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CD-0001-23

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

MARCH 14, 2024

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COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
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Bruce Gibson *District Two Supervisor*

February 29, 2024

California Coastal Commission
725 Front Street #300
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)

Dear Chair Hart and Commissioners,

As a San Luis Obispo County Supervisor whose District overlies many sections of Los Padres National Forest including San Carpoforo Beach. I write in support of the United States Forest Service's (USFS) proposal for a temporary two-year prohibition on overnight camping, campfires, and off-leash dogs at San Carpoforo Beach.

USFS has determined that the current level of beach use is likely to cause a "taking" of several protected and endangered species as defined by the Endangered Species Act. In addition, illegal campfires have been increasing in number and frequency. These fires threaten the local environment, native species, and the safety of adjacent properties. Visitors should have the freedom to visit and enjoy this landscape, but that must also be balanced against the need to protect it.

Overnight use creates long-term impacts to wildlife. This includes camping, fires, firewood collection, and dogs roaming off-leash. These impacts have been observed to be significantly less for day uses. Day use activities can be controlled with signage, fencing, and patrolling.

Overnight camping that is not detrimental to Federally listed species located at San Carpoforo beach requires a long-term site development. Prohibiting overnight camping while allowing controlled day use allows the USFS to offer a balanced recreational experience to the public consistent with California Coastal Act which establishes access for recreational opportunities and protection of natural resources from overuse to the maximum extent practicable.

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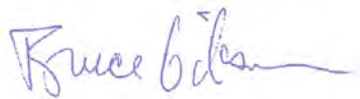
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It is worth noting that the Forest Order is temporary. This order is necessary as an emergency measure to prevent violation of the Endangered Species Act while USFS works on their longer-term strategies in cooperation with allied agencies, community members and recreationists of San Carpoforo Beach. Without this limited stopgap measure on beach use, the USFS may be compelled to close the beach to all uses until these impacts are resolved.

I encourage you to support the US Forest Service's proposal to temporarily halt overnight camping and campfires in this area. I believe that this proposal is a fair compromise to allow the land to heal from past and ongoing damage to our shared coastal resources.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,



BRUCE GIBSON
Supervisor, District Two
San Luis Obispo County



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March 7, 2024

California Coastal Commission
455 Market Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)—Support Conditional Concurrence

Chair Hart and Commissioners:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 regarding the U.S. Forest Service's proposed Forest Order to temporarily prohibit overnight camping and campfires at San Carpoforo Beach in Monterey County. For 20 years, our organization has participated in recreation and other management issues in the Los Padres National Forest. We support sustainable and equitable access to public lands.

The Monterey Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest is unique among ranger districts across national forests in California due to its several miles of coastline and specific beach access areas. The coast in this area is an iconic destination and is internationally known for its outstanding scenery and fascinating ecology. We do not take public access restrictions lightly, so we appreciate the Coastal Commission's detailed and thoughtful staff report for this consistency determination.

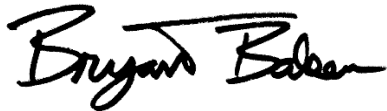
There are clearly ongoing impacts to natural resources at San Carpoforo Beach due to recreation activities. We agree that a temporary closure is prudent while the Visitor Use Management plan for the Monterey Ranger District is completed. We support Coastal Commission staff's recommended conditions and believe that, if properly implemented, the important goal of "no net loss" of coastal camping opportunities in the Monterey Ranger District can be achieved.

We do have some recommendations to further strengthen one of these conditions. Condition 1 requires the U.S. Forest Service to, within six months of issuing the

Forest Order, submit to the Coastal Commission maps that identify the presence and approximate location of special status plant species and vegetation communities on San Carpoforo Beach lands within the national forest. This condition states that the maps must be prepared by a qualified biologist, but it is unclear whether the data depicted on these maps should be from focused surveys conducted by U.S. Forest Service botanists or should be extracted from existing databases such as the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB), California Consortium of Herbaria, Calflora, etc. Because these databases are not comprehensive, it may be more beneficial to long-term management of San Carpoforo Beach to require that focused surveys, conducted at the appropriate times of year for target species, be completed during the Forest Order period and a botanical report be submitted prior to an extension of the Forest Order or the adoption of the Visitor Use Management plan.

