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## Oceano Dunes SVRA and Pismo State Beach Camping Sold-Out for July 4th

*Facilities at Maximum Capacity, No First-Come, First-Serve Available*

OCEANO DUNES – California State park officials announced today that reservations for Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area and Pismo State Beach for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday period (June 30 – July 4) are completely sold-out, and campers without reservations will not be allowed.

“If you do not already have a reservation for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday period, please do not plan to travel to the park for camping,” said District Superintendent Andy Zilke. “You will be turned away unless you have a reservation. There will not be any additional camping on a first-come, first-served basis because the reservations sold have put both facilities at maximum capacity.”

Camping at the Dunes and Pismo State Beach has reached capacity every weekend since the Memorial Day holiday. The result: Hundreds of hopeful campers without reservations have been turned away at the gates, a situation that park officials hope to avoid in the future.

Park officials annually urge visitors to acquire camping reservations for any planned camping visit to Oceano Dunes SVRA and Pismo State Beach between the Memorial Day holiday and Labor Day.

Camping reservations can be made up to 2 days in advance of the planned camping visit by contacting **ReserveAmerica** at **(800) 444-7275**.

According to Zilke, the parks may also reach day-use capacity on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, with visitors arriving early to secure good locations to view the annual evening fireworks display sponsored by the City of Pismo Beach from the Pismo pier later that evening.

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Once the park reaches the day-use vehicle capacity, entry and/or re-entry for day-use will not be allowed. Local law enforcement agencies will be assisting State Parks to route traffic away from the park once the day-use vehicle capacity has been reached.

**A Reminder to Campers: Rangers do check for illegal camping**

Campers also need to be advised that State Park Rangers are fully aware that some campers attempt to get into the park on a day-use pass and then stay overnight, hoping they are not noticed. State Parks has an overnight capacity that is strictly enforced and day users who stay in the park with their motor vehicles past the 11 p.m. closure and who camp illegally are subject to citation and a fine of \$270. Visitors are advised to plan any trip to the park well enough in advance to avoid an unpleasant experience.

**Fireworks are prohibited**

The use and possession of fireworks, including those designated as “safe and sane” is illegal at Oceano Dunes SVRA, Pismo State Beach and all other State Beaches and State Parks in the area.

Oceano Dunes SVRA and Pismo State Beach are located on the central coast of California in San Luis Obispo County near the City of Pismo Beach and combined annually attract over 2.8 million visitors.

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