

## **HRSP Road and Trail Management Plan**

### **Stakeholder Meeting 1: Neighbors & Community Members**

10/26/2010

9 attendees

#### **Questions/ Comments**

What is being done with trails that are somewhat “abandoned”?

- Why have property/trails that the public cannot access?
- Daly Ranch property
  - gated roads/trails
  - potential for day use/picnic area?
  - difficult to tell this is part of the park without being a local
  - trail head/ signage needed?

Fire management and access issues

- Coordinated with local fire departments and Cal Fire

Canoe Creek accessibility post-fire?

Uses and conflicts

- Conflicts between hikers, bikers and equestrians
  - Hikers and equestrians often compatible, bikers not so much (ignore signs, etc.)
  - How resolve?
- Programmatic EIR regarding changes in use on roads and trails
  - Changes in use (i.e. mountain boards, climbers) and requests for accessibility evolves
  - Standardizes procedure/ process of evaluation to make appropriate decisions for conditions in individual parks (NOT standardized decisions)
  - EIR on parks website, planning or CEQA tab

Eel River bar access for motorized vehicles

- potential problem: allowing access to one area makes adjacent private/closed areas accessible

Signage

- not directly part of road and trails plans in the past, creates confusion
- some well-advertised areas have lack of proper signage; no idea where you are going
- signage and information from interpretive associations versus data at district (i.e. ADA trails)
- RTR does not have official responsibility for signage; interpretive associations have somewhat filled the void

#### Lack of intermediate level trails/ year-round access

- Bull Creek area could use year-round bridges to allow hikes shorter than 9 miles, but longer than Founders loop
- Big Tree, Bull Creek Flats possible locations
  - Year-round bridge at Big Tree was a possibility in the past, but did not pass review
- What is wrong with summer bridges?
  - Cost issue: are year-round bridges a priority?
  - Permanent bridge would provide both winter and summer access
- Drury-Cheney bridges seem like overkill, obstruct views, etc.
  - Bridges are now designed to withstand 100 year floods, not overkill
- Possibility for loop trails for equestrians rather than riding in and back on same trail
  - intermediate level trail that contours around Bull Creek area desired

#### CCC does good trail work; are they involved?

- inmate crews, CCC and park crews all involved depending on availability and funding

#### Bull Creek area

- needs attention to signage and connections between trails

#### Maps

- should not include private property and towns in State Parks (i.e. Redcrest and Pepperwood).
- All maps will be vetted by district as of a month ago

#### Previously did work on roads/trails without public input, especially closing Bull Creek trail

- Bull Creek trail closed due to sustainability issues (i.e. frequent slides, culvert blow-outs)
- helped focus energy on other projects, i.e. Thornton and Indian Orchard

#### Users are picking up trash, toilet paper (especially at north end of Ave)

- if encouraging use of roads/trails, need restroom facilities at trailheads and high traffic areas

#### Avenue of the Giants

- ability to hike the Avenue off the road would be nice
- auto tour is good, but should get people out of cars more
  - more parking areas, informational brochures (could request donation)
- improve informational signage and maps at north and south end of Avenue rather than having majority of information at the visitor center

#### Private property issues

- people crossing private property to get to park property

#### Where to send further comments?

- Brian's email; possibility of adding link on interpretive association's website for HRSP