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## Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Major General Anthony Jackson, Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
1416 9th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for RTP grant to rehabilitate the Haul Road between Ward Avenue and the Pudding Creek Trestle in MacKerricher State Park

Dear Major General Jackson:

The Westport Municipal Advisory Council strongly supports the Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant application for the rehabilitation of the Haul Road between the Pudding Creek Trestle and Ward Avenue, within MacKerricher State Park in Fort Bragg. The Haul Road was built for logging trucks and then converted into a coastal trail that is now heavily used by bicyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians for both recreation and commuting purposes.

The Haul Road has deteriorated to the point that some uses including ADA accessibility are hampered. Maintaining this coastal trail is a high priority for the communities of the northern Mendocino County coast. The WMAC recognizes your Department cannot do this work alone and we feel your collaboration with the community and Assemblyman Wesley Chesbro on this RTP transportation funding application is very worthwhile. We hope this grant application will consider addressing the gap in the haul road at the mouth of Lake Cleone.

The WMAC has previously commented to the prior Director of your Department that our community is also concerned about the condition of the haul road north of Ward Avenue. That northern segment is also badly deteriorated, and your Department has in fact proposed demolition of it without providing any viable alternative trail accessible by bikes and handicapped individuals. We urge you to consider reestablishing connectivity north of Ward Avenue using grant sources like the RTP funding you are presently seeking, rather than destroying that coastal access.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles L. Eyerly".

Chuck Eyerly, Secretary

cc: Assemblyman Wesley Chesbro