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SUBJECT: Shore Pine trees in dune grass area.

In reference to the matter of Shore Pine trees in the dune grass area South of E St. and West of S. Marion. The trees in this area have seem to be the camp area for local transits and groups of people wishing to camp. Other than the fact these individuals are committing a violation by camping, there have been no incidents of crime connected to them.

The trees offer a secluded hide away for individuals and offer no resources for restrooms or garbage disposal. Some campsites have been discovered littered with garbage and human waste.

Campfires are often associated with these camp sites which could not only cause fire damage to property, but could cause injury or death to individuals residing in these camp sites. The under-brush and low laying tree limbs are often tender dry and a mire spark could create a fast growing fire.

Fire danger isn't just associated to campers but to individuals walking the number of paths through the grass and trees. Just 5 years ago, on the first day of school, 3 high school youths started a fire that burned 7 acres of dune grass. Lucky, this fire was not in a heavily Shore Pine tree area. In the interest of safety for those that use this area and residents that have properties abutting, the trees should be removed.


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