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Hello Alyssa. (I would like to remain anonymous.) I live directly behind the dunes on the Arroyo Grande Mesa. The activity of off-road vehicles on the dunes has always been quite concerning to me. I grew up in Arroyo Grande, and my friend's father was a local Ranger. She told me that every weekend there were serious accidents injuries, and even deaths out on the dunes, resulting from ORV activity. And now that I live so close to the dunes, I also recognize the horrible dust impact that this activity has on our health.

I can tell you for a fact that during the time when the dunes had been closed to off roading, it was noticeably different. The amount of dust in the air was remarkably lower and we felt healthy working and playing outside. Typically, on days that are windy I have a feeling of deep chest pain if I go outdoors. However, following the time after the dunes had been closed up, even on a windy day, the air did not hurt my lungs. I believe this is because some revegetation was allowed to take place in the area near my home. If the dunes were closed for a longer length of time, I am sure that the dust would become even less of a problem. Not to mention the fatalities injuries and damage to the ecosystem that occurs due to this unnecessary harmful activity.

Most of the people who take part in this activity are visiting from elsewhere. They tend to trash our beaches and not care about being good citizens. Please consider closing the dunes to this reckless activity, so that we can allow for more inclusive activities for the public to enjoy, better health, and a safer more natural environment. Let's bring the types of visitors to the Coast who want to enjoy in a more respectful and responsible manner.

Please consider there has always been opposition to making changes that are good for the environment and people. From the abolishment of slavery and protecting human rights, to various environmental protections, there are always groups that fight to keep things the way they are. But knowing what is right and wrong, gives us the responsibility to see to it that changes are made when needed. And right now, our local community needs to preserve our beautiful coastline by protecting our safety, the environment, and our health from prohibiting off-road vehicle use.

Please consider the long term repercussions when making decisions in this matter.

Thank you!

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