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1	Concerned about North Ridge after it is converted to a trail. If it's a single track, it would be unsafe for hikers with bikers flying down it.	A road to trail conversion does not necessarily result in a single-track trail. The multi-use trail will have a width of five to six feet to accommodate passing space for hikers, horses, and bikes.
2	Concerned about the increasing number of bikers in the park and their impact on our natural resources.	Legal bike use on a sustainably built trail should not impact natural resources. In cases where the trail is degraded and no longer able to support it, bike use may be restricted until the trail is stabilized.
3	Concerned about safety of Gilman Peak Trail and Easy Street Trail, which although closed to bikers are frequently used by them.	The plan calls for improved signage, including information about permitted uses. In addition, the Department will continue to patrol trails to the greatest extent possible to discourage illegal trail uses.
4	Would like to see the Cut-Through Trail from campground/Ranch to Lower Aliso remain.	The recommendation to remove the Lower Aliso Canyon Pedestrian Trail-1 and Lower Aliso Canyon Route Through Meadow - 1 has been reconsidered and the trail will be improved and maintained for pedestrian use only. The trail cannot be made sustainable for bicycle use.
5	SAR2 - Please keep dirt ONLY route open and request not paving over this route as possible.	SAR2 is part of the regional Santa Ana River Trail. State Parks supports this regional trail effort to provide connectivity from the mountains to the sea. To provide an effective long-distance multi-use connection, the trail will need to be paved.
6	Do not remove Lower Aliso Canyon Pedestrian Trail-1. Reroute higher to avoid low tree and creek to connect to Lower Aliso. Note also that this is a multi-use trail, not hiking only.	Same response as #4
7	Lower Aliso Spur (Meadow-1) is a FUN trail that helps bikers avoid Lower Aliso. Please keep the single track.	Same response as #4
8	Keep Bobcat Loop 1 - It was a road that is now a single track that connects Bobcat to Wire Springs (a section of trail that's not shown on some maps). Bobcat 2 does not get much use so just remove that portion.	This route is unsustainable with severe erosion impacting the Natural Preserve. Pursuant to the Public Resources Code, the purpose of natural preserves is to preserve the natural resources therein. Thus, uses that impact those resources are prohibited. Due to the terrain in this area of the park, it is not feasible to reroute the trail into a sustainable alignment. Therefore, the trail must be removed.
9	Concerned that the plan includes removal of the spur on Lower Aliso - very pretty and useful when cleared.	Same response as #4
10	Don't remove Bobcat Trail - keep it maintained; great place for wildlife sighting.	same response as #8

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11	Lower Aliso Canyon Pedestrian Trail - 1 has been recommended to remove. It is NOT redundant - it is a single track trail that parallels a ROAD. Suggest reroute where trail meets creek - meet up with base of Scully.	Same response as #4
12	Lower Aliso Canyon Route through Meadow-1 is also a single track trail that allows users an opportunity to avoid the fire road. Single track trails are much more enjoyable for hiking and biking.	Same response as #4
13	I am very interested in being sure that the connection of the trail from CHSP through Chino Hills City dedicated trails through Vila Borba under 71 freeway and into and through the Prado Rec. Area.	The trail along the eastern boundary of the park, which has connections to trails into the Vila Borba neighborhood, will be retained, however, the Department has no authority over trails once they leave the park.
14	Signage. Many parks lack necessary and appropriate signage helping visitors understand their location, distance to a destination, and/or trail options. This information is critical in an emergency situation. We ask that the Trail Plan establish a trail sign standard and implementation component for the park. Signs should include trail names, mileages, trail options at intersections, authorized user groups. Further, speed limits and trail courtesy (the user triangle) signage should be displayed throughout the park.	The Department has signage standards that provide a great deal of flexibility so signage can be made specific to the needs of each park. The Chino Hills RTMP calls for improved signage but will not establish further standards as park needs and public preferences can change over the lifetime of this plan. However, a concerted effort will be made to include all relevant trail information at appropriate locations throughout the park.
15	Park Maps. The State Park brochure offers a topographic map of CHSP, but information on distances is not available per trail segment. Instead, the trails are 'counted' from the Rolling M Ranch and are therefore not relevant or useful to many users. This is CHSP's chance to update the information to provide relevance to park users and remove outdated "mileage markers" throughout the park. Additionally, it would be beneficial to include the trail difficulty (easy, moderate, or difficult), so that no park user is caught off guard and accidentally exceeds their ability level.	The Department is finalizing a native application for mobile devices that will allow people to download information about the park prior to arrival, including information about trails. This application, as well as other privately developed apps, will be the best way to provide up to date trail information for all users. However, when the park brochure is updated in 3-5 years, we will consider including "difficulty" ratings.
16	Trail Closures. Several trails were referenced as currently closed (North Ridge and Hills For Everyone). Even if some trails are prominent, well used and/or planned for re-construction, the Plan should indicate the trail closures consistently throughout the document since those closures exist on the ground currently.	The plan is intended for long-term use, therefore, information about temporary closures is not considered useful or particularly relevant. Moreover, it could prove to be confusing in future years when the trails are open.

