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Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan/
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Public Comment Form

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Comments:

1- I FEEL THE GUADALUPE-NIPOMO DUNES NWR SHOULD REMAIN OPEN WITH SUPERVISED WALKS WHICH ARE EXCELLENT AND LET VISITORS SEE THIS MAGNIFICENT AREA OF THE DUNES WITH IT'S RARE FLORA, ANIMALS + PLANTS - WE SHOULD NOT KEEP OUR CENTRAL COAST JEWEL HIDDEN FROM OUR PEOPLE

2- IF THE AREA WAS CLOSED TO ALL, THE BAD VEGETATION WOULD SPREAD TO ADJOINING PROPERITIES, THE OWNERS WHO DO MUCH TO KEEP THEIR PROPERTIES FREE OF INVASIVE SPECIES - THIS WOULD SHOW BAD FAITH ON THE PART OF THE NWR

3.- I FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT COLLABORATION WITH OTHER GROUPS TO SHARE CLEAN UP (INCLUDING REMOVAL OF INVASIVE PLANTS + ANIMALS) AND HIKES (SUCH AS YOU NOW DO @ DUNES CTR.

4- OUR DUNES SYSTEM IS UNIQUE - A TREASURE OF THE CENTRAL COAST - PLEASE PROTECT IT WISELY!!

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Name/Organization DAVID CHIPPING / CNPS Conservation SLO Chapter

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Comments:

A very real problem is the historical isolation of the refuge from the people in SLO County. There is a need to leverage local NGO's to a much greater degree to gain support for refuge activities, and that means thinking in terms of a "Friends" group such as BLM, and setting up programmatic actions with NGO's, more outreach etc.. At the moment nobody even knows it is here on the coast. If you had support you would be able to mitigate the effects of alternative C if you were forced in that direction. Also - if you stop veldt grass control you can kiss the entire place goodbye.

As a conservation person I would obviously support 'B' but the 'C' you have voids the function of the refuge and is way too harsh.

Consider talking to CNPS, and possibly a triad of CNPS USFWS & Dune Center (education) could bring up the P.R.

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Comments:

AS LONG AS ATVS and OFF ROAD vehicles operate in the adjacent acreage (which looks pretty permanent) the refuge should be absolutely closed to the public access. I vote for alternative C-

1- your financial opportunities have been reduced, meaning less staff available.
2- the breeding opportunities of the plover outweigh the need of the public to see them
3- undisturbed plant life can recover and flourish faster if all you do is control weeds and plant desireable flora
4- the restoration and actual plans of the adjacent CHEVRON acreage is not known and the refuge may become an island of preservation —
5- every chance to preserve open space should be TAKEN!

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Name/Organization NANCY HECK

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Comments:

I'M FOR ALTERNATIVE B. THE PUBLIC OWNS THIS LAND & THOSE WHO RESPECT IT SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN THERE.

IT WOULDN'T TAKE MUCH MONEY TO ADVERTISE WALKS & YOU CAN USE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH WEED ERADICATION.

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Comments:

Please select Option 'B' -- the maximum amount of area -- and allow public access, with all hunting, OHVs, and extractive industries excluded.

Thank you,
David Walker

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Name/Organization KENNETH L. WOLF

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Comments:

1) I SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE B
2) SOME RESTRICTIONS FOR PUBLIC ACCESS IS NEEDED
3) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS / PROJECTS ARE VITAL
4) IF A 4TH ALTERNATIVE IS ESTABLISHED OR ALTERNATIVES A-B-C ARE MODIFIED THE PUBLIC MUST BE MADE AWARE OF CHANGES TO THE ALTERNATIVES AND BE ALLOWED TO COMMENT ON THEM.
5) THANK YOU.

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