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**(U.S. FOREST SERVICE – SAN CARPOFORO BEACH)**

**MARCH 14, 2024**

**CORRESPONDENCE**



## Ventana Wilderness Alliance

*The mission of the Ventana Wilderness Alliance is to protect, preserve, and restore the wilderness qualities and biodiversity of the public lands within California's northern Santa Lucia Mountains and Big Sur coast.*

July 28, 2023

Tom Luster  
Senior Environmental Scientist  
California Coastal Commission  
455 Market Street, Suite 300  
San Francisco, CA 94105

VIA USPS & email to:  
tom.luster@coastal.ca.gov

Re: US Forest Service San Carpoforo Beach

Dear Mr. Luster,

The Ventana Wilderness Alliance strongly supports the US Forest Service decision to prohibit overnight camping, open wood fires, and unleashed dogs from San Carpoforo Beach. Said prohibitions would be for up to two years while the Los Padres National Forest conducts National Environmental Policy Act analysis for Visitor Use Management on the Monterey Ranger District.

Visitor use of this Forest Service beach is at unprecedented levels with no specific management plan which greatly handicaps effective resource protection and law enforcement. Extreme unmanaged visitation is harming sensitive species in their native beach habitat. Those species include the federally threatened western snowy plover, the federally threatened south-central California coast distinct population segment of steelhead trout, and the federally endangered Smith's blue butterfly, among others.

The California Coastal Commission should not obstruct the Forest Service effort to protect these species in favor of unrestricted overnight camping, unrestricted wood fires, and unleashed dogs. The Commission should recognize that USFS protective management of beach resources is the correct resource management outcome for San Carpoforo Beach.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Chamberlain  
Executive Director

## Forest Order for San Carpoforo

JAN EVANS <polar@ix.netcom.com>

Tue 8/15/2023 4:29 AM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

 1 attachments (5 MB)

Coastal Commission San Carpoforo 2.pdf;

Dear Mr. Luster,

Please find attached my letter concerning San Carpoforo and environs. I wish this letter to be included in the official record regarding the consideration of the Forest Order for San Carpoforo.

Best regards,

Jan Evans

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Re: US Forest Service San Carpoforo Beach

Dear Mr. Teufel,

The Community Association of Big Sur strongly supports the US Forest Service prohibition on overnight camping and campfires, in addition to enforcing the existing policy to keep dogs on leash at San Carpoforo Beach.

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San Carpoforo Beach is home to federally endangered and threatened species, including the Smith's Blue Butterfly, the South-Central California Coast Steelhead Trout, and the Snowy Plover. Ever-growing visitation to the beach has severely impacted these fragile species and their habitats. In addition, the lack of infrastructure and emergency response for campers poses a threat to public health and safety. By prohibiting overnight camping, campfires, and unleashed dogs, we can mitigate further harm and preserve these vital ecosystems.

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The proposed prohibition will be in place for up to two years, allowing for National Environmental Policy Act analysis within the US Forest Service Visitor Use Management framework. This comprehensive evaluation will ensure the protection of natural resources while maintaining public access to the Coastal Zone. It is important to note that the State Park, which manages the directly adjacent beach, already enforces similar prohibitions on overnight camping, campfires, and unleashed dogs.

**WEBSITES**

CABigSur.org

BigSurPledge.org

FireAdaptedBigSur.com

Taking proactive measures now will safeguard the ecological integrity of San Carpoforo Beach and promote sustainable practices for the benefit of all. I urge you to consider the preservation of natural resources and public safety, ensuring that this cherished coastal area can thrive for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patte', written over a horizontal line.

Patricia Kronlund

Executive Director

*Community Association of Big Sur is a 501 (c) 3 (EIN 77-0091132). Our shared mission is to protect and defend the rural and residential character, and to preserve the natural and aesthetic beauty of the Big Sur coast; to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the Big Sur Community; to encourage community service and otherwise act in the interests of the residents and property owners of the community. CABS is committed to a collaborative approach towards responsible land stewardship. CABS believes that an effective partnership between private and public property owners is essential for a sustainable and healthy community.*

## Letters Regarding Consideration of Forest Order for San Carpoforo

merleprice@aol.com <merleprice@aol.com>

Thu 8/17/2023 9:18 AM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

 2 attachments (1 MB)

Price ltr re San Carpoforo (3).pdf; Brown ltr re San Carpoforo (1).pdf;

Dear Mr. Luster:

Please include our letters, attached herein, with the official record regarding consideration of the important Forest Order for San Carpoforo.

