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Public Comment

KPFC is a critical and safe landing zone for life flight, Coast Guard operations and other necessary first responders. There is no other safe available landing zone in or around Pacific city, without creating such time delays in getting emergency help and assistance to a patient experiencing a major major emergency.. Pacific city experiences millions of visitors annually across the region. With a permanent local population of just over 1,100 residents, many of which are 55 and older., Pacific City experiences an immense influx of travelers due to several defining regional factors: Key Tourist Drivers in Pacific City Cape Kiwanda State Natural Area: As Pacific City's crown jewel, this beach features a massive sand dune and iconic views of Chief Kiawanda Rock (the coast's "other" Haystack Rock). This park alone is one of the most visited natural landmarks on the northern Oregon coast. The Dory Boat Fleet: Pacific City is globally famous for its active Dorymen's Association. It is one of the few places in the world where commercial and recreational fishing boats launch directly from the sand into the surf. Recreational Hubs: The town is bordered by Bob Straub State Park to the south and the nearby Sand Lake Recreation Area to the north, drawing thousands of hikers, horseback riders, and off-road ATV enthusiasts every month. With the above to mention at tourist attractions, you might recognize the need to have a safe landing zone for life flight and Coast Guard when needed. Thousands of hours and volunteers have helped to maintain the airport provide services to pilots in an effort to promote the airport for general aviation enthusiast. It is a coveted sacred airport to general aviation enthusiast as well by eliminating the promised funding, you are not representing thousands and thousands - potentially millions of people who either reside in or visit Oregon each year. It may be a small airport. It may be not recognized as a high dollar airport for you, but that any person who needs a life flight or assistance from the Coast Guard might disagree with you. I can assure you the thousands of general aviation enthusiast would also disagree with you.

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