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17	<p>Trespassing. Since CHSP borders other public lands and/or private lands, the State Park boundaries should be demarcated at the property lines. In several instances, the Plan notes trail connections, but the neighboring park manager doesn't allow access: Irvine Ranch Open Space (OC Parks) and the Eagle Ridge Preserve (formerly Hayashi property managed by the Orange County Transportation Authority). This should be corrected in the Plan to be a good neighbor, to be consistent with other park management practices, and to not encourage inappropriate use on neighboring properties.</p>	<p>Typically, State land is demarkated by signage but those signs are often removed and/or vandalized. The signs are replaced as funding allows. There are no identified recreational trail connections into the Eagle Ridge Preserve. The plan is being modified to convert North Ridge Trail Segments 7 and 8 to Administrative Access (not open to public use) to limit the possibility of using these trails to illegally access the Eagle Ridge Preserve. The trail connection into Irvine Ranch Open Space is identified for removal to reduce opportunities for illegal uses and trespass. In addition, language has been added to clarify that the Irvine Ranch Open Space is not available for public access without prior arrangement.</p>
18	<p>Trail Maintenance. It is unclear which trails are maintained by other agencies. This should be delineated in a responsibility matrix or on its own map in the Plan.</p>	<p>The park has nearly 200 easement agreements. It would be difficult to identify all the managing entities in this document and since the maintenance agreements are subject to change, it would be of limited value in the long-term plan.</p>
19	<p>Distribution of Trail Uses. Since the majority of trail uses in the park are multi-use, we encourage State Parks to offer hiker only or hiker/equestrian only options. User conflicts increase when there are no "safe" places for hikers/equestrians to be without constant interactions with bikers. Should additional trails be included that restrict use, we encourage strict enforcement of the rules.</p>	<p>It is Department policy to encourage the development and use of multi-use trails to the extent possible. To reduce the number of multi-use trails would be against Department policy. However, the Department also tries to provide a variety of trail experiences including providing hiker only trails. Thus, the plan strives to balance these uses appropriately. However, the Department also tries to provide a variety of trail experiences including providing hiker only trails. Thus, the plan strives to balance these uses appropriately.</p>

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20	There are very few hiking-only trails in the Park. While the same limited hiking-only trails currently exist on paper, the facts on the ground are much different. Easy Street & Water Canyon are currently extensively used by bikers. In the case of Water Canyon, this use has turned what is supposed to be a box canyon into one that now connects with Edison Trail. This has had negative impacts to what is supposed to be the Water Canyon Natural Preserve. If this trail can't be restored to its original use it should be removed entirely. The preservation of the natural preserve is too important. The remaining trail is Hills For Everyone trail and it has been closed for years due to sliding. Therefore, the plan needs to prioritize the repair and rerouting of the Hills for Everyone Trail. It also needs to make clear that the other two trails are hiking only trails with the resulting enforcement priority. As stated above the Water Canyon Trail should be removed if the will does not exist to make it a hiking-only trail that ends in a box canyon.	The non-system trail connection between Water Canyon and South Ridge trails is slated for removal. The rest of the Water Canyon Trail will remain hiker only. Enforcement of trail regulations is done as staffing allows. Enhanced signage including allowed trail uses is recommended parkwide. Prioritization of trail projects will be based on the matrix described on page 22.
21	The park entrance from the housing development to the Quarter Horse Trail on the south side of the park is sometimes inaccessible due to the presence of a security guard from the housing development.	State Parks has no jurisdiction on the private housing development. This issue may be taken up with the City of Yorba Linda.
22	There appears to be new road cuts near the Bovinian Delight Trail between South Ridge Trail and Telegraph Canyon Trail.	The plan calls for the removal of all non-system (volunteer/user-created) trails such as new road cuts that were made illegally.
23	The area around the Bovinian Delight Trail between South Ridge Trail and Telegraph Canyon Trail needs more signage.	There is a parkwide recommendation to improve signage. It will be implemented as funding allows. Currently there are 40 new signs ready for installation.
24	Keep the non-system trail ("Yellow Brick Road") that connects the South Ridge Trail to the Water Canyon Trail.	This trail is unsustainable in its current alignment and is impacting resources. It will be realigned to provide the same connectivity in a sustainable alignment.
25	A new creek crossing is needed at Lower Aliso Canyon Segment 17	At this time one of the park's easement-holders is planning to install several new bridges across Lower Aliso Canyon. No completion date has been set.

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26	Keep the non-system trail from Bane Road to the Pomona Trail. Re-route the south end for improved sustainability and access.	This trail is unsustainable and impacting natural resources. In addition, it is unsafe for public use. No alternative alignment is feasible. Therefore the trail will be removed and the area restored to its natural condition