

## Letter 142

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March 4, 2008

**142-1** To Whom it May Concern, regarding the sections of the General Plan dealing with the Mississippi Bar area of the Folsom Lake SRA.

Any plan, option, or inking to shut down, phase out, or otherwise remove the stables at Shadow Glen would be a mistake. Shadow Glen has been boarding horses and offering trail rides and lessons in the Orangevale area for over 30 years. Shadow Glen has youth camps every summer to teach proper care and grooming of a horse, as well as riding skills. In addition to these services, Shadow Glen participates in a food drive every Christmas for area families as well as hosts an Easter sunrise service & breakfast. We, the "consumers" of Shadow Glen, participate in these activities.

Shadow Glen is more than just a facility. Spend any amount of time there and you will find a wealth of equine knowledge, wisdom, and laughs. They welcome people to look around, and bring out their children or their grandparents. For those of us who board there, Shadow Glen is a second home, and the others there are a second family.

Aside from all of that, my wife and I choose to stable our horses at Shadow Glen not only for the knowledge of their wellbeing and safety, but because of the excellent location. We live in Marysville and have ample opportunities for less expensive board, but choose to maintain our relationship with Shadow Glen. The quantity and quality of trails is unbeatable, the scenery is fantastic, and the wildlife is still wild.

Were the State to remove the stables, or even the boarding, it would make it impossible for people like my wife and I to continue using the beautiful Mississippi Bar area. To take a phrase from the Counting Crows,

*Don't it always seem to go  
That you don't know what you got till it's gone  
They paved paradise, and put up a parking lot*

Please don't be those people. I moved back to the Sacramento area after spending ten years in Idaho, and this is the only place I've got where I can see the wildlife I miss so dearly. Spending an afternoon/evening/whole-day out at Shadow Glen and the surrounding area is about as close as you can get to paradise.

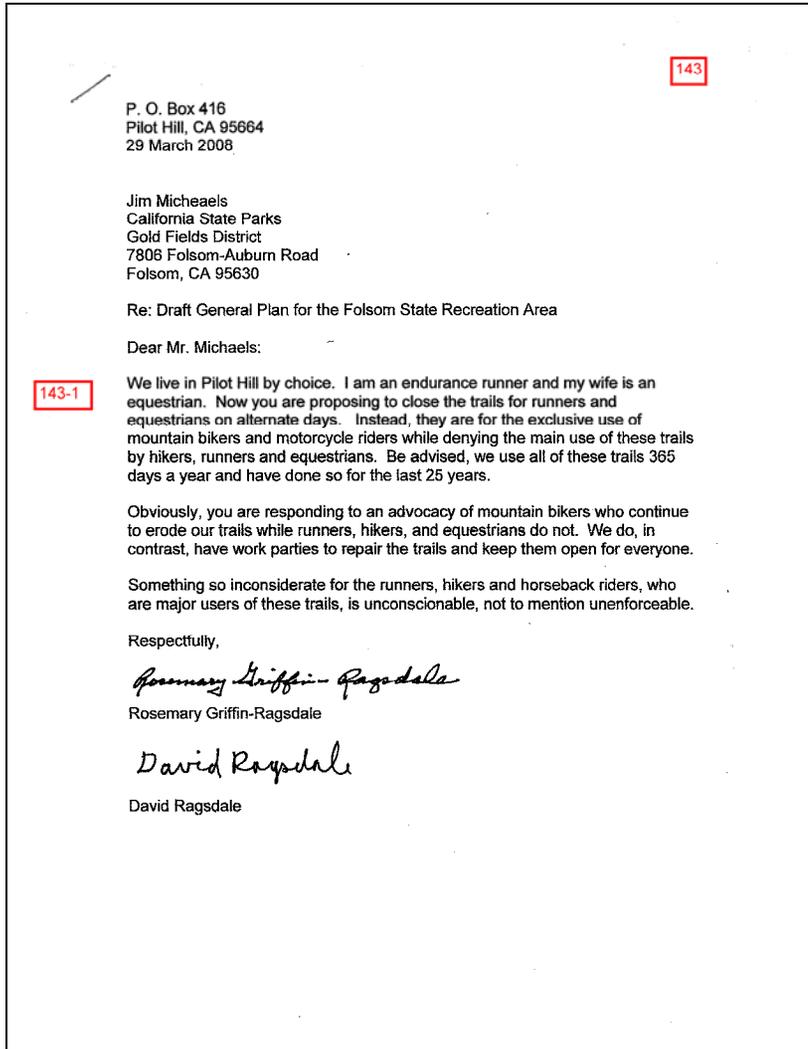
Sincerely,



Tim Plank

142-1: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1). The song quoted is actually "Big Yellow Taxi", written by Joni Mitchell and the song was first recorded on her 1970 album "Ladies of the Canyon". As have many others over intervening years, Counting Crows did a cover version of the song.

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143-1: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

## Letter 144

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April 30, 2008

Mr. Jim Micheals  
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**RE: Folsom Lake Recreation Area General Plan**

Dear Mr. Micheals,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan. The North Fork American River Alliance (NFARA) represents citizens dedicated to preserving the scenic and cultural heritage of the North Fork of the American River that includes the historic Pioneer Express Trail as it passes along the north shore of Folsom Lake.

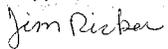
Our organization applauds the State Park's decision to establish a conservation corridor along the North Fork section of Folsom Lake. We feel it is incumbent that the final plan includes the provision that the section of trail from Granite Bay eastward be limited to hiking and equestrian use. We also request that the aquatic section of the lake from Rattlesnake Bar north be specified as a non-motorized waterway to preserve the tranquility of the area and to provide an environment suitable for canoes, kayaks and other paddlers.

The Declaration of Purpose for the General Plan specifically states that, within the Folsom Lake Recreation Area there will be areas of low use in a primitive setting. With the increase in urban development around Folsom Lake it is imperative that some areas be set aside for quiet, relaxed enjoyment without the noise of powerboats and the speed of bicycles.

Because of the steep topography and narrow trails in this area it is not safe to have mountain bikes sharing the same trail with hikers and equestrians and we specifically request that the delineated conservation area along the north side of the North Fork arm of the lake be designated solely for hikers and equestrians.

Because the General Plan will affect management decisions for many years to come it important that State Parks considers the Pioneer Express Trail in its historical context and not relinquish the sensitive, remote sections of the park to mechanized use.

We urge you to include these provisions into your final analysis of the General Plan.

Sincerely yours,  
  
Jim Ricker, President

144-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-10 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.10).

144-2: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

144-3: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

144-4: Please see Master Responses EC-1 and EC-3 (Sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.3).

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	March 8, 2008	
	Jim Micheaels Gold Fields District California State Parks 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road Folsom, CA 95630	
	Subject: Comments on Folsom Lake Rec Area General Plan	
145-1	I'm writing to comment on the Folsom Lake State Recreational Area General Plan dated November 2007. While my concerns address the entire Folsom Lake area and entire American River Parkway, my focus is on the Lake Natoma Preferred Alternative Plan. I strongly support the Conservation designations made for the majority