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Dear State Park Representatives and Legislators:

It has come to my attention that there is potential for considering shutting down some or perhaps all of the off-road areas of the Pismo State Beach (Oceano Dunes SVRA) to off road vehicle recreation. That would be horrible and a complete offense to the local merchants and economy who depend on the tax revenues generated by the off road families who for years have enjoyed this area with their families and friends!

I have been enjoying this great outdoor activity (off-roading at Pismo SB) since 1984 with family and friends. For over 30 years I have introduced my family, countless friends and their families, and their friends and families to this unique and wonderful area. Everyone one of them absolutely loves it! We continue to make an annual (if not bi-annual) visit to the five cities area for camping, horse-back riding, kite flying, hiking, and most importantly off-roading! It is the premier draw for our recreational spending and it is our favorite trip of the year!

I question the validity of the studies with respect to any silica coming from the SVRA. How do we know it's accurate? What impact does the marine biological material coming from the ocean have on all the air monitoring data that's been collected? I've seen countless mounds of seaweed, many seal carcasses, tons of birds, and probably lots of unseen other biological material contributing to the air quality in this area, these are all natural occurring and have nothing to do with the vehicular traffic on the dunes. Can you really identify the exact material coming from just the vehicles vs the natural occurring environmental impact itself.

Does anyone have a clue what percentage of dust is actually coming from the SVRA? More specifically, contributed by off-roading activities? How do you determine what is naturally occurring with winds, tides, organic and inorganic matter. What other adjacent areas are being tested in the exact same manner to support the validity of what it being tossed around?

As an avid off-roader, who spends a pile of money in the area every year (restaurants, the Great American Melodrama playhouse, RV rentals, gasoline, souvenirs, wine tasting, auto parts stores, etc.) who has enjoyed the benefits of the SVRA, who continues to bring family and friends to the area....I think it would be a travesty to use unsubstantiated science (some may call it junk science or even fake news) to close down this outstanding asset. Please keep it open!!!

As Huell Howser has said...."It's a part of California's Gold!"

Kindest regards,

Theresa Sanchez