Sincerely,

Merle Price  
Property Owner  
18698 Highway 1  
Ragged Point, California

Dear Honorable Chair Brownsey and Commissioners,

As property owners of two parcels at 18698 Highway 1, near San Carpoforo Creek, we have been concerned about the harms to the environment and our neighborhood from the damage being inflicted on the San Carpoforo and the severe fire threat posed by illegal campfires. The overnight camping and lack of supervision of this previously unspoiled coastal beach and estuary jeopardizes rare and at-risk species of plants and animals as well as the safety of our neighborhood.

Over the past few years, we have observed increasing threats to the San Carpoforo area due to dangerous nighttime activities. At day break, we can see first-hand the untold environmental damage to native plant species and animals. In addition, open illegal campfires, which are increasing in number, threaten the safety of adjacent properties, including our own, when coastal winds carry embers to the hillside brush and dry grass. Our family has lived here for over a century, and have never seen this place so overrun, disrespected, and harmed.

My sister, Marlou Brown, and I inherited our property from our father, Enos Price, who was born nearby in 1897 and lived his entire life there. He was adopted in 1898 by Señora Adelaida Valenzuela, a member of the Valenzuela and Cayetano families who homesteaded this area in the 1800's and provide a rich family history that includes indigenous population members and original Spanish settlers who occupied the area and Señora Valenzuela's own childhood in the Monterey Mission before she emigrated south to the San Carpoforo. We continue to maintain a family cemetery on the property with graves and markers of descendants of Señora Valenzuela, including her daughters and their respective families.

Given our long-time interest in preservation of this property and the plant and animal species threatened by the "dispersed camping" which has taken place over the past few years, we implore you to stop all overnight camping and campfires, which should be prohibited at all times in this area. Regulations to protect this environment including the local and endangered animals and flora must be enforced.

We believe it is the responsibility and duty of state and federal agencies to take action to protect this historic and sacred area by immediately enforcing the Forest Service's proposed ban on overnight activities.

Sincerely,



Merle Price



Shirley Price

Dear Honorable Chair Brownsey and Commissioners,

I am writing to express my views regarding the consideration of the important Forest Order for San Carpoforo. I grew up and lived the first 25 years of my life within 1 mile of the San Carpoforo on property now owned and maintained by me and my brother, Merle Price. We are the daughter and son of Enos Price who lived his entire life on the property and who could trace his adoptive family's roots back generations to the original Spanish settlers and indigenous Chumash who occupied this area. I maintain the family cemetery that includes the remains of family members from the 1800s along with the most recent addition of my mother's ashes. Adelaida Valenzuela, who adopted my father, grew up in the mission in Monterey and came south to establish her family before there was a Highway 1 or anything but a trail and dirt roads going north or south along the coast. Her life was spent without electricity or modern amenities. This is our heritage and must be preserved.

For me, growing up here was a small paradise. To this day, I am here at the coast weekly to enjoy the serenity of the ocean views and amazing natural environment and to help maintain the natural state of our property.

I have been angered and upset at the increasing encroachment of rowdy and irresponsible visitors who do not respect nature and threaten wildlife and the environment. Most recently, the proliferation of campers and their tents and belongings on the beach and sand surrounding the estuary at San Carpoforo have been the greatest concern. There are illegal open campfires and a complete disregard to the threatened species of ground nesting Plovers and Kildeer, the fish, including steelhead, the coastal deer, and bobcats. I can no longer take my family to the beach because of the unsafe and unsanitary conditions caused by the "dispersed camping."

We fear also for the safety of the horses and cattle we keep at our ranch because of the illegal open campfires, some with flames over four feet high. Embers and sparks could easily set the hills on fire and threaten our home.

I hope that you put a stop to the illegal overnight camping and the campfires which abound on weekends and holidays. I understand that visitors want to enjoy this beautiful area, but we must protect it and assure that future generations, including my two daughters and four grandchildren, can enjoy this beautiful place that is so threatened by the current inability to enforce regulations banning overnight camping.

My brother and I see ourselves as stewards of this land and its surroundings. We have done everything we can to maintain a safe and natural environment for plants and animals for over seven decades. We are counting on your help with the Forest Order for the San Carpoforo. We must stop further destruction to this amazing natural treasure.

