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To the Planning Commission and the Planning Department

Re:Wetlands Consideration

Thank you for recognizing the importance of revisiting our concerns about the wetlands.

We can all agree that we live in a unique place. Cannon Beach has recognizable landmarks, an amazing ocean setting with natural beauty plus woodlands, old growth forests and wetlands.

This letter is a request that the Planning Commission reconsider the impact of developing on the wetlands, specifically those located on Forest Lawn Road and S.Hemlock Street.

The short term impact will immediately and negatively affect the neighboring properties and,of course, the wildlife. The only "positive" impact, it seems to me, is financial gain for the developers and the contracted construction companies.

The long term impact is far reaching and permanent and affects everyone!

Among many of its benefits, the wetlands help to moderate climate conditions by storing carbon. We are already experiencing climate change, as you know. Unfortunately, Cannon Beach has limited wetlands remaining. Let's do our small but significant part by preserving our remaining wetlands now.

I'm confident that all of you on the commission are well versed in the substantial benefits of the wetlands so there's no need for me to list them in this letter. As stated on the Environmental Protection Agency's website: Wetlands provide values no other ecosystem can.

Thank you for your commitment to preserving and protecting Cannon Beach's resources and character.

With respect,
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