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Good Afternoon,

I must ask why would you even consider closing one of the most beautiful, peaceful last true family vacation spots in Central California? Families and friends come together to relax, unwind and enjoy quality time together. The way this fast paced world is going a majority of families both parents have to work and don't get a lot of quality time with their kids, Oceano Dunes SVRA allows them to have that time. Children and adults put their cell phones and video games down and actually go outside and ride OHV's, play in the sand and water, enjoy the fresh air, get exercise and do all of the things they can't and don't do at home. Why would you even consider taking that away? My husband and I are 47 years old and we enjoy a ten day trip to the dunes every July with my 77 year old parents. We would be heartbroken if we couldn't go to Oceano Dunes SVRA with them anymore. We all look forward to it so very much.

All we are asking is that you look at the big picture and not be one sided in your decision making. Please look at the financial impact on every business within a 20+ mile radius of the dunes. What do you think would happen to all of them if you closed the dunes? How many jobs would be lost? How high would your unemployment rate be? How many businesses would close? How many houses would be foreclosed on? How many apartments would be vacant? Do you have even the slightest idea of how much revenue the dunes generate for your area? Gas, food, lodging, rentals, sightseeing, movies, hardware stores, gift shops, vehicle repairs, etc. The list goes on and on and on. I'll give you one example: while we're there for ten days we spend approximately \$200 on just gas alone, now times that times the 999 other campsites & day campers, that's a lot of money just on gas. And we only have one sand toy, can you imagine what a family with 4 or 5 toys spends?? Plus we eat out at the local restaurants, shop at the grocery stores, other smaller local stores, outlets, etc. I guarantee the dunes generate a considerable amount more revenue than the hand full of residents that are complaining about the dust ever will. We are there to contribute to the economy in your cities and county and enjoy all that you have to offer. We are not there to do any harm contrary to what some might believe.

As for the blowing sand/dust, I'm sorry but this just makes me giggle. We have been on the beach when there has been almost no one there and the wind still blows the sand. It's mother nature, how do you think the dunes got there in the first place? The locals knew they were moving near the beach, which have wind and sand, when they purchased their homes so why are they even complaining. It's like the people who buy houses by the airport and then complain about the airplanes. It makes absolutely no sense at all. It's just a way for them to complain, waste your time, waste our time and waste everyone's money. Money that could be spent on more important issues. Everyday while we are there my mom and I walk all the way down the beach to the end where it is fenced off and riding is not allowed. We stand there and watch the birds and look down the coastline for miles and low and behold you can watch the wind blow off of the ocean on to the beach and blow the sand across the dunes. If riding is not allowed there, it is fenced off so we can't get in and yet the wind is still blowing the sand in the direction of the homes how is this any fault of the OHV community? Why are we being punished and having something taken away that we love so dearly? Can you answer that truly and honestly for me please?

The root of the problem is clearly caused by mother nature and not the OHV community. We are asking and begging you please, please, please do not take OCEANO DUNES SVRA away from us. Please keep the dunes open and let the family and friends traditions continue on through the generations. Please do not take another thing away for future generations to know nothing about. Keep it open and together we can all educate current and future generations how to love

and care for our beloved Oceano Dunes SVRA.

Unfortunately, we live in Orange County and cannot make it up there during the week to participate at your meetings. I would be more than happy to speak with any of you over the phone, via email or if planned enough in advance come up for a meeting held on the weekend.

Thank you for time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
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**STOP CLOSING THE OCEANO DUNES OHV AREA AND OPEN MORE OF THE OCEANO
DUNES OHV AREA**