Overall, we support the Coastal Commission staff's recommendations and urge you to conditionally concur with Consistency Determination CD-0001-23 on the grounds that, if modified in accordance with the conditions recommended by staff, the project described therein would be fully consistent, and thus consistent to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the California Coastal Management Program.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryant Baker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bryant Baker, M.Sc.
Director of Conservation & Research



CENTER *for* BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

March 7, 2024

California Coastal Commission
455 Market Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94105
By Email: EORFC@coastal.ca.gov

Re: **Th10a—Support Conditional Concurrence** (CD-0001-23, Proposed Forest Order Prohibiting Overnight Camping and Campfires on Federally Owned Portions of San Carpoforo Beach for a Two-Year Period)

Dear Chair Hart and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity, a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to the protection of native species and their habitats through science, policy, and environmental law, I write to express support for the Commission staff's recommendation regarding item Th10a, the consistency determination for the proposed Forest Service order temporarily prohibiting overnight camping and campfires on federally-owned portions of San Carpoforo Beach. Commission staff recommends concurrence with conditions. The Center supports the Commission's adoption of this recommendation, including adoption of all conditions.

The Center strongly supports efforts to maintain and enhance coastal access. However, the Forest Service, which manages part of the San Carpoforo Beach site, has cited evidence of harm to western snowy plovers and other sensitive wildlife and plant communities due to intensifying overnight use. Accordingly, the Forest Service has proposed temporarily prohibiting overnight camping at San Carpoforo. We support this proposal, which provides a reasonable resolution that will conserve coastal resources while maintaining coastal access. The Center further supports the Commission staff's proposed conditions, including the evaluation of baseline conditions for sensitive species and habitats, installation and maintenance of symbolic fencing to protect snowy plovers, consideration of management options with the goal of no net loss of overnight coastal camping opportunities, and increased Tribal coordination and involvement.

The Center thus supports adoption of the Commission staff's recommendation with conditions.

Sincerely,

John Buse
Senior Counsel
Center for Biological Diversity

From: [Marlene Ramey](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Camping at San Carpoforo Creek.
Date: Friday, March 8, 2024 11:17:53 AM

Dear Coastal Commission,

There is obviously a need for more affordable camping spaces for people who want to enjoy the Big Sur Coast. San Carpoforo lends itself to fulfill such a need. Rather than shutting down the area to overnight campers, bring in some portapotties, establish some fire restrictions, and the "take back what you bring" rule. No need for more. These campers are not homeless.

They usually come in on Friday and are gone by Sunday.

Let's make it work.

Thank you,

Marlena Leconte Ramey.

From: [Marcelle](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Camping at San Carporforo
Date: Friday, March 8, 2024 8:23:27 AM

Campers have been trashing the beach the past couple of years. There is no infrastructure at this time to support overnight camping. I am sure that Rangers can share their experiences at designated campsites that already exist and they are always very busy at those sites. Without proper staff, oversight, I'm afraid people do not conform to "rules" of wilderness/ camping. Unless we are going to develop San Carporforo into a state campground w/ the amenities & infrastructure needed, I don't think it can be a primitive site at this time. The parking is also not safe at that curve.

Marcelle Bakula
PO Box 567
Cambria, CA 93428

From: [Darlene](#)
To: [Energy@Coastal](#)
Subject: Carpoforo
Date: Friday, March 8, 2024 3:02:36 PM

Stop the camping especially the homeless sites. Don't feel safe to walk out here anymore

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jim Pitton](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: CD-000-23
Date: Friday, March 8, 2024 8:20:26 AM

Coastal Commission,

Please do not allow camping at San Carpoforo Beach!

The infrastructure doesn't exist. That area is littered now with trash and human waste! People park along Highway 1, creating traffic hazards.

