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To: [Kahn, Kevin@Coastal](mailto:Kahn_Kevin@Coastal)
Subject: FW: California State Parks Oceano Dunes 48 Acre Closure
Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 1:27:04 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Pollastro <mpollastro@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 9:48 AM
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Subject: California State Parks Oceano Dunes 48 Acre Closure

To whom it may concern:

Closing 48 acres of Oceano Dunes right at the beginning of desert season (and during holiday breaks) for something that is to take place in March is completely unacceptable. This is a family destination and something that is tradition for many families (including my own). While there is no camping reduction expected during this closure, this **WILL** confine campers to a much smaller area and be dangerous for all who visit. Please reschedule fencing!

From: [Ainsworth, John@Coastal](mailto:Ainsworth_John@Coastal)
To: [Kahn, Kevin@Coastal](mailto:Kahn_Kevin@Coastal)
Subject: FW: PLEASE READ - Regarding Oceano Dunes Closure
Date: Sunday, January 5, 2020 3:52:36 PM
Attachments: [Oceano Proposal.pdf](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

From: Zach Pigott <zach.p@zincautosales.com>
Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 2:56 PM
To: Ainsworth, John@Coastal <John.Ainsworth@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: PLEASE READ - Regarding Oceano Dunes Closure

On Fri, Jan 3, 2020 at 1:37 PM Zach Pigott <zach.p@zincautosales.com> wrote:

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I propose the following as a reasonable solution to make both parties happy.

Party #1: The off roaders who attend the park / Party #2: Associated park officials

All two thousand or so acres should be officially opened up (or at least most of it) to make the park safer and more spread out for off roaders who attend. To keep from overcrowding, a group of officials from both parties (like a fire marshal inspects a building) can come out and determine the amount of people who can be in the area at one time, given safety and dust concerns taken into account. Daily passes can be available for purchase. OHV's may be able to drive directly into the park and allowed on outside streets within a small distance of park entrances for the purpose of traveling to and from parked vehicles, homes, or businesses. Posted speed limits in these possible areas shall not exceed 15 mph. Stand alone vehicles and small trailers can be in a designated "parking lot," no campers allowed, and camping spots can be reserved for certain periods of time for larger sums of money. This would limit the amount of off roaders in the park at one time, creating less dust while still maintaining a fun and safe environment. The money can be collected and reinvested into more park staff, who can help pick up trash and enforce safety rules. It could also be reinvested into the parks system, other OHV areas, and/or the surrounding community.

And maybe a website explaining proper dune etiquette? Like spotting, getting un-stuck, etc. And you could also get your passes and reserve camp spots here.

I am no politician, but I think this could be a great start to good graces between both parties. No more fighting.

Sincerely,

From: [Ainsworth, John@Coastal](mailto:Ainsworth_John@Coastal)
To: [Kahn, Kevin@Coastal](mailto:Kahn_Kevin@Coastal)
Subject: Fwd: Oceano Dunes
Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 6:15:42 PM

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From: Nicholas Allen <fuzman24@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 6:10:14 PM
To: Ainsworth, John@Coastal <John.Ainsworth@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Oceano Dunes

How can you guys do this? Do you understand that you are destroying the surrounding cities? Do you understand that people go there and have fun there, and that you are just taking that away? It's incredibly frustrating that you think you are helping this world, when you are really just destroying it even more. I would very much like to know your actual reasoning for the closure, please email be back.

Thanks,
A frustrated duner

From: [Ainsworth, John@Coastal](mailto:Ainsworth_John@Coastal)
To: [Kahn, Kevin@Coastal](mailto:Kahn_Kevin@Coastal)
Subject: Fwd: California State Parks closing 48 acres at the Oceano Dunes SVRA in December ahead of planting in March.
Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 8:38:25 AM

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From: Kenneth North <north_ken@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 10:43:33 PM
To: Office of the Secretary CNRA <secretary@resources.ca.gov>; Mangat, Lisa@Parks <Lisa.Mangat@parks.ca.gov>; Ainsworth, John@Coastal <John.Ainsworth@coastal.ca.gov>; Bod@oceanodunes.org <Bod@oceanodunes.org>; rothlaw1@comcast.net <rothlaw1@comcast.net>; Lynch, Tara@Parks <Tara.Lynch@parks.ca.gov>; Tobias, Kathryn@Parks <Kathryn.Tobias@parks.ca.gov>
Subject: California State Parks closing 48 acres at the Oceano Dunes SVRA in December ahead of planting in March.

