October 1, 2019

City Council of Cannon Beach
163 E Gower ST
Cannon Beach, OR 97110

Dear City Council,

I was planning on writing about the laughable argument being made in favor of dune grading for views, such as snowy plovers wanting to nest by condos and houses. However, I came across the letter I wrote to the Planning Commission when I was eight years old and I think it still rings even more true. I will include that letter with this one for your record.

Here’s my take on this, five years later. I love the dunes. Their wild beauty is irreplaceable and they’re so fun to play in!

Were the dunes to be demolished again, I can’t begin to imagine what the beach would turn into. I don’t want to have to imagine.

When I take my child(ren) to Cannon Beach, I want them to run down the same dunes I do now. I want them to stand on the top of the dunes and see the dunes stretching endlessly down the beach. And to see the sun as it falls into the ocean, with these dunes framing the sun rays’ dip.

I want us to be able to wake up at the crack of dawn, and see elk roaming the dunes, unconcerned about predators because their coat blends seamlessly with the grasses.

I don’t want my children not to be able to imagine the dunes, just as I don’t want to imagine them gone, bulldozed away.

Sincerely yours,

Evangeline Newton
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Dear Cannon Beach Planning Commission.
Planet, the animals, & the humans if you decide grading is allowed. The dunes & the whole beach will change & never
I have been flying birds. I have seen children happily running around.
Playing hide and seek with my family.

I love lying down in the dunes.

The hills as they sway on forever.