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Dear Kathy:

It was so nice to hear from you again. I think of you often, and Nipomo Dunes much, especially a few weeks ago when I was back at Asilomar again for the latest Audubon Western Regional Conference. I was full of memories then, not only of pleasant times there, but of my wonderful and unforgettable trip down the coast to visit with you and tramp through your very special place.

Ever since that time two years ago, your stretch of the coast has been much on my mind. I eagerly have read everything I could about the California Parks bond initiative, and am so glad Nipomo is included in it. I wish I was there to vote for it, and am certainly cheering you on.

As you may remember, my very strong feeling once I was there and had a chance to see the area with you, was that we should aim right now not to just protect the most obviously threatened part -- the Dunes and adjacent lakes -- but also, now while it may be still possible, to get the high country to the south, all the way down to the headlands as well. I still remember my awe at the magnificent sight spread out before me in our long walk high up in the sun, then looking down on the whole coast to the north and the south. Is any of this country in the acquisition proposal as well? If not, is anybody else interested in doing something about this if we can?

Anyhow, let's stay in touch. Very much do I want to come back there, and bring Linda too so that she can meet two very wonderful and interesting people.

Sincerely,

Brock Evans
Vice President for
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P.S. Your description of "The Seekers of Shangri-La" was wonderful! What a joy it must have been, and what a role model you are for me.

You are way ahead of me, I guess. I celebrated my 50th birthday last May, and got over my depression about it on a 10-mile "Death March," in the Virginia mountains, swinging hand over hand up vines and cliffs, gloriously lost in a new wilderness area out here. But now I'm not depressed anymore, hearing of your exploits. There is much yet left to do