

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project Location: Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (ODSVRA) adjacent to the community of Oceano off State Route 1 in San Luis Obispo County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVR Division), proposes to issue a special event permit for the Pismo Huckfest Special Event on Friday, October 17 and Saturday, October 18, 2014. Event gates would open to the public at 6 a.m. on Friday. The main Huckfest event would occur on Saturday. The event comprises an exhibition of street legal and off-highway registered trucks jumping off a gradual incline sand dune ramp with a flat landing area. This activity is similar to spontaneous vehicle riding presently occurring at Oceano Dunes SVRA.

The main event would occur at the Competition Hill area of Oceano Dunes SVRA 0.5 miles east of Posts 7 and 8, between Sand Highway 21 – 24. Up to 25 vehicles may participate in the exhibition with each vehicle performing twice in a first round and then each finalist performing twice in a second round. Event participation is by invitation only. Participant vehicles would go through a technical inspection by certified event staff. The course would consist of a fenced off area that has a lead-in runway, the sand dune, and a landing platform and pathway. The event staff, drivers, and monitors would all have radio communications for the go/no go signal to proceed, as well as a red/green light at the top of the dune for a visual signal of go/no go. Spectators would be kept a minimum of 200 feet from either side of the center of the course by temporary fencing.

The base camp area would be located south of Posts 4 and 5 and comprise an event stage, vendor area, restrooms, parking and camping areas, and a vehicle technical inspection area. The event also includes a motorcycle exhibition by three X-Game performers. The motorcycle exhibition would occur between Posts 4 and 5. The course consists of a 75-foot long jump using 8.5-foot high take off and landing ramps. A 35-foot run of carpet would be laid on top of the sand leading to and from both ramps. The overall course dimensions are 100-feet wide and 327-feet long. The course perimeter would be surrounded with snow fencing 25 feet from the take off carpet and 100 feet from the landing carpet.

All participants would be paid camping or day use visitors, and all vehicles would be subject to the same sound restrictions and equipment requirements applicable to all SVRA visitors. All speed limit and other safety and resource-protective measures already in effect at the SVRA would apply to event participants. All pre-existing Oceano Dunes SVRA camping and vehicle limits would remain in effect during the event.

CDPR, OHMVR Division, has determined the project is subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CDPR, OHMVR Division, is the Lead Agency under CEQA and has prepared an Initial Study and draft Negative Declaration (IS/ND) finding the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

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Comment Period: In accordance with CEQA, CDPR is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis described in the IS/ND for the project. The public comment period begins on August 15, 2014, and ends on September 15, 2014, at 5 p.m. No public meeting will be held. CDPR shall consider the IS and all written comments received by the close of the comment period prior to deciding whether to adopt the ND and approve the project.

Document Availability:

The IS/ND and all documents referenced therein are available for the 30-calendar day public review and comment period. During the review period, copies of the IS/ND and all documents will be available for review at the following locations:

- Oceano Dunes District Office
340 James Way, Ste. 270
Pismo Beach, CA 93449
(805) 773-7170
Contact – Dena Bellman
- CDPR, OHMVR Division
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(916) 445-9152
Contact – Ryan Miller
- Electronic copies of all documents can be viewed and downloaded from CDPR's website at ohv.parks.ca.gov, on the Oceano Dunes SVRA link.

How to Comment: Interested parties may provide written comments on the IS/ND, which must be **received** by CDPR no later than 5 p.m. on September 15, 2014. Written comments on the IS/ND may be provided by email to Dena.Bellman@parks.ca.gov or be sent via U.S. mail or fax to the following address/fax number:

Attn: Dena Bellman
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For further information, please call Dena Bellman, Park and Recreation Specialist, at (805) 773-7170.