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Public Comment	As a California based pilot, I will be visiting KPFC on my flights up the Oregon coast. As a grassroots airport over 100 years old, this airport has weathered the test of time and served many generations of pilots. It also serves as a landing strip for life-flight aircraft and coast guard helicopters, a vital lifeline that should not be taken for granted. Beyond emergency services, it serves as a stopping point for coastal flights as well as a vital emergency landing option for aircraft commuting near the coast. For tourists, emergency services, local pilots and corporate pilots it should be maintained as a vital part of many valuable runways. The Pacific coast has several airports under threat of expanding real estate and other land border issues that arise as time passes, yet we must acknowledge the role they play in supporting general aviation by inspiring young people to become pilots. Small airports are the schools and playgrounds for young pilots interested in being professional pilots someday, the very pilots that you may need someday to take you to a hospital, or fly the airliner you utilize to see family or go on vacation. Without inspiration for young pilots to start their journey, we lose out on passionate pilots, and will face shortages and pilots who only chose aviation for the pay. Trust me, you want a pilot that became one because they loved aviation, not because of the paycheck. We also must keep in mind how airports are largely beneficial to community growth, access, and recreation, and how most were put in place long before the housing and development they helped grow decided to encroach on the airports that helped build in the first place. Please keep KPFC alive by supporting it as a vital artery in the valuable string of Pacific Coastal airports that make our beautiful coastline accessible by air and worthy of visits by pilots all across the United States.