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Re: Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area - Southern Vehicular Access Routes

Dear Director Quintero and Deputy Director Miggins,

The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Commission requests that the OHMVR Division, working with the Strategic Planning and Recreation Services and the Acquisition and Real Property Divisions, reevaluate the possible acceptance of the Irrevocable Offer to Dedicate (IOD) to preserve future options for a new southern vehicular access route to the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (ODSVRA). We acknowledge that State Parks worked diligently to prepare a draft public works plan known as the (PWP) over the years that received significant input and engagement on a wide range of complex management issues.

As you know, the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) community is eager to implement components of the PWP and has been asking for a southern access route to the ODSVRA for many years to enhance public safety and visitor experiences. The ODSVRA General Plan and draft PWP clearly outline a series of essential planning projects. These include the construction of a new southern access route, the expansion of camping facilities, the establishment of dedicated OHV access, and the creation of a staging area. Furthermore, a new access route will redirect OHV traffic to prevent crossing over Arroyo Grande Creek. These initiatives will create new OHV recreation opportunities, enhance park operations facilities, and establish new pedestrian and equestrian trails. We are committed to strengthening habitat and resource protection while also developing impactful science and cultural education opportunities.

The Commission requests State Parks to consider the IOD as a potential southern access route to Oceano Dunes SVRA and provide an update to the Commission at a future meeting in 2025.

Respectfully yours,

Roger Salazar, Chair

OHMVR Commission

CC: OHMVR Commissioners

Alexandra Stehl, Deputy Director, Strategic Planning and Recreation Services
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