Sincerely,

*Marlou Brown*

Marlou Brown

P.O. Box 55

San Simeon, CA 93452

# J. D. EVANS, INC.

JAN D. EVANS

August 15, 2023

Dear Honorable Chair Brownsey and Commissioners,

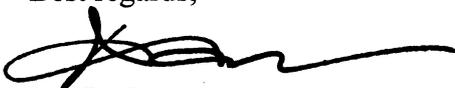
I would like to address the current situation of illegal overnight camping along the San Carpoforo Creek and the surrounding coastal beach estuary. My family has been connected to the San Carpoforo and Ragged Point area for nearly 100 years, and we have owned nearby property for approximately 75 years, property I still own. My grandparents, my parents, and I have spent years, indeed my entire life, living here and studying the beautiful and rare animals who call this place home. While the changes I have seen over the decades have been significant, nothing compares to those of the past few years. I understand that people want to enjoy the beauty of this area. However, with this destructive overnight camping, there has been no respect shown for the environment or the endangered animals or the families who call this place home.

What was once a lovely pristine environment filled with seabirds, primarily the ground nesting Snowy Plovers and Killdeer, elephant seals, blacktail coastal deer, bobcats and mountain lions, and an abundance of healthy fish in the clear, clean San Carpoforo waters, a prolific spawning ground for the Steelhead Trout, now has become a haven of damage and destruction. Illegal fires threaten nearby homes and wildlife. Sensitive seabird habitat and nesting grounds have been destroyed, and the protected populations are now alarmingly diminished. The land and indeed the river itself is freely used as a lavatory and camp wash out, and the protected Steelhead Trout are nearly gone, despite a much needed catch and release regulation. Such behaviour is deplorable.

How will the fish survive and spawn in water used for trash and human waste? How will the birds survive with their nesting ground continually disturbed by inconsiderate people tromping everywhere? How will the local wildlife of deer, bobcats, mountain lions, etc, survive a raging fire fueled by one irresponsible act? And our homes? The places where our families live, filled with memories, many that have been here for 100 years or more, my family home, and the homes of my neighbors? What will be the result of an illegal fire in this tinderbox of vegetation and coastal wind? The destruction is unimaginable.

I implore you to put a stop to any and all overnight camping, which has never been authorised in this area. Again, I understand that people want to enjoy the beauty of nature, but we have seen that protecting the environment is not a priority for the overnight users. This area must be regulated and enforced properly, no camping allowed, absolutely no fires, no littering, no disturbing the wildlife, and no taking of the fish. If this doesn't happen, we will sadly lose one of the most beautiful and unspoiled coastal places in California, and then nobody will be able to enjoy it.

Best regards,



Jan D. Evans

September 5, 2023

Dear Honorable Chair Brownsey and Commissioners,

As a longtime neighbor and friend of San Carpoforo, I write in strong support of the proposed Forest Service Order to prohibit overnight camping at San Carpoforo. Thank you for giving our community the opportunity to submit letters of support to the Commission.

What the residents of San Carpoforo have witnessed is the desecration of a wild ecosystem by an itinerant party-on culture without respect for the environment or the families who live here. Weekends at San Carpoforo now regularly include beer pong tables set in Snowy Plover habitat; beach rock fire pits burning driftwood set ablaze by lighter fluid; camping gear scattered everywhere; and campfires left to burn in the coastal winds after the revelers have fallen asleep. In the morning, this once pristine estuary looks and smells wrecked. Nesting sites and habitat for small mammals and amphibians are ruined. The sand is filled with trash and discarded propane tanks. The once clear waters of San Carpoforo Creek are muddied by human activity and polluted with waste and washed-out camp materials. How can this be allowed to continue in waters that flow directly into California's largest and most important National Marine Sanctuary?

Just a few years ago, this remote location was a healthy and restful place. San Carpoforo provided safe habitat for endangered species and a respite from the world for its daytime visitors. Snowy Plovers nested in the dunes and fed along the beach; Steelhead Trout swam in the creek as they awaited their return to the ocean; bachelor Elephant seals hauled out on the sand to rest for the night; a family of driftwood-gray Bobcats patrolled the estuary; Black-tail deer descended from the Santa Lucia Mountains to lick salt from exposed river rocks; an entire ecosystem of mammals, amphibians, and butterflies lived in and around the creek and driftwood and dune plants; hawks and falcons soared overhead; and the occasional California Condor perched in the Cypress trees observing it all. In short, San Carpoforo was a vital and whole place, a last stand for many coastal species, and a pair of lungs for the world.

