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I am the owner of 27+ acres on Highway 101. My husband and I are the first people in the State of Oregon (1997) to donate a half-mile of an irrevocable trail easement to OPRD to resolve a dangerous gap on Oregon Coast Trail. It is known as the Amanda Trail. This trail is well used in part because it represents a tragic story describing the genocide that tragically occurred here through its interpretive signage. The Trail includes a new suspension bridge. To the immediate east is a gathering area where the Amanda statue and outdoor amphitheater is located, now all in an irrevocable easement to OPRD. A trail counter averages over 1000 visitors a month. Telling the historical truths that had been covered up until 1996 has aided tribal people returning to Yachats and reconciliation has begun among a previously divided people. As a private land owner I am now subject to lawsuits along with OPRD. Closing the trail will be a tragedy to our community, visitors, but most notably the many tribal people who visit to pay respect. But closing this section of the Amanda Trail will be useless because it is so popular, people will come anyway. I fought hard for 25 years to get this trail created. It has been an exceptional asset. Please get the recreational immunity back!