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I am writing you in response to the proposed settlement concerning the air quality issues at the Oceano SVRA.

We ask that you please look at the affect this will have on our local communities, Our local business', and the financial impact on the communities that surround the Dunes.

I have been using this area since I was a kid. My Grandfather used to farm the Oso Flaco area behind the SVRA, and my father grew up riding around in the dunes in all kinds of different vehicles. When I was young, we would camp, fish, and, do some offroading almost every weekend. I have also done the same with my children. This area has been a part of our community for many generations.

I have been made aware that their are some validity issues with some of the testing, and that has affected the resulting recommendations.

We humbly ask you to investigate the validity of the silica coming from the SVRA and what impact does the marine biological material coming from the ocean have on all the air monitoring data. What percentage is coming from the SVRA? We ask that until these questions are answered- you not close the SVRA.

We also know that their have been some problems with the air quality reports via staff members that was documented in a meeting last year.

As an avid outdoorsman, family man, and offroad enthusiast- I have seen our useable areas shrink to almost nothing. Even inland, our opportunities are dwindling. The net impact of recreation on the landscape is magnified by the loss of useable trails. When you bunch the same amount of people in a smaller area, said area get more impacted. Common sense says we should be opening up more trails, to lower the impact on individual landscapes by spreading out the outdoor recreation over larger areas, not boxing them into smaller ones. This includes the Dunes.

I read an article about a beach area in Oregon that got rid of all automotive and pedestrian traffic, only to discover that the air quality issues are naturally caused by the offshore wind- (how the dunes are created). A secondary issue they discovered was the non-native plants that were taking over the dunes and changing the landscape. They have found that the natural species that they were trying to protect, are no longer able to sustain life because of the changes in the Dunes. They are now trying to find a way to restore the Dunes- (And have been using bulldozers to remove plants). This seems to be a typical result.

And lastly, we ask that you consider the fact that the Dunes were here, as well as the recreational use, well before the homes on the Mesa were built, and the Eucalyptus trees were cut down.

Thank you for your time-
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