Now that Forest Service is prepared to do the right thing by requesting a two year pause on overnight camping to reverse the damage and evaluate the situation, it would be painful if California, recognized around the world for its defense of the environment, were instead to allow this deplorable behavior to continue. A great amount of damage has been done here in a short amount of time. San Carpoforo has been hijacked from its ecology and history. Daytime visitors no longer walk a pristine

and life-affirming beach. And residents are unable to sleep at night fearful of the severe fire risk. By prohibiting overnight activities and preventing the damage they cause, you will allow the San Carpoforo ecosystem to survive.

Where is there justice for this land? Where is there justice for the animals and plants who keep our planet healthy? Where is there justice for the families who live here and are terrified by what is happening?

Let's take a moment to consider what the County and State have said about the importance of this unique ecosystem. From the report *Big Creek-San Carpoforo Creek Area Watershed* prepared by San Luis Obispo County:

**“The most notable waterway within the San Luis Obispo portion of the watershed is San Carpoforo Creek.... Pacific Ocean outfall of San Carpoforo Creek is designated as a State Marine Conservation Area and State Marine Reserve within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.”**

**“The California Department of Fish and Game considers the San Carpoforo Creek to be one of two of the most important spawning streams for threatened steelhead in San Luis Obispo County.”**

**“Supports one of the few remaining populations of sensitive foothill yellow-legged frogs on the Central Coast, as well as endangered California red-legged frogs.”**

**“The northern part of the San Luis Obispo Coastline and the southern part of the Monterey coastline remain one of the few minimally disturbed watersheds within our study area. However, impacts due to climate change continue to affect all areas of the County and, in combination with periods of drought, coastal creeks continue to see diminished flows which impact the health of the ecological community.”**

Based on the above expert analysis, I believe we can all agree San Carpoforo is a location that must be saved and protected.

In addition to the significance of its natural history, San Carpoforo is the keeper of crucial human history. It was at San Carpoforo some two hundred and fifty years ago the Spanish explorer Gaspar de Portola met with representatives of the local Native American tribes. Portola was convinced to turn inland at San Carpoforo instead of continuing north up the coast, which is why the next three Missions were built away from the ocean. There remain documented middens and grinding stones at San

Carpoforo, which have been disturbed during the night and are at risk of being destroyed. From a report prepared by the Ventana Wilderness Alliance:

**“San Carpoforo Creek was the route of the historic Portola Expedition of 1769, which led to the establishment of the California Missions and ultimately the European colonization of northern California. According to journal entries by Portola members, contact between Portola and native people took place on the banks of the San Carpoforo and therefore, the area is considered to be one of the last primal remnants of the original encounter between indigenous and European consciousness anywhere on the Pacific coast. In addition, a venerable grove of olive trees near the confluence of San Carpoforo and Dutra Creeks marks the location where an outpost of the Mission San Antonio de Padua once stood.”**

This does not sound like a place we should turn our back on and let be destroyed.

In addition, San Carpoforo is a remote location, at least thirty minutes from the nearest First Responders. This distance presents a real danger for individuals injured during nighttime activities and for the significant risk of an out-of-control camp fire. For those who believe Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties need additional camping opportunities, the best solution is to expand the area’s many existing developed campsites. These locations have already been impacted by long term human presence, possess existing infrastructure, are well known to First Responders, and enjoy regular Ranger supervision for safety.

In conclusion, after years of growing concerns from worried residents, naturalists, and day visitors, the US Forest Service is prepared to do the right thing by banning overnight camping for reasons of health, safety, and ecological conservation. We ask the Coastal Commission to support Forest Service’s necessary and responsible Order before San Carpoforo and its rare natural and human history are lost to us forever. The community of residents who live here and raise children here and love San Carpoforo as if its waters run in our veins ask you for justice for this land and peace for our neighborhood.

Let wild places be wild. Let healthy ecosystems survive. For the sake of our planet and our community, let this place heal.

Respectfully,

*Paul Balson*

Paul Balson

## San Carpoforo Beach, north SLO County

Anneliese Agren <anneliese.agren@gmail.com>

Mon 11/13/2023 6:59 AM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

Hello Tom Luster:

I'm writing to call your attention to  
San Carpoforo Beach at the north of San Luis Obispo County.

Friday night my husband and I drove north and counted 60 cars parked from curve to curve. If you zoom in, you'll count numerous tents: Would that be 60 tents, one per car, or more if some cars brought several people? So if there are 60 cars, that's either 60-120 or up to 240 people. Plus dogs.

