speaking for thousands of other families who love and respect the dunes. Please re-consider yo actions and keep our dunes open.

Sincerely,  
Madyson Gross