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Dear Dr. Cooper:

Thank you for your August 9th letter with magazine article from July 22, 1968, Newswatch on dune-buggies. I have made a photostatic copy for my files, as I did not see this article.

With regard to the effect of dune buggy use on dune formation, right at Oce Flaco Lake in south San Luis Obispo County a dune which I remember only four years ago as a tall and large dune, is now much reduced in height and has spread out, flattening gradually in all directions. But in my opinion, the bulk of the sand from that dune has by now been blown into Oce Flaco Lake. The buggies pick up the sand, the wind blows it - and I believe it's gone into the lake: a great pity.

Dune bugging has grown to be a great family recreation in our area - and the whole group (actually thousands of them, including dunebuggy owners who come over here to "play" from California's inland valley lands) - is quite a political force. So the position that I, personally, have taken is that "in 17 miles of dunes there is room for everything: for quiet undisturbed areas where people may experience the vast solitude and marvelous beauty of the natural formations; for scientific study of a multitude of scientific values in dune lands; and for family dune-vehicle recreation" ... I have stated that zoning is the magic key to preservation of the dunes. Some of the very lovely smaller dunes, but with exquisite formations, just immediately south of Arroyo Grande Creek, are already in State protection: no vehicles allowed. Also, no vehicles allowed in State-owned dunes between Oceano and Grover City. I, myself, wish the dune activity could be confined to area south of Oce Flaco, toward the oil fields which stretch to the Santa Maria River.

Enclosed postcard will show you how a sand road has been built through the Morro Bay Dunes. This was done to confine buggies to use of the road to get from inland out to the beach with their heavy clamming equipment for family clamming recreation. Buggies seem to me to be under pretty good control at the Morro Bay Dunes.

I am buying this home where I now live at above address and found it necessary to get a job. I now work for the local NBC network Station Radio KOAG in Arroyo Grande and do love my work, which is planning, building programs and writing continuity along with some secretarial duties - in a most congenial atmosphere. I feel fortunate. (I was in radio in New York and Hollywood some years ago for almost nine years.)

I have simply been too awfully busy with personal matters to get out an overdue progress report on the dunes. Anyway, no bad news - and some quite good news...hopeful. It will take time; but I shall ever keep vigilant.

Again, thank you for your letter.

Very sincerely,

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