More attention should be paid to getting the existing campgrounds, Lime Kiln and Kirk Creek open.

Piedras Blancas I thought was going to be developing a campground, when is that going to happen?

The need definitely exists for more campgrounds.

If funding is a problem, look at all those retirees who would gladly help maintain those sites. Much like Caltrans does on our highways.

Thank you Jim Pitton

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Helen Pitton](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: NO Camping at San Carpoforo
Date: Friday, March 8, 2024 8:10:14 AM

Please, NO camping at San Carpoforo. There are not any appropriate facilities, causing a serious impact on the environment.

Thank you.

Helen Pitton
2464 Pierce
Cambria CA 93428

Sent from my iPhone

From: john@johnmiranda.com
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Please prohibit camping at San Carpoforo Beach
Date: Friday, March 8, 2024 10:59:12 AM

Living in nearby Cambria, I went to Carpoforo to enjoy the beach for a couple hours.

Right at the entrance near where cars are parked as I crossed the fence opening, there was a horrible smell of human waste, bags of trash hanging on the fence which is the prevailing memory I left away with of what would otherwise should be a pristine beach to visit.

I enjoy camping, but beautiful areas such as Carpoforo are not good camping candidates without any restroom facilities.

Please ban camping at Carpoforo. If at some point in the future there are restroom facilities, then it might make sense to allow limited camping.

many thanks,

John Miranda
304 Jean Street
Cambria, CA 93428

From: [Michael Mininni](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on March 2024 Agenda Item Thursday 10a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)
Date: Friday, March 8, 2024 6:57:04 PM
Importance: High

As life long residents of the North Coast please approve the proposed temporary two-year (and hopefully long term) prohibition on overnight camping, campfires, and off-leash dogs at Big Sur's San Carpoforo Beach, San Luis Obispo County.

Thank you

Michael and Shelly Mininni

From: [GG](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Cc: john.eifert@usda.gov
Subject: Public Comment on March 2024 Agenda Item Thursday 10a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)
Date: Friday, March 8, 2024 4:49:49 PM

San Carpoforo Creek/Beach camping pictures:

Approximately 12 campers there Friday morning, plus a few day visitors and several fisherman.

Friday morning (10:00 a.m.) March 8, 2024 at San Carpoforo Creek/Beach.



These campers used a large green foliage-covered branch of the Monterey Cypress as a shelf to store their surfboard on.



Below are pictures of recently deposited piles of human poo.
I saw two people poo there that morning and both people wiped themselves clean and then stuck their toilet paper on top of their own pile of poo, and walked away. They did not bury it or take it with them. Just left it in the open for everyone else to enjoy. This is common practice with campers there.





From: [Jennifer King](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on March 2024 Agenda Item Thursday 10a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)
Date: Friday, March 8, 2024 8:20:02 AM

Dear commissioners,

Please implement a ban on overnight camping at San Carpoforo beach. I drove over there this morning at sunrise to take a look before I wrote this email because I wanted my comment to be based on evidence. I didn't find much trash, to be honest, less than I'd expected. Some baby wipes and toilet paper wads on the ground here and there, and a broken beer bottle, and a birthday card. But the thing is, there's a cluster of 6 semi permanent-looking tents that have been pitched under a cypress tree; it's basically like a surfers' base camp with bathing suits hung out to dry and surfboards on the bushes. There's a bunch of camping chairs over on the side, and a fire pit. I mean, I get it -it's gorgeous. It's absolutely beautiful there -who wouldn't wanna sleep overnight and wake up to that ? It's incredible. But that's the whole point. We can't all do that , we can't all do all the things we wanna do all the time, anywhere we want, everywhere, because the ecosystem can't handle it. I saw a guy going to the bathroom in the bushes. It's just not set up for overnight use and so I support a ban on camping. Here some are photos of the pristine beach and river outlet for anyone who's never been.





