

## Folsom Lake SRA Road and Trail Management Plan

Mountain Bike Focus Group Meeting – 5/27/14

### **Meeting Notes from Flip Charts**

*(Transcriber clarifying comments/additions in italics and parentheses)*

- Balance user-created trails and change-in-use process.
- How can mtn bike users and groups help fund required CEQA for recommended change in use project *(which will require physical changes to the trail)* so lack of funding does not slow down RTMP implementation.
- Will condition assessments be made available to the public?
- What is policy on using free labor to fix trails?
- Need to treat all groups equally *(with respect to volunteer opportunities?)*
- Consider management options *(e.g. alternating days)* as a short-cut to address safety concerns with adding uses to a trail versus making physical modifications of trail.
- How are non-system trails designated?
- Does RTMP address recreation use and trail mileage needs/growth accommodation identified in the 2002 CA State Parks System Plan.
- User-created trails should be considered “existing use” and retained without any further designation.
- Develop alternate routes along a trail corridor with varying levels of difficulty to appeal to different skill and experience levels.
- Consider seasonal opportunities for multi-use on Pioneer Express and Shoreline trail (Beeks Bight to Rattlesnake Bar) when Lake is lower and both trails are available for use.
- Bring the network of non-system trails from Mormon Island Cove to Browns Ravine into the trail system. Create loop trails in this area.
- Develop a pump track and/or technical skills course in the South Granite Beach parking area *(south of GB Main Beach parking area?)*. Include a variety of technical challenges.

- Check out the Valmont Mtn Bike Park in Boulder Colorado as an example of an excellent bike park.
- Create a loop trail around Folsom Lake (*presumably a multi-use loop*) utilizing the non-system “shoreline” or “ditch” trail route below the Pioneer Express Trail.
- The Granite Bay to Auburn Trail needs work in order to be utilized as part of a Folsom Lake Loop Trail.
- Use adaptive management of “ditch” trail. Utilize seasonal opportunities with Ditch Trail to complete a Folsom Lake Loop Trail. Ok with Ditch trail designated for equestrian use as well. Develop shared use schedule for Ditch Trail (*and Pioneer Express?*).
- Change-in-use recommendations:
  - Browns Ravine to Old Salmon Falls/Sweetwater
  - North side of Lake Natoma, including Shady Trail and Snowberry Trails
  - Pioneer Express
- Consider utilizing odd/even system as change-in-use compromise (*for Pioneer Express and/or other trails?*).
- Use more adaptive management of trails.
- Hold multi-user group meetings to discuss alternatives. Be selective about representatives.
- Develop better solution to cross Sweetwater Creek.
- Need connection for mtn bikers across north side of Lake Natoma. Would like access to both the Shady and Middle Ridge Trails.
- Willing to consider alternate management strategies (*to increase mtn bike access*), such as rotating days, etc. We would like to be part of the conversation in developing these strategies.
- Would like to meet with other user group representatives (maybe 2 or 3 from each group) to discuss recommendations.
- Rules create conflicts, trail designations creates expectations and creates conflicts.

- State Parks leadership required to help (*improve access*) make it happen for mtn bikers.
- Develop partnerships (between user groups) for trail patrol, trail construction (*and trail work volunteer days*) – these people should be ambassadors.
- American River Mtn Bike Associates (*American River Conservancy?*) partnership with State Parks.
- Develop combined trail patrol (with a variety of users). Mtn bike patrol would not be enforcement, but educate regarding etiquette.
- There are fewer conflicts on multi-use trails because there is expectation of encountering other users.
- Haul Road – new trail (*develop dirt/single track trail as well?*).
- Make trail connections across administrative boundaries – such as to ARC acquisitions.
- Use social media to inform public if trails to be closed (*or affected by*) for special events.
- Streamline process to approve projects for volunteer trail maintenance work.
- Streamline environmental review process for trail work.
- The process (*presumably environmental review*) frustrates the ability to implement maintenance activities. More work less paperwork versus more paperwork less work!
- Re-establish the single track trail from Observation Point to connection with Johnny Cash Trail (*and Dike 7 & 8*).
- 700-acres ARC acquisition at Salmon Falls noted. Work on trail connectivity with adjacent (*public*) land owners.
- Use signage, press releases and social media to inform users about seasonal closures. Ok with seasonal closures if there is evidence of the need to close specific trails around precipitation events. If evidence supports need for closure, ok with limited time closures – days – not months at a time.