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STATE PARKS FORMING EQUESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PACIFIC PALASADES – The California Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking prospective members for a public advisory committee that will make recommendations for a new equestrian activity plan for Will Rogers State Historic Park in Pacific Palisades.

The advisory committee will act in conjunction with planners at State Parks, who are currently developing a comprehensive management plan for the park that includes restoration plans for the historic ranch landscape and interpretive programs relative to its history.

The Equestrian Advisory Committee will be comprised of citizen members representing various interested parties, including equestrian groups, neighbors of the park, persons who have boarded horses at the park in the past, the Will Rogers family, park visitors, historians and environmental groups. Steve White, Superintendent at Will Rogers State Historic Park, will serve as chairman of the committee.

Persons interested in serving on the committee will be expected to attend up to two meetings per month during the months of February through April. They should submit a letter by Jan. 2, 2002, describing their background and qualifications and the reasons they wish to serve on the committee, along with their mailing address, email address and telephone numbers, to: Steve White, Superintendent, California State Parks, Topanga Sector, 1501 Will Rogers State Park Road, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272. (attention: Equestrian Advisory Committee).

State Parks officials expect the new management plan for Will Rogers State Historic Park to be completed by the summer of 2002. Prior to that, the Equestrian Advisory Committee will submit its recommendations on the role of equestrian activities in the new management plan.

The park includes a polo field and equestrian trails, and in the past has provided overnight boarding for privately owned horses. Because of environmental concerns and potential damage to historic facilities at the park, overnight horse boarding was suspended effective Jan. 10, 2002, while the new management plan is being developed. Polo and trail riding are continuing at the park as usual.

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