Jennifer King

From: [Mark Brunschwiler](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on March 2024 Agenda Item Thursday 10a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)
Date: Friday, March 8, 2024 6:30:28 AM

Hello and thanks for listening. San Carpoforo beach should not be used for camping or campfires. There is too much pressure on this area from campers. This area should be left alone as there are too few of these wild coastline spots left. I don't see how it could be feasible unless you created parking, trails, toilets, trash cleanup, and continual enforcement and support of this area. In short campground or no campground. I say not here! Thank you, Mark Brunschwiler
Sent from my iPhone

From: [GG](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on March 2024 Agenda Item Thursday 10a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:08:08 PM

Hello,

My name is Thomas and I was born and raised in California. I spent much of my adult life as a wildlife biologist working on various conservation projects always related to birds. For the past four years, I have spent a large portion of my time conducting Snowy Plover surveys on California's central coast. I collect color band data and submit it once a month to the Snowy Plover color band google group and thus to all the lead biologists working on Snowy Plover conservation projects up and down the west coast. I walk central California beaches a lot, more than most. I witness a lot of illegal dog walking on "No Dog" beaches. I have spoken to countless dog owners and heard their thoughts about "No Dog" beaches. I have heard it all!

I am writing to ask you to please encourage California State Parks and Los Padres National Forest to work together and post "No Dog" signs at the beginning and middle portion of the trail to the San Carpoforo beach. There has to be "No Dog" signs at the entrance to the trail, right there by the road (This is Los Padres National Forest property). And, there has to be "No Dog" signs posted closer towards the beach on state property. Currently, there are zero "No Dog" signs. There has been zero "No Dog" signage of any kind at this trailhead and beach for a long time.

Lastly, yes please by all means discontinue all camping at San Carpoforo beach. These beaches and the arroyos that feed them are jewels and they need stiff protection from all the human and dog disturbance. These landscapes and ecosystems are fragile. It doesn't take much to damage the balance of nature in them. One dog running around will cause an entire flock of Snowy Plovers to abandon the beach. Campers, too much day use, too much legal and illegal fishing, dogs, and bicycles all place too much pressure on these exquisite environments.

Thank you!

Thomas

From: [richard_reasor](mailto:richard_reasor@coastalenergy.com)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on March 2024 Agenda Item Thursday 10a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:42:20 AM

Thank you for taking the time to find a solution to the environmental impact that unregulated camping has at San Carpoforo such a short time.

I strongly feel that the only way to prevent further destruction of this once pristine area is to permanently designate it as " NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING" "NO CAMPFIRES" accompanied by aggressive enforcement. With such ease of access and proliferation of "free camping" websites and blogs on social media this place has become overrun in a very short time. This is a small area with no facilities and inadequate parking. It is in close proximity to other state campgrounds. As seen by the damage incurred just over the last year San Carpoforo is a very poor site to allow any form of "dispersed camping".

Thank you,

Rick Reasor
Cambria Resident

From: [Bruce Keogh](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on March 2024 Agenda Item Thursday 10a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:26:31 AM

I concur with recommendation, I live in Morro Bay and recreate in that area frequently. It needs to be protected from impacts of overnight camping due to trash and human waste.
Thanks for chance to comment,
Bruce Keogh

From: [Erin Breen](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on March 2024 Agenda Item Thursday 10a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 8:45:14 AM

Overnight camping at San Carpoforo without the appropriate facilities has significantly increased both trash and human waste and turned a once pristine beach into something almost unrecognizable for local residents. I firmly believe the two year prohibition is the best past forward.

From: [Joe Mertens](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on March 2024 Agenda Item Thursday 10a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)
Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024 8:29:54 AM

Hello Commissioners:

I support the Forest Service's proposal to shut down overnight parking at San Carpoforo. I hope some federal, state, or county agency can find the funds and put up signs and enforce the overnight closure.

I've been surfing at "Carp" for over 40 years and it can no longer handle the volume of overnight campers. The amount of human defecation can't be good for its ecosystem. Not to mention the dangerous parking. To verify these two problems, just send a representative there any Saturday night or Sunday morning.