There are zero facilities, so I'm writing to complain of a very gross situation.

I've noticed this for months, haven't complained, but seeing 60 cars Friday night, all those tents, one bonfire at center of photo with numerous campfires around, yet a No Campfires sign greets visitors at the entrance, I finally needed to write to ask Coastal Commission: How they're helping out here?

Thank you for your time,  
Anneliese



## San Carpoforo

BigSur Kate <kwnovoa@mac.com>

Mon 11/13/2023 11:48 AM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

Cc:Eifert John <john.eifert@usda.gov>;Patte Kronlund <patte@cabigsur.org>;Agren Anneliese <anneliese.agren@gmail.com>

No developed campsites, leading to environmental damage and possible wildfires; no trash cans, leading to trash left behind; no bathroom facilities, leading to human feces every where; no parking facilities, leading to unsafe parking on the highway...is this what the Coastal Commission considers protecting California's coastline? It has become a free-for-all here at San Carpoforo beach. Such a travesty to be causing so much environmental damage. Once a place makes social media, as this one clearly has, a lack of management, oversight and enforcement only leads to an exponential growth in unchecked damage. Here is a photo I took on my way home Saturday, November 11th, 2023. I have been making a drive past this spot for over 34 years. I've seen it only getting worse in the last few years. It used to be a welcome and pristine view of the coast before heading up the Santa Lucia coastline of Big Sur. No longer is it welcoming nor pristine. Is this what the Coastal Commission wants?



Big Sur Kate

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<https://bigsurkate.blog>

**FW: San Carpoforo Beach - update on Coastal Commission review**

Tom Hopkins &lt;tomhopkins@cruzio.com&gt;

Wed 11/29/2023 9:21 AM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal &lt;Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov&gt;

Mr. Luster,

Please include me in all public Coastal Commission communications regarding the above referenced matter. I am co-founder and board Vice President of the nonprofit Ventana Wilderness Alliance. VWA is highly concerned about the management problems on San Carpoforo beach and wishes to work with USFS and CCC to find solutions to protect the natural environment while assuring continued public access.

My direct email address is: [tomhopkins@cruzio.com](mailto:tomhopkins@cruzio.com). You may also reach me at [tom.hopkins@ventanawild.org](mailto:tom.hopkins@ventanawild.org) or the phone numbers below.

Thank you,

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Luster, Tom@Coastal** <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

Date: Fri, Sep 22, 2023 at 4:26 PM

Subject: San Carpoforo Beach - update on Coastal Commission review

To:

**To Interested Parties:**

Thank you for your comments on the U.S. Forest Service's proposed management changes at San Carpoforo Beach. As you know, the Forest Service had submitted a Negative Determination regarding those proposed changes for Coastal Commission review, pursuant to the Commission's federal consistency authority under the state's Coastal Zone Management Program.

The Forest Service recently withdrew that Negative Determination and submitted instead a Consistency Determination for our review (you can find out more about the differences between these two review procedures at the Commission's federal

## San Carpoforo Creek Beach

Joanne Aasen <joliaa@charter.net>

Fri 12/8/2023 10:16 PM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

Hi Tom,

Just want to support any effort to restrict camping and campfires, meaning no to both, on San Carpoforo Creek Beach.

This is a beautiful and pristine area. At least it was until "unfettered" use began to pollute this natural habitat.

People should be able to enjoy this beach without tents and toilets (anywhere) and smoke from campfires, etc.

Please, Coastal Commission, do not delay in protecting and restoring this gem along our CA coast!

Respectfully,

Joanne Aasen

Cambria, CA (since 1997, family since 1929)

## San Carpoforo beach

Ellie Etter <email4ee@gmail.com>

Fri 12/8/2023 7:50 PM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

I strongly support a "no camping" no "campfires" regulation for San Carpoforo beach. There are enough places for people to camp but only one San Carpoforo beach.

Eleanor Etter  
Cambria, CA

## San Carpoforo Beach protection

William Alvarez PhD <wfa\_phd@hotmail.com>

Fri 12/8/2023 8:48 PM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

Hello,

Please help to ensure that the San Carpoforo Beach is protected. It is now being decimated as people are freely camping there without concern for the environment, destroying resources, and utilizing the beach in an unsanitary fasion.

