

**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 permit two special events: the Friends of Oceano Dunes (FoOD) Poker Run and Safety Day (the Poker Run), proposed for July 2-4, 2009, and the Sand Addiction Magazine Dune Tour (the Dune Tour), proposed for August 7-9, 2009.

The Poker Run comprises erection of 5-7 small, temporary, pop-up shade structures within the open riding and camping area of ODSVRA to accommodate fundraising raffle safety displays, ticket sales, Poker Run registration, and off-road riding apparel vending over the July 4th holiday weekend. The Poker Run itself would occur on Saturday, July 4, and involves a non-timed, non-race, and self-guided activity during which participants visit five checkpoints (one card table each) within the open riding area.

The Dune Tour comprises the following activities during the three-day event: ATV safety training, dune clean up, movie, campfire, kid zone, show and shine contest, drawings for prizes, dune clean up, and karaoke. The scavenger hunt would be held Saturday, August 8. The supply trailer, stage, and two tent/shade structures will be set up in the camping area within a 300 foot x 300 foot area between beach post markers 4 and 5. The scavenger hunt consists of six vendor spots that will be set up in different areas of the open riding area of the park at checkpoints along the course. This event is not a race.

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.

Project Applicant: CDPR, OHMVR Division
1725 23rd Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95816

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 May 27, 2009, and ends on June 25, 2009, 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)773-7180
Contact – Ronnie Glick

- California State Parks
Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division
1725 23rd Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA
(916) 324-1606
Contact – Karen Feldheim
- 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 June 25, 2009. Written comments on the IS/ND may be provided by email to rglick@parks.ca.gov or be sent via U.S. mail or fax to the following address/fax number:

Attn: Ronnie Glick
Oceano Dunes District Office
340 James Way, Ste. 270
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For further information, please call Ronnie Glick, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (805) 773-7180.