Thanx: Joseph Mertens
999 Bixby Rd.
Cambria CA. 93428

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Berndt Stolfi](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on March 2024 Agenda Item Thursday 10a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 12:38:45 PM

I write in support of this initial ban on camping while a full review of the situation is considered.

I believe Conditions 1, 2, and 3, if researched effectively, will determine "mass camping" in this location cannot be accommodated and should not be allowed beyond the 2 year "reset". As a resident for the last 14 years in Cambria, I have seen that the dramatic rise in camping at Carpojo simply does not match with the critical environmental sensitivities and protections needed in this location.

Thank you for your consideration

Berndt Stolfi
Cambria, CA

From: [Sarah Russo](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: San Corpoforo
Date: Friday, March 8, 2024 9:47:05 AM

No Camping, Please return this incredible beach to its pristine condition. There is Steelhead running there, much wildlife area .

The camping: First of all CARS block the gate for fire or rescues. Too many people using the area to live.

I am the initial call regarding this beach . Shocked by what I saw. The Cypress tree is a place they have fires. Before that it was "The bathroom".

Please save this beach from overuse and contamination of the creek.

Thank you,

Sarah Russo

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tawni Matchett](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on March 2024 Agenda Item Thursday 10a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 12:09:56 PM

RE:
Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)

Consistency Determination by the United States Forest Service (USFS) for a proposed temporary two-year prohibition on overnight camping, campfires, and off-leash dogs at Big Sur's San Carpoforo Beach, San Luis Obispo County. (TL-SF)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I strongly and fiercely agree with the proposal to have the two-year prohibition on overnight camping, campfires, and off-leash dogs at Big Sur's San Carpoforo Beach, San Luis Obispo County. This was once a magical and pristine piece of our central coast coastline. A quiet and clean place to go to connect with nature and have some solitude.

Over the last several years there has been an absolutely staggering amount of regular overnight camping on this once lovely beach.

This is not the occasional camper - This is, throughout the year, basically in any good weather, a barrage of tents and people! During the summer it is not rare to see over a dozen campers each night. At times there have been close to thirty!

And let's be real with this. These people must go to the bathroom! There is human waste left behind, there trash left behind, there is destruction and trampling of the land, there is water pollution! There are no services here - nor should there be. This should be a beach to visit for the day.

There needs to be a clear rule or law or zoning made so that this beach returns to a 'day use only' area.

Tawni Matchett
California born and raised, living happily in Cambria

From: [Mininni](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Public Comment on March 2024 Agenda Item Thursday 10a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.) PLEASE SUBMIT THANK YOU!
Date: Friday, March 8, 2024 7:38:44 PM
Importance: High

March 8th 2024

To whom it may concern:

As life long residents of the North Coast please approve the proposed temporary two-year (hopefully longer) prohibition on overnight camping, campfires, and off-leash dogs at Big Sur's San Carpoforo Beach, San Luis Obispo County. This is a very sensitive coastal resources beach, which include several endangered or threatened species. The relatively recent and substantial increase in visitation coupled with the lack of visitor amenities such as trash cans,restrooms, fire pits, and others, have resulted in high levels of trash, debris, and impacts to the sensitive species and habitats of the many wildlife in this pristine, serene beach and surroundings. Please keep the human footprint to a very minimum so we all can enjoy the wildness of this very special place.

Thank you for your consideration

Michael and Shelly Mininni

brandms@att.net

From: [GG](#)
To: Energy@Coastal
Subject: Re: Public Comment on March 2024 Agenda Item Thursday 10a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 7:06:05 PM
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Dear Coastal Commission,

I sent you an email yesterday pertaining to San Carpoforo Beach, but I have some additional information related to the Snowy Plovers and “No Dog” signage up there that may be of use to you. I corresponded with Katie Drexhage at State Parks today and she informed me San Carpoforo beach is not a State Parks property. She also indicated the Coastal Commission was interested in learning more about the Snowy Plover activity up there. I have some Snowy Plover information that may be of help to you.

See attached Excel document for most recent San Carpoforo Beach Snowy Plover survey data.

