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Subject: Public Comment: Friends of the Dunes Barr Parcel Project (Sept 1 Planning Commission Meeting)
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TO: Humboldt County Planning Commission

RE: September 2, 2022 Meeting Agenda Item H. 2.
Friends of the Dunes Trail and Habitat Restoration; Amendment to Permit
Record Number PLN-9175-CDP (filed 04/28/2015)
Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 400-011-075, 506-111-004, 506-111-021, 506-111-024,
506-111-025.

Attached are my written comments in strong support of the Planning Commission's approval of the amendment to the Friends of the Dunes Permit to allow Trail and Habitat Restoration at the Barr Parcel.

If you need the comments in a different format, please let me know.
Thank you.

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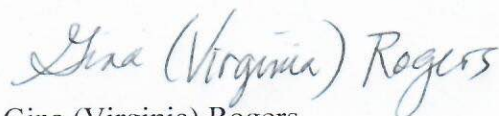
My name is Gina (Virginia) Rogers and I am a resident of Arcata/Humboldt County. I am lucky enough to get to hike often on the Friends of the Dunes (FOD) properties and have also participated on their Dune Ecosystem Restoration Team projects. I've seen first-hand the fabulous job they do, both as land stewards and as educators. Their restoration work follows scientifically-proven restoration methods, carefully removing invasive plants like European beach grass and ice plant and yellow bush lupin, that then makes way for native plants to flourish, which then creates viable, more diverse native ecosystems. Whatever work they do, they always minimize their footprint, disturbing as little of the natural landscape as possible.

Photographic evidence from restoration work, such as the seven years' worth of work at the Lanphere Dunes Adaptation Site, offers excellent proof of how removal of invasive species leads directly to increased native biodiversity, to wildflowers, to habitat for more than 40 species of native bees, to producing inspiring native landscapes.

The protection of these dune habitats is a very special gift to our community. The Barr Parcel project will protect an expanded set of resources and provide public access and continued education with a very minimal amount of activity.

Therefore, **I strongly urge you to approve the proposed Friends Of the Dunes (FOD) Trail and Habitat Restoration Project amendment** to allow trail work, restoration, and related activities on the 3.6-acre former Barr Property.

Thank you.



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