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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Oceano Dunes SVRA  
OPPOSING proposed closures

I have lived in California since 1975. Unfortunately, it was only two years ago that my wife and I discovered Oceano Dunes and its beauty. That one can still drive on the beach, use the sand dunes with appropriate vehicles and camp next to the ocean is a thing of beauty and something that ALL of us Californians deserve to enjoy. Your duty in your capacity as an employee of this great state is to represent the interests of ALL Californians and to preserve and protect the natural resources of this state, including all of our state parks, for the use of ALL California citizens not just these special interest groups and the good citizens of San Luis Obispo County, who chose to live directly East of the dunes, who claim that recreational use of the dunes is causing sand and "other pollutants" to cause "damage" to themselves and the environment. In visiting the area and camping by the dunes the last two years I have noted that many Southern California citizens visit the dunes on weekends and holidays. Living in Sacramento, we must drive a considerable distance to use the dunes and we have learned that a significant number of other Northern Californians frequent the area as well. Our children from all over the State of California attend college in San Luis Obispo (my wife and I have two kids who went to school there) and a visit with the kids can be combined with a visit to the beach and the dunes. We too are your constituents.

My understanding is that approximately 2/3 of the area previously available for recreational use of the dunes has already been closed down, Haven't the interests of these special interest groups already been catered to sufficiently? Should they have the right to deny some use of the dunes to the rest of us Californians?

What objective evidence of "damage" caused by the recreational use of the dunes, as opposed to all other causes including the natural winds blowing sand and such from the area, exists? How much of the "dust" comes from the SVRA as opposed to all of the other lands, including the 2/3 of the dunes already closed down to recreational use? Do you have objective evidence of the alleged "damage" to air quality caused by recreational use of the dunes or just the usual array of "experts" paid to come to predetermined conclusions and "opinions" for specific interest groups? Are you aware of the differing conclusions and opinions reached by experts researching the same and similar issues in other states including Oregon?

I urge you to fulfill your duties to ALL Californians by opposing any closures or further limitations of use of the Oceano Dunes and to resist the temptation to give into the special interests and local interests to the detriment of the rest of us.

Thank-you,

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