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Hello:
I am again writing in strong support of designating Blacklock Point as a Marine Conservation Area under the OR Rocky Habitat Management Strategy. As a resident of Langlois, I live adjacent to Floras Lake and can walk to to Blacklock Point and the spectacular sandstone cliffs and sandy beach to the north. Although I do not have a personal relationship with other sites under review, I support all of the current proposals coast wide being considered by the Rocky Habitat Working Group.
As we all know, the Oregon Coast is becoming an ever increasingly popular destination and it is important that we act now to ensure that all of the coast is protected for current and future generations to enjoy. The designation as a Marine Conservation Area will facilitate public stewardship, public education, and protection of these threatened habitats and the species that call them home. As a "neighbor" I plan to be actively involved in all those efforts. Many of my neighbors also enjoy the hike to Blacklock and have already asked how they can help. I am confident that our commitment to be local stewards will add to the agencies efforts and in no way become a burden on limited staff and resources.
As a volunteer for Coastwatch, COASST, and Snowy Plover Beach Patrol, I have seen how citizens can support state and local efforts in habitat protection. This new model of "citizen scientists" will only enhance the Rocky Habitat Management Strategy with no additional cost or burden on government.
Thank you for your thoughtful and careful consideration of this proposal.

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