

**California Recreational Trails Plan
Program Goal - Progress as of August 12, 2008**

GOAL FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS Work to identify and resolve conflicts between property owners and trail users and advocates.	
Action	Progress to date
1. Encourage and support open and continuing dialogue among private property owners, community organizations, and professional land use organizations such as farm and cattlemen associations, adjacent public property government entities, and trail expansion advocates regarding trail systems and needed links.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Diego County's Defense and Indemnification Ordinance is a great model for addressing this issue
2. Identify potential tax-related incentives and seek funding for other inducements for private property owners to allow and support public trails.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property owners can claim donations to government as a charitable deduction on federal and California returns
3. Establish, maintain, and disseminate trail use related statistical data, including community and economic benefits, trail-related crime information, liability protection, and other appropriate and useful data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some information available on the American Trails website at http://americantrails.org/resources/index.html • The Rails-To-Trails Conservancy has research on line at http://www.railstotrails.org/whatwedo/trailbuilding/technicalassistance/toolbox/20080124_trailuser_surveys.html • The National Park Service has research available on line at: http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/helpfultools/ht_publications.html • CSP is developing a "Trail Manager's Toolbox" which will include trail research, including relevant US Forest Service studies

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