Thank you,  
Bill

William F. Alvarez, PhD  
Cell: 805 720-4363  
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## San Carpoforo Beach

Amy Taron <adetaron@gmail.com>

Sat 12/9/2023 10:24 AM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

Dear Mr. Luster,

I am in favor of keeping San Carpoforo beach access, but not allowing Camping or camp fires on the beach. The people who camp on the beach have no toilet facilities except for nature. The beach is littered with toilet paper, urine and feces. Not a place I like to visit. Keep our beautiful coastline pristine. Do not allow camping or campfires! Thank you for your time.

Amy & Adrian Taron. 805-801-1997

## San Corpofor Beach

Margaret McNamee <meggmcnamee@icloud.com>

Sat 12/9/2023 3:03 PM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

Please initiate a policy to restrict access and use of the San Corpororo beach to campers. I don't believe they should be allowed to remove any driftwood, especially for the use of firewood. When they take driftwood for their camp fires they also remove potential home sites and protections to the animals that call that beach their home.

We need to protect the animals' environment as much as possible. It is hard enough for them without us robbing them of their potential safety and homes.

Thank you for considering this restriction1

Margaret McNamee

Sent from my iPad

## PROTECT SAN CARPOFORO BEACH

donald donaldarcher.com <donald@donaldarcher.com>

Sat 12/9/2023 11:43 AM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

Dear Commissioner Luster,

As a thirty-plus-year resident of the Central Coast, I have a special place in my heart for this beautiful coast.

Please protect the integrity of San Carpoforo Beach and the animals that live there. Currently, the beach is designated with "unfettered access" and is the last beach on our local coast with that designation. Campers use the beach wood for their campfires, thereby eliminating the homes of all the beach creatures who are important to the health of any beach. The request being submitted to the commission reframes the "unfettered access" to a "no camping" and "no campfires" designation, thereby allowing space for the natural beach inhabitants to live yet allowing people to visit but not stay or do damage.

Please consider this new designation as a permanent protection for this special area of the California coast.

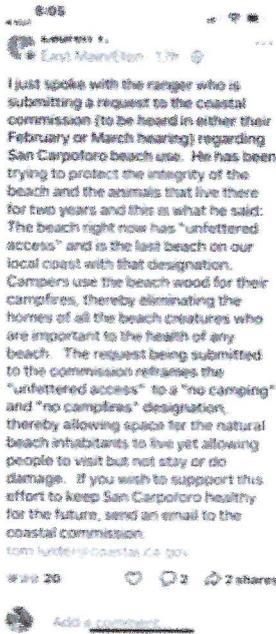
Thank you,  
Donald Archer  
1888 Chester Lane  
Cambria, CA 93428

# Unfettered beach access

Denise Mower <denisemower@icloud.com>

Sat 12/9/2023 8:07 AM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>



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## Campforo Beach

Susan M Gardner <sue.organicsolutions@icloud.com>

Sat 12/9/2023 8:51 AM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

I am a Cambria resident and I am a proponent of no campfires and no overnight camping in this area.

Thank you, Susan Gardner

Sent from my iPhone

## San Carpoforo Beach access.

lphillips1@frontier.com <lphillips1@frontier.com>

Sat 12/9/2023 10:43 AM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to support the change in access for San Carpoforo beach from unfettered access to a no camping/no campfires access designation. This beach is critical habitat for plovers and is one of the few unspoiled beaches left on the central coast. People can still enjoy the beach for day use without camping. The parking is minimal, and I can't imagine that the parks people need to clean up more beaches from irresponsible use. I lived at the little house across Hw1 from the beach in the late 80s and early 90s when it was still private. I treasured the beach then and still do now. It is worth protecting this beautiful place and I urge you to change the access to more limited use.

Sincerely, Les Phillips

## San Carpoforo

Calico Sachen <calicosachen@gmail.com>

Sat 12/9/2023 10:47 AM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

Please change beach access from unfettered to no camping and no fires.  
The devastation to the ecology is shameful!

Thank you,

Calico Sachen

## san carpofofo

Lauren Younger <zolot@charter.net>

Sun 12/10/2023 10:30 AM

To:Luster, Tom@Coastal <Tom.Luster@coastal.ca.gov>

The health of San Carpofofo beach rests with the decision of you, the coastal commissioners. The future is asking us to think in a different way about what we value and that is what I am asking of you all. A camp host is necessary to check campers in — a witness to their behavior and a source of education. If that is not possible, I would ask that you don't allow camping and fires. Limit people to enjoying the beach during the day, allowing the night creatures to thrive. In any case, please prohibit the campfires. People are wrecking the natural beauty and health of this area. Please make a decision based on the long view for this beach.

Thank you.

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