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Public Comment- Group 1

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From: Susie Snow <nssnow10@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2022 11:00 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Equestrian trails



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February 12, 2022

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Sincerely,
Susie Snow
Sent from my iPhone

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From: patfish@luckyfish.com
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2022 12:04 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Agenda Item A-4: Countywide Recreation Master Plan Update
Attachments: Agenda Item A-4: Countywide Recreation Master Plan Update

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I write to support the current work to set the County-wide Recreation Management Plan (Plan) currently being developed for Santa Barbara County.

I ride a mule at the Live Oak Camp trails regularly, and encourage the Board of Supervisors to continue the tradition of safe equestrian access to those trails.

We know that the bicycle lobby is heavily involved with demanding access to this, the LAST exclusively equestrian trail system left in all of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. This is greedy and ill-conceived. It will lead to a dangerous situation and is unnecessary, they have everywhere else.

Please represent the equestrian portion of your constituency and keep the Live Oak Camp trails as they have always been intended to be since they were established. AND develop a master plan to open the campground to equestrian use, on the model of the Montaña de Oro horse camps, which are always booked and a revenue generator for that county.

You are pressured to provide equity of access. Keeping Live Oak for horse riders and hikers is equity in serving those portions of the public safely.



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From: Dawn Perrine <dawnperrine@gmail.com>
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Mary Bahnken

"Creativity is intelligence having fun." –Albert Einstein

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Ramirez, Angelica

From: Lindsey Reed <lreed7525@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2022 5:53 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Santa Barbara Countywide Recreation Master Plan - make sure equestrian needs are addressed!

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am trusting you to make decisions that will benefit all stakeholders, but especially equestrians, who originally developed most of these trails, and whose interests have not been sufficiently addressed of late.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Reed Dominguez (long-time SB County equestrian/hiker/natural history advocate and member of many of the county's essential trails support groups)

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Kathy <kathyjohnson0039@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 7:07 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Recreation master plan- equestrian inclusion

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Kathy Johnson

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From: Fran Calvert <fcalvert@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 7:24 AM
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From: Robin Martinek <robinma101@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 2:17 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Recreation Master Plan Update

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From: Julie A Kirby <emailjulie1@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 6:00 PM
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From: Troy Patton <outdoortroy46@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 8:22 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: COUNTY WIDE RECREATION MASTER PLAN

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Thank you for your consideration.

Troy Patton
Vice President Public Lands
Backcountry Horsemen of California

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Bonnie Freeman <bonniegoleta@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 11:11 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Lindgren, Jeffrey
Subject: County Recreation Master Plan Action Items, 2.15.22

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Dear Chair Hartmann, Supervisor Hart, and Supervisors Williams, Lavignino, and Nelson

I will miss this Board Hearing due to having surgery same day but I will replay later as I am a volunteer Community Organizer advocating (along with many others) for park improvements in the OPEN SPACE at University Circle Park CSA-3. We've been gathering public opinions and support among the five immediate communities surrounding this open space and those who come from the nearby Kellogg residential community. We've been working with the guidelines set out by Parks & Rec Division, submitted surveys and engaged with Parks Assistant Director Jeff Lindgren this past year, including a site visit with Supervisor Hart and Chief of Staff Chris Henson. And we're hoping for support.

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But the actual reason I'm writing is to please understand that an OPEN SPACE CSA-3 (paid for through our special taxes for upgrades) should be recognized as equally important to RECREATION as the more formal and organized recreational activities in other parks. Especially an Open Space like the one at University Circle CSA-3 due to the changes in demographics over the past 3-5 years where there's a large increase in new young growing families and an equal increase in seniors who brought up their kids here but still live and have their grandkids visiting the park. When the wonderful Kellogg bridge was put in it brought even more people to the park, and long time residents were told that the trees that were removed would be replaced afterwards and they have not been.

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We will continue to appeal for more upgrades and ask that you support funding for the Open Space like ours that's needed for basic exercise in fresh air, with a safe and level lawn to play on, not organized but where families can participate in passive recreation and enjoy community gatherings, some benches, etc. This is so necessary for the health of our combined residential communities accessing University Circle CSA-3 park open space.

Thank you for your work on this long overdue Master Recreation Plan that's so vital to everyone in the County, the trails included. Come visit our Open Space!!!

Sincerely, Bonnie Freeman
Community Activist District II
5436 Tree Farm Lane

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Marcia Nelson <mnhorsin@icloud.com>
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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From: John Webster <jwebster@elbargroup.com>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 10:28 AM
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Sincerely,

John P. Webster

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From: Betsy Kiser <betsykiser25@gmail.com>
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Skip Dyke

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From: JANE SCHWARZWALTER <JaneROP81@outlook.com>
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Subject: HORSE TRAILS: LIVE OAK CAMP MASTER PLAN

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Jane Schwarzwalter

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Subject: Please read and share my attached letter before the meeting tomorrow.
Attachments: 2-14-22 Live Oak letter.docx

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Please let me know if there is any way that I can participate in making this happen.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Jeffrey L. Danhauer, Emeritus Professor and Chair of Dept of Speech and Hearing Sciences, UCSB; owner of Hearing Consultants of California

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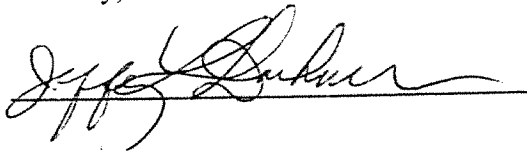
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Please understand that I am a hiker and biker in addition to being a horseman. We are all well aware that there are numbers of other trails where hikers and bikers can enjoy their passions. Unfortunately, such venues are sorely lacking for equestrian use in SB Co. It is imperative that you support the continued and improved equestrian use of Live Oak and the Campground.