Dear Secretary Crowfoot:

This letter is being submitted by Friends of Oceano Dunes, Inc. ("Friends"), a California not-for-profit corporation representing users of Oceano Dunes State Vehicle Recreational Area ("ODSVRA"). Friends is deeply concerned by the California Coastal Commission issuing an Emergency Permit (CDP G-3-19-0053) requiring State Parks to immediately close 48 acres of critical camping area ahead of the Christmas and New Year's vacation schedules. State Parks has estimated the loss of these 48 acres to require a reduction of 50% of the camping spaces... yet the closure is happening now and there has been no reduction in camping.

This 48 acre area will not be planted until March, so fencing this area off now makes no logical sense other than to harass the patrons of the Oceano Dunes SVRA and to quite possibly cause injury or death due to overly confined spaces.

We request that State Parks be told to IMMEDIATELY stand down in fencing off these 48 acres until planting is ready to occur and there has been adequate time to inform and educate the users of the park. Safety of the park visitors must not be overlooked.

Sincerely,

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From: [Ainsworth, John@Coastal](mailto:Ainsworth_John@Coastal)
To: [Kahn, Kevin@Coastal](mailto:Kahn_Kevin@Coastal)
Subject: Fwd: Closing of 48 acres at the Oceano Dunes is heart breaking for many
Date: Thursday, December 19, 2019 12:33:42 PM

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Subject: Closing of 48 acres at the Oceano Dunes is heart breaking for many

Hi,

My husband and I own a home in Arroyo Grande and 2 businesses in Grover Beach and have lived in the 5 Cities area and have been going to ODSVRA for just over 30 years, I won't even get into the fear I have of the financial impacts your decisions are going to have on my livelihood.

I am so confused, sad and frustrated that immediate action was taken to close off the 48 acres, makes no sense other than to harass the visitors of the Oceano Dunes and to quite possibly cause injury or death due to overly confined spaces.

I also wonder why the date on the CCC emergency order was 11/27/19, why did it take 2 weeks to let the public know? I feel someone was trying to hide this to give us less time to fight back.

I BEG State Parks to please stand down in fencing off these 48 acres until the Holiday is over and planting is ready.

It is sad to me that families Holiday plans were of NO consideration, why is the offroad community being completely ignored? They have been treated like they do not matter, it is obvious at every meeting that the Coastal Commission looks down on us as second class citizens. When we speak we are completely ignored, they don't even try to pretend to listen and for them to pull this emergency order a week before a Holiday weekend is cruel. "100's" of families are distraught and confused on what to do, as it appears they will not have room for their kids to play or ride around camp and we are all just left in the dark as to how this is all going to work.

Please State Parks, STAND UP for for the users of this park. We deserve better than this! We are hard working families that can not and will not be swept under the rug.

Thank you,

Ginger Arndt

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From: [Ainsworth, John@Coastal](mailto:Ainsworth_John@Coastal)
To: [Kahn, Kevin@Coastal](mailto:Kahn_Kevin@Coastal)
Subject: Fwd: Oceano Dunes
Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 8:39:31 AM
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Subject: Oceano Dunes

To the people that supposed to
be working for the people:

I'm going to keep it short and simple. Places like the dunes in California where you can camp on the beach and ride are let's say NON existent. This is the only place you can do that.

