

4.15 VISUAL RESOURCES (VR)

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The USFWS requests that the EIS explicitly relate dune habitat restoration and impacts on scenic or important views, identifying joint benefits, particularly where views of the Golden Gate are relevant.

Response VR-1 – As discussed in the Section 4.3.3 of the EIS (Visual Resources), where existing structures are removed and native plant communities reestablished, there would be a positive effect on visual resources. The most dramatic example would be the removal of Wherry Housing to provide native plant habitat under all alternatives except the Minimum Management Alternative. The text in the EIS relating to this discussion has been clarified.