Please let me know if there is any way that I can participate in making this happen.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey L. Danhauer", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Jeffrey L. Danhauer, Emeritus Professor and Chair of Dept of Speech and Hearing Sciences, UCSB; owner of Hearing Consultants of California

Ramirez, Angelica

From: kjdanhauer@cox.net
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 2:13 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Live Oak
Attachments: Live Oak.docx

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Please see my attached letter.

Kimberly J. Danhauer

February 14, 2022

RE: Dept. Agenda Item A-4: Countywide Recreation Master Plan Update

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From: Amalia Coffey <accoffey9@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 2:28 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Dept. Agenda Item A-4: Countywide Recreation Master Plan Update

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From: chip Wullbrandt <cwullbrandt@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 2:38 PM
To: sbcob; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg;
steve.lavanino@countyofsb.org
Cc: Kevin Gleason; Jimmy Loizides
Subject: Fwd: Countywide Recreation Master Plan Update

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> Dear Supervisors,

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> Over the past couple of years I have participated in efforts concerning expansion of agri-tourism uses (the AG Enterprise Ordinance) and on similar efforts through the Recreation Master Plan on a public/private "pilot project" concept to link private agricultural tourism projects along important recreational connector corridors as a way to expand and "speed up" implementation of hiking, biking and equestrian trails linking those corridors and creating attractive and supportive experiences, such as country inns and other tourism support opportunities in those corridors. These agricultural and experiential tourism opportunities will enhance and expand access for residents and visitors alike, help with local economic recovery, and provide a long term source of environmentally friendly revenue to the County through collection of additional transient occupancy tax.

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> Over the past year, Wood consultants and the 3rd District Supervisors office have facilitated excellent public workshops where these concepts have been further explored, including with great public support. This has especially been the case with concepts in the Santa Ynez Valley, where the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan Land Use Action (LUA) Item 4 has long provided that the County shall support expansion of Agricultural Tourism, and where there is great support for biking, hiking and equestrian trails to link the townships and historic alternative transportation corridors. These concepts were also very well-received at detailed workshops held with the Santa Barbara Vintners Association and other similar stakeholder groups.

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> On behalf of several clients interested in furthering such public/private efforts, we strongly urge the Board to expand the scope of the Recreation Master Plan and provide support for private projects that provide public and/or private recreational benefit, including the expansion of agricultural and experiential tourism.

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> We also urge that additional priority trail corridor areas be added for public and public/private recreational opportunities, including in particular:

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> 1) a Santa Ynez Valley Townships Connector Triangle, consisting of a set of connecting trails along Highway 246 from Solvang past Santa Ynez to the Highway 154 roundabout, then along Highway 154 to past the Refugio/Roblar area and to Los Olivos, then back along Alamo Pintado through the town of Ballard and back to Solvang;

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> 2) from the proposed Santa Ynez River Trail near Buellton along the Nojoqui Creek corridor to Alisal Road, and then along Alisal back to Solvang, with potential future connections along Santa Rosa Road and to Lompoc; and

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> 3) along the Foxen Wine trail from Los Olivos, with potential connections back to Los Alamos, Orcutt and on to the Santa Maria Mesa area.

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> Finally, we urge that the County establish a stakeholder advisory committee, including with those agriculture and agricultural tourism representatives who have been working on the above efforts, to advise the County and assist with coordination of this public/private partnership.

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> I look forward to the opportunity to provide further comment in person at your Board meeting on February 15, 2022, and to answer any questions you may have.

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> Chip Wullbrandt

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Ramirez, Angelica

From: Dillon Osleger <dillon@sagetrail.org>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 8:12 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Speaking at meeting

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Hello Honorable Supervisors,

My name is Dillon Osleger, I am the executive director of Sage Trail Alliance. We are one of the foremost trail organizations in Santa Barbara county, with upwards of 3000 members and more trail mileage under our stewardship than any other. Over the last 3 years, we have averaged \$300,000 of contributed funds towards trails and open space within the county.

I myself am an expert in trails in North America, having given keynote talks at a number of symposiums and meetings at local, state and federal levels. My background as an ecologist, geologist, hydrologist and conservation director has provided me a foundation with which to balance recreational needs with the environment.

Currently I have several projects with the county through the nonprofit as well as many with land trusts and the forest service. If the county is to develop a master plan for trails, it would likely wish to include the 5000 acres of public yet privately held land that I steward trails on, not to mention federal or state lands such as state parks and the forest. In this capacity, I would appreciate the opportunity to speak during Tuesday's meeting. If a trail administration is developed within the master plan, I would hope to be included in it as a stakeholder and advisor. For record, I was one of 3 individuals that led the north Lake Tahoe / Truckee trails master plan as well as the sole developer of the Tahoe Donner Master plan.

My membership and I are committed to a purely environmental and DEI plan that does not favor any one user group.

Thank you for your time,
Dillon Osleger