Closures because of Wild life and other subjects of nature have taken place. Everything closing and nothing to replace those closures. The agenda is simple, going to close it little by little encroaching the place to the point people won't come because of the small dangerous ride space. Not caring the hit that town will take when less people shop, pimp gas, eat out, etc. Now you have the old folks complaining about the silica in the sand that's "kicked up by ohv" lol.... The joke is on you! All that BS they produced they're feeding it to you and you're consuming it which is hilarious but at our expense. Now let's say 300-500 of them want the dunes closed but you have hundred of thousands to Keep it open and open up more land but you're not. You're tending to them over the masses, why ? We all know why. The joke is ok you at the end of the day. Wether you guys sell out or make decisions that show how much you "know " About your job is on you. It is what it is at the end of the day. You're the ones sleeping on the job.



Thank You,
Jose Reveles

From: [Ainsworth, John@Coastal](mailto:Ainsworth_John@Coastal)
To: [Kahn, Kevin@Coastal](mailto:Kahn_Kevin@Coastal)
Subject: Fwd: ODSVRA Letter - Emergency Closure
Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 11:21:26 AM

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Subject: ODSVRA Letter - Emergency Closure

December 17, 2019

Secretary Wade Crowfoot
California Natural Resources Agency 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: California State Parks Closing 48 Acres at Oceano SDVRA in December

Dear Secretary Crowfoot,

It has come to the attention of the American Sand Association that California Parks Department is implementing the 48-acre closure at the Oceano Dunes SDVRA now, ahead of the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods. Given that the closure represents a 50% reduction in available camping area, and that camping reservations were sold out prior to the issuance of the Emergency Permit (CCC CDP G-3-19-0053), our concern is that the deadline in the permit, and loss of this camping area will materially compromise the safety and welfare of the visitors to the ODSVRA during the holiday period. We would respectfully request that State Parks be instructed to immediately suspend these closure efforts in order to ensure the safety of the park visitors. We would also request that the fencing deadline be extended until the reservation system has been revised to reflect the new lower capacity.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Fwd: Pismo Beach Closure
Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 9:41:30 AM
Attachments: [Roebbelen_Logo2_5a7ad317-ace6-4c3d-8f76-dbcdb74b0075.png](#)

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Subject: Pismo Beach Closure

To Whom It May Concern,

I am extremely disappointed in the false promises that keep happening in regards to “compromising with the dune riders”. We were promised that the closure would not happen until after April of 2020, why is the shut down already beginning? Not only have I scheduled days off work, I’ve boughten passes and promised my daughters that we are going to the beach for Christmas. Now it’s a possibility we may lose our pass or be crammed into 2 miles with over 1,000 trailers? Now I either compromise the safety of my children due to over crowding or I break their hearts by telling them grown adults made false promises. Us “dune riders” have done nothing but give over the past 30 years and do not deserve this kind of disrespect. Do the right thing for the children, the children us adults have already promised a Pismo tip for Christmas, the one thing my children look forward to year after year.

Sara Collins Project Engineer

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From: [Ainsworth, John@Coastal](mailto:Ainsworth_John@Coastal)
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Subject: Fwd: Stop Emergency Permit CDP G-3-19-0053 - What is Justification?
Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 8:40:54 AM

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Subject: Stop Emergency Permit CDP G-3-19-0053 - What is Justification?

All,
Please stop the Emergency Permit for early closure of the 48 acres of Oceano dunes camping area.

* What is the emergency to justify this?

Many are aware of the closures approved for next year. Recent meetings have stated closures would not happen until after Jan 6 ,2020 (still ahead of planting schedule)

Why are the areas being closed before stated states and during the holiday camping season?

There are many passionate arguments and disputes on both sides, but this looks like clear overstepping of prior agreements.

Please revoke this emergency permit

Thank you
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From: Ainsworth_John@Coastal
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Subject: Fwd: STOP THE CLOSURE OF OCEANO DUNES
Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 9:41:08 AM

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From: Erica Biely <ebiely@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 9:12:15 AM
Subject: STOP THE CLOSURE OF OCEANO DUNES

To Whom it May Concern,

We need your immediate attention to the issues going on at Oceano Dunes. The commission is set to close off riding areas BEFORE the set deadline in March. This early closure before the holidays is creating unsafe conditions. The parks have not reduced the number of reservations for the Christmas-New Year holiday and reservations are completely sold out. This is going to create a disaster, and I suspect death, because they are taking away 48 acres but not reducing the number of registrations. Anyone who is familiar with the riding at Oceano knows that this is a terrible, unsafe, situation. I just don't understand how people in charge do not see how this affects the safety of riders as well as the economy. Let me give you an example.

