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PETITION TO RETAIN "STATE PARK" STATUS FOR ALL OF MACKERRICHER STATE PARK

We, the undersigned, request that the Parks and Recreation Commission not reclassify the northern portion of MacKerricher State Park as a "natural preserve". We feel that under the proposed "natural preserve" subclassification our current freedom of access to the dunes and beach between Ward Ave. and Ten Mile River will be restricted.

As stated in the preliminary General Plan, the declared purpose of MacKerricher State Park "is to make beach access and these features [beach, dunes] available, in an essentially natural condition, for visitor enjoyment" (page 102). However, the plan later states that "as the dune area [will be] part of a natural preserve, access should be discouraged except on the boardwalk" to be built at the washed-out part of the haul road (page 157). "With public access confined to well-defined paths," (page 129), any passage through the dunes would evidently be disallowed, since of course paths would be impossible to establish through the dune areas. Also, horses would be limited to "a single equestrian trail from Pudding Creek to Ten Mile River" (page 153). We are concerned by the open-ended statement, "further study is needed to determine what, IF ANY, forms of human impact can be allowed in the dunes..." (page 34, emphasis added).

We ask that the commission retain the "state park" classification for the whole of MacKerricher State Park. We wish to continue to enjoy the northern portion of the park without future restricted access.

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