Hello,

I am writing to request your consideration of dune management on the north side of Ecola Creek. As a native Oregonian, I have spent many a childhood vacation at Cannon Beach. As a parent, a trip to Cannon Beach was a staple, or an unplanned surprise. As an empty-nester, Cannon Beach is my sanctuary. I have been fortunate enough to spent the majority of my visits, both pre and post kids, at Breakers Point. At every visit, I take the same picture, on the corner of the deck, with Haystack Rock as the backdrop. I have attached pictures that show the dramatic evolution of the dunes. Because of this dramatic and excessive evolution, my time at Cannon Beach has changed. As an empty-nester, I now bring my 85 year old mom to the beach. However, she can no longer access the beach from our location because of the size of the dunes. We must drive all the way to Tolavana for her to easily access the beach. We must bypass downtown Cannon Beach, and all of the wonderful shops and restaurants, just to be able to walk out on the beach. In 2018, my son died. We of course spread his ashes in the ocean at our favorite beach and our favorite side of the beach. My mom had to wait above and watch, as she could not make it down to the ocean. This breaks my heart, as she could not be there with our family simply because she couldn't access the beach.
Managing the dunes is crucial to the livelihood of Cannon Beach. The north side of Ecola Creek is home to many people, and is a destination to the rest of us. Making the beach accessible TO ALL is a good move for the city as a whole. And it's good for the dunes. They have become overrun with an invasive species of grass. This isn't eco-friendly, and it's not sustainable, because it will eventually spread to areas where management will become mandatory, and probably costly.

Please take your time and careful thought in deciding the future of Cannon Beach.

Thank you,

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