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Hello,

I'm a supporter of the Recreational Aviation Foundation, a national organization dedicated to supporting airstrips with recreational value for more than 20 years. Private and public. Over the years, RAF volunteers in Oregon have given hundreds of hours of their time and thousands of dollars in materials and equipment helping maintain state owned airstrips. Pacific City being one of those.

However I'm writing this as a lifelong Oregonian and a pilot since 1975. I listened to the ODAV board meeting in July. It's upsetting to hear 2 members of the board talk about how dangerous and unsafe the Pacific City State Airport is and should be closed. These 2 people apparently have no idea how general aviation airplanes operate and should not be on a board that has any say in how general aviation funds are spent. By them saying how unsafe the airport is, they imply that any pilot who uses it, is acting in an unsafe manner. I take offense to that. I flew my sons and Tony Beach, State Airport Manager, there several times when they were young. I wonder if Tony now thinks I was putting him in danger.

Their stated concern is the distance from runway centerline to obstructions. However there are many state owned airports that have obstructions closer than Pacific City. One of those is an airport that the board approved and spent over \$500,000.00 on 2 years ago.

I urge the Board to give final approval to spend SOAR funds on needed upgrades to the Pacific City State Airport. This airport needs to be saved and improved to benefit the state system and the Pacific City community.

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