I live here but I have family and friends that live in Chico. Every year for the 15 years, we camp at Oceano Dunes for two weeks Christmas through New Years. Our out of town guest list range from 50-75 people with roughly 12-15 trailers each year. Each of these families come with their trailers, trucks, toys, families and kids. We are talking 100K set ups, not cheap. Their first stop is Costco in SLO for food. Their second stop is the local gas station down the street from the dunes for water and fuel. Once on the beach and set up, we all spend our first night at Juan's Cantina. We go to Old West Cinnamon rolls to get rolls for Christmas morning. The day after Christmas, all the wives go shopping in Pismo. At least three times during the trip, we go to Splash Cafe for clam chowder. The kids drive into town once or twice to go to the Pismo bowling alley and to spend their Christmas money at Panchos and Esteem. For New Year's Eve, we go to Port San Luis to purchase crab and lobster for a crab feast for 100 people and when they don't have enough we hit the seafood road show at Costco. We ride so much that we have to make multiple trips to the gas station to fill up our tanks. We find ourselves out of light fluid or fire magic dust and have to run to little store on the beach. The kids want stickers from the little store so we get those too. When we pack up, all the kids in camp on the last day are given trash bags and while the adults are closing up camp, all the kids pick up bag fulls of trash and we have a contest and a winner for who picks up the most. It is good wholesome (EXPENSIVE) fun. It is a tradition.

Today, I am texting my family and friends saying our tradition is in jeopardy. We are conversating about the closure and the affects of this on camping and riding. We are fearful of the hazardous conditions. We have little kids that want to ride. Is it safe? Should we even go? We have been talking about how this will likely be the last time we camp in Oceano. We are talking about where we will meet up next year. All that money for our economy - gone. We are just one family but I know how much money we all spend for this memory. I love supporting local. But, this is forcing us to think about alternatives. It is going to be a sad day for these businesses. For the economy of Pismo. And the safety of our community.

No one has died from the sand that has been blowing for thousands of years in our area. NOT ONE PERSON. However, I am praying now for the safety of all riders. There has already been multiple deaths caused by unsafe driving conditions due to the closures that have happened already. I can't imagine what it will be like with another 48 acres gone and no reduction in camping. Please take action. Please support us in our fight to keep Oceano Dunes open so that adults and children can ride in safe conditions during the holidays. It is only fair to keep it open until the agreed upon date in March.

I stand for the sand!

Thank you for your consideration.

Erica Biely

From: [Ainsworth, John@Coastal](mailto:Ainsworth_John@Coastal)
To: [Kahn, Kevin@Coastal](mailto:Kahn_Kevin@Coastal)
Subject: Fwd: Very concerned about California State Parks closing 48 acres at the Oceano Dunes SVRA
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Subject: Very concerned about California State Parks closing 48 acres at the Oceano Dunes SVRA

Dear Secretary Crowfoot:

I have been going to this state park since I was 6 years old for New Years. I have a 1 year old and I am very concerned about her future visits to the park to enjoy the beauty. Please put an immediate end to the closures of sections of the park. I want her to be able to enjoy the park when she's grows up.

This letter is about my deepest concern about the California Coastal Commission issuing an Emergency Permit (CDP G-3-19-0053) requiring State Parks to immediately close 48 acres of critical camping area ahead of the Christmas and New Year's vacation schedules. State Parks has estimated the loss of these 48 acres to require a reduction of 50% of the camping spaces... yet the closure is happening now and there has been no reduction in camping.

I request that State Parks be told to IMMEDIATELY stand down in fencing off these 48 acres until planting is ready to occur and there has been adequate time to inform and educate the users of the park. Safety of the park visitors must not be overlooked!!!

Sincerely,

Kodi Fletcher - Small business owner

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