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Southern California's unusually wet winter has created an explosion of colour. One of Mother Nature's most dazzling displays - hillsides overrun with poppies. But it might be too much of a good thing for Lake Elsinore. The town saw roughly 100,000 visitors on Sunday, forcing Mayor Steve Manos to declare A Poppy Apocalypse. "The flowers were being trampled and the parking and traffic just turned into a nightmare."



With social media driving the poppy frenzy, some worry the allure of a perfect Instagram post might be harming the star of Nature's show.

DAILY SHOW, Host: Trevor Noah, responds.....

Wow! Really?? People are trampling the flowers just for a hot instagram post? And even worse, they are face-tuning the pictures? So, now the flowers don't think they are beautiful enough as they are! Makes them really feel insecure you know. And, also, you say you love Nature, you know, but it's funny, I don't know, to think about how we are going to fight against Climate Change if every time Nature does anything cool, 100,000 people are going to get in their cars and drive 200 miles and go and destroy it. So much love for Nature....

Officials in Lake Elsinore outlined their plans on how to deal with the thousands of people who are gathering in the city to view a super bloom of poppies. Earlier this week, city officials temporarily closed down public access to the Walker Canyon. The decision was made to close off access because of damage caused in the poppy fields and traffic backups on surface streets and on Interstate 15. In an effort to cut down on vehicle congestion on the weekends, a shuttle service to the poppy fields will be available on Saturdays and Sundays for \$10 per person over the age of 3.



SIMILARLY, RECREATIONAL 4X4 BEACH DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS HAVE DESTROYED BRIBIE ISLAND'S ONCE LIVING OCEAN BEACH. THE INTERTIDAL ZONE IS LIFELESS. NO PIPIS, CRABS, WORMS, MICRO-ORGANISMS. DESTROYED ARE HEALTHY UNDISTURBED RARE Ramsar WETLANDS, HABITAT AND DUNES FOR RESIDENT WILDLIFE AND U.N. PROTECTED MIGRATORY BIRDS AND NESTING MARINE TURTLES.

NO FOOD NO SAFE HABITAT = NO WILDLIFE NO TURTLES NO BIRDS

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