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Driving on the dunes is not recreation

To the editor:

Vehicles belong on roads — not on fragile beaches and dunes — because they are destructive to the environment and dangerous to wildlife and people.

The pollution from gasoline fumes and noise, as well as the depleting of fossil fuels, is abhorrent to me.

Driving a vehicle on the beach and dunes is not recreation. Recreation means re-creation — not destruction. Whenever I walk on the beach at Pismo Beach, where vehicles are NOT allowed, I feel re-created from the clean air, exercise, tranquility and pleasure. Vehicle-free is how the entire beach and dunes should be.

It is unconscionable for the State Vehicular Recreation Area to be receiving a part of our gas tax money to destroy a beautiful resource such as our beaches and dunes. The spokespeople for their cause are wrong when they say that the residents and visitors are in agreement with their practices.

Also, the business community would not suffer if their practices were eliminated. Pismo Beach has profited by its ban on vehicles, which were beginning to cause the same problems many years ago.

I hope you will use your influence to look into this situation and defund the SVRA in the future as well as ban their off-road vehicles on our beaches and dunes in perpetuity.

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