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Hello,

Im 21 years old and began to enjoy the dune riding life style just this last year, i spent every day of Summer out there watching the waves and enjoying the natural beauty that comes with the area. Ill tell you, there is absolutely nothing quite like riding your motorcycle down the beach in California, waving at the young kids as you roll by and seeing the excitement on their faces as well as the adults giving you a nod almost as to say isn't this the best place in the world to be. In my short time going out there i met many amazingly kind people that are like one big beach family, always willing to help any and everyone that might need it. They shared so many stories with me about their years spent out there growing up with the dunes as a big part of their life, it was from these people that i learned of the closures that have taken place over the years. Closures that are shrinking the size of the area smaller and smaller until there won't be anything left for people to enjoy. I've seen fencing go up in places it never used to be just in my short time spent out there. Ive seen invasive plants showing up in places they didn't used to be claiming them as RE-vegetation, this implies that there was vegetation there in the past, this is not the case, when looking at photos from the air in the past as well as black and white photos from the past you can clearly see there has never been vegetation in the areas they are claiming to be RE-vegetation. The dunes is a amazing and unique ohv area that there are already so few of left in California, if i go out into the mountains to ride, im miles away from anyone that could get me help should anything happen but at the dunes its only about 5 minutes before you see some one who stops to check if you are okay. My mom certainly worries much much less about me when i go out riding at the dunes than anywhere else. Its a safe family friendly location that accommodates a really great life style that is dying off in these recent years, kids don't go outside and exercise anymore. They are indoors all day playing video games or sitting somewhere on their phones, the camping, riding, beach-going life style that the dunes is used for is non existent anywhere else. Please don't close this wonderful place, lets work together and keep it accessable to all people for many more generation to enjoy after us. Im sure that we can find a solution to this dust problem together, otherwise just closing the dunes will do nothing to solve the dust. If you close the beach there is still going to be strong winds blowing and there is still going to be sand and dust moved by those strong winds thats just the nature of sand dunes.

Thank you,

- Sean Hayes