Condensed version

Below is 2022 Snowy Plover winter population survey data indicating regular winter usage same as 2024. Based upon my literature search, it seems Snowy Plovers have wintered at this beach for a very long time.

Over the last month, I have surveyed San Carpoforo three more days than indicated on the Excel data sheet. If I do not find any color banded birds, I do not keep a record of that day’s survey. My surveys are intended for color band data and that’s it, although when I do locate color banded birds I always record total number of birds present. For example, yesterday (March 5th, 2024) I had one Snowy Plover at San Carpoforo Beach on the river side of the arroyo as opposed to it being on the spit where they often are. It was alone and hunkered down hard, and something seemed off. Soon enough I spotted an adult Peregrine Falcon perched on a huge driftwood log on the spit. My guess is the falcon had scared off the regular group of Snowy Plovers and the single Snowy Plover got left behind and was staying frozen tight blending into the rocks on the side of the river. Sometimes, I arrive in the morning for my survey and find the regular winter group there on the spit, but because I can’t cross the river I can’t spy their legs for color bands and thus I don’t keep a record of having visited that day.

It’s a good beach with constant food sources for them and lots of small rocks for them to blend into. They like San Carpoforo during the winter months and it may be a strong

possibility they would nest there, but that will never happen with all the human traffic and dog traffic. By the way, I did some poking around on the web at sites that offered opposing information about whether or not San Carpoforo Beach was or was not dog friendly. See below.

These websites below indicate no dogs allowed at San Carpoforo:



The BEST Free Dispersed Camping in Big Sur, California
tmbtent.com



San Carpoforo Creek Beach in San Simeon, CA
californiabeaches.com



San Carpoforo Creek Trail
alltrails.com

This Alltrails website indicates no dogs, but posts lots of user-comments about the beach being dog friendly. This illustrates the public's confusion on the subject, likely due to the fact that there are no signs posted out there.

These websites below indicate yes dogs allowed at San Carpoforo:

San Carpoforo Creek
visitsansimeonca.com





San Carpoforo Campground, Lion Peak, and
Cruikshank Loop
alltrails.com

This site insinuates dogs are welcome

Letter I sent on March 5, 2024.

On Mar 5, 2024, at 5:07 PM, GG <webb37958@gmail.com> wrote:

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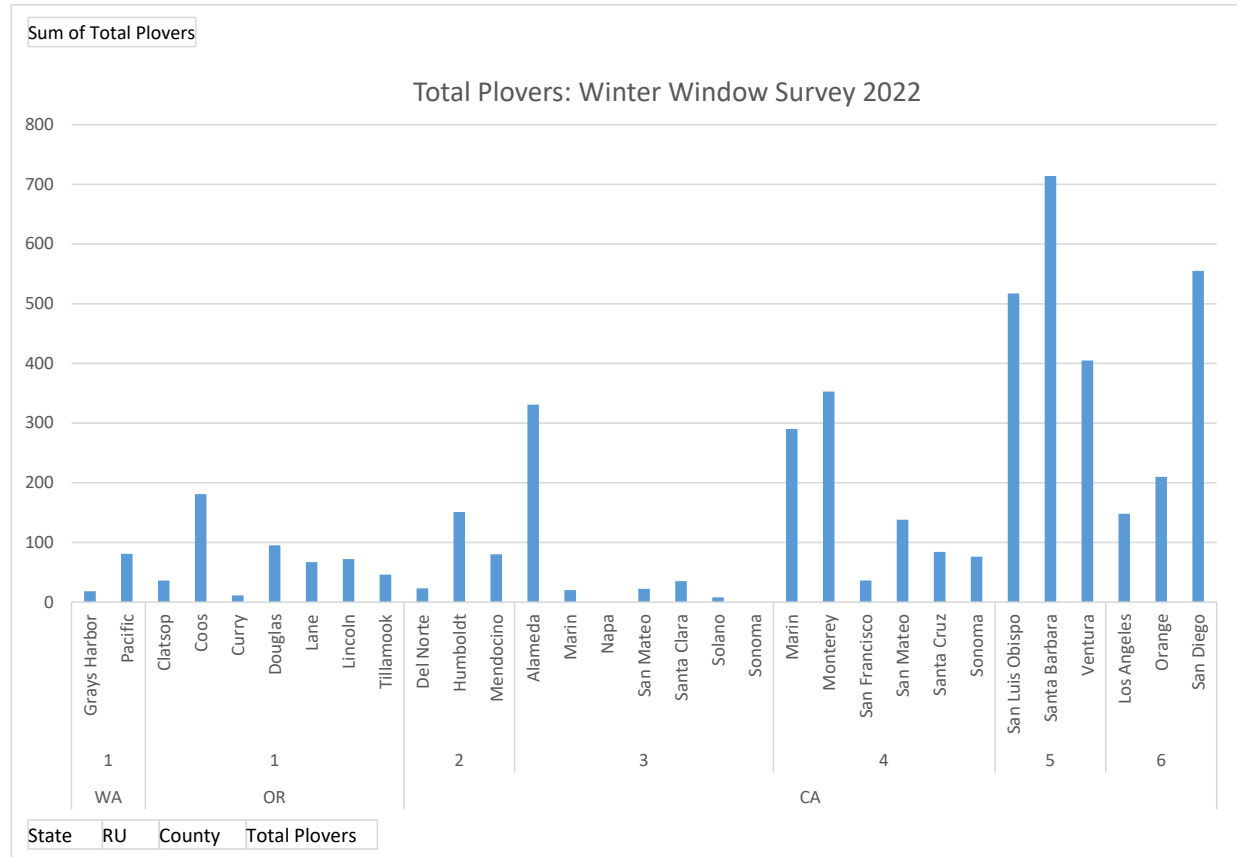
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Thank you!

Thomas

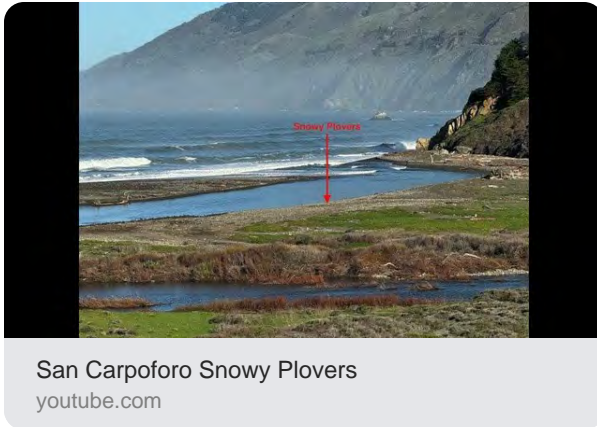
Row Labels	Sum of Total Plovers
WA	99
1	99
Grays Harbor	18
Pacific	81
OR	508
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Clatsop	36
Coos	181
Curry	11
Douglas	95
Lane	67
Lincoln	72
Tillamook	46
CA	4196
2	254
Del Norte	23
Humboldt	151
Mendocino	80
3	416
Alameda	331
Marin	20
Napa	0
San Mateo	22
Santa Clara	35
Solano	8
Sonoma	0
4	977
Marin	290
Monterey	353
San Francisco	36
San Mateo	138
Santa Cruz	84
Sonoma	76
5	1636
San Luis Obispo	517
Santa Barbara	714
Ventura	405
6	913
Los Angeles	148
Orange	210
San Diego	555
Grand Total	4803



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Subject: Re: Public Comment on March 2024 Agenda Item Thursday 10a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0001-23 (U.S. Forest Service, San Luis Obispo Co.)
Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024 8:53:03 AM

Dear California Coastal Commission,

Please watch short (one minute in length) video about Snowy Plovers wintering at San Carpoforo Creek/Beach.



Thank you for doing all you can do to protect Snowy Plovers at San Carpoforo Creek/Beach.

Please enforce no camping of any kind.

Please post “No Dogs” signs at entrance to trail and also closer to beach.