

**PUBLIC COMMENT
TO THE CRTC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
VIA EMAIL:**

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From: Mike Vandeman [<mailto:mjvande@pacbell.net>]
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2008 4:31 PM
To: Musillami, Steve
Subject: Re: CRTC May Public Meeting Notice

I see that you have a "User Conflict Subcommittee". There is no user conflict! There is a conflict between BICYCLES and people and between BICYCLES and horses. BICYCLES are inanimate objects, not users, have no rights, and don't belong in natural areas. If there were no BICYCLES on trails, there would be no user conflict.

Can you please enter this as my "public comment"?

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From: Mike Vandeman [<mailto:mjvande@pacbell.net>]
Sent: Saturday, May 17, 2008 7:33 AM
To: Musillami, Steve
Subject: CA State Parks "User Conflict Subcommittee"

P.S. I think that the drive to create more trails is a big mistake! Trail construction destroys wildlife habitat -- a resource that is already too scarce. That is the main reason why there are so many species at risk! Trails also bring people near wildlife, where they drive wildlife out of their habitat. If anything, your mission should be to protect more habitat, and reduce the number and length and width of trails to a minimum. What makes parks attractive is precisely the presence of wildlife (wild animals and plants), so wildlife conservation should be the primary goal of all parks. Humans don't own the Earth! We got here 4 billion years after life began. We are everywhere the newcomer, and should act like a guest: with restraint.

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