



## CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

Due by January 7, 2009

*2009 California Trails & Greenways Conference*

*April 22<sup>nd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

Dear Trail Advocate:

Planning for the 2009 California Trails & Greenways Conference is well underway and we are now actively seeking session proposals. Set at Tenaya Lodge near Yosemite's south entrance, the call for truly relevant, high quality sessions has never been greater, and the success of this Call for Proposals will virtually guarantee another great conference experience for our dedicated attendees.

The 2009 Conference theme will be ***Sustainable Trails: Linking Economy, Community & Environment***. Utilizing this theme we hope to work with you to provide the tools necessary for trail managing agencies and nonprofits to address the challenges currently facing California and the nation -- well, at least as those challenges relate to trails.

As always, we will entertain proposals for the full range of trail topics, however we are especially interested in ideas related to surviving challenging economic times, strengthening community support, and encouraging a greater sense of environmental stewardship among all citizens. As we face the current economic and environmental challenges the success of all our endeavors will depend strongly on trail professionals' and advocates' abilities to creatively and efficiently meet the increasing demand for trails. Both expert and newly emerging trail leaders attend the Trails Conference in order to learn fresh, practical, up-to-date trail management skills. Your willingness to provide that expertise will go a long way toward inspiring a positive outlook for the entire trails community.

Conference sessions generally run from 1 hour to 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  hours. Listed below are some very general trail topics to assist your creative thinking. To submit a session proposal, simply complete the attached form and return it via mail, email or fax as directed at the bottom of the form. If you have any questions regarding your proposal or the proposal process, please feel free to contact me at 916-653-6501 or [smusi@parks.ca.gov](mailto:smusi@parks.ca.gov). Sessions presented during past conferences are available for review at: [www.parks.ca.gov/trails/conference](http://www.parks.ca.gov/trails/conference).

I sincerely hope you will assist us in making this the best conference ever!!

Steve Musillami, Conference Co-Chair

*Hosted by the California Trails Conference Foundation*

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**General Trail Topics for Consideration**

- Environmental Sustainability and Resource Management
  - Trails as a tool for reducing greenhouse gases and other sustainable endeavors
  - Wildfire awareness for trail users (i.e. living in a wildfire state)
  - Enhancing trails' compatibility with nature
  - Overuse Issues
  - Multi-Use and Resource Protection
  - Environmental Management
  - Fire Prevention and Restoration
  
- Economy
  - Grants
  - Partnerships
  - Cost management and Cost avoidance
  - Prioritizing Expenses
  
- Community
  - Enhancing the nature connection through trails
  - Strengthening community ties
  - Cultivating business partners for trail projects
  - Volunteers as advocates
  - Conveying trails relevance to today's Californians
  
- Project Management
  - Construction
  - Maintenance
  - Signage
  - Planning
  
- The Latest Trends and Techniques
  - Strategies for reaching the non-traditional user
  - Mobility access issues
  - Today's technology

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**SESSION PROPOSAL FORM**

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*[If needed, additional information can be provided on a second page.]*

**Session Title**

**Session Summary**

*[Include a brief outline for consideration—a more detailed outline will be requested for sessions selected.]*

**Educational Objectives**

*[What will attendees learn from your presentation? List 2-3 specific points that will help them advocate for trails.]*

**Session Structure**

*[Panel discussion, demonstration, audience interaction, etc.]*

**Session Chair**

*[Name, Title, Affiliation, Address, Phone, Email, Short Biography]*

**Additional Session Presenters**

*[Name, Title, Affiliation, Address, Phone, Email, Short Biography]*

**Proposed Length of Session**

1 Hour       1  $\frac{1}{4}$  Hours

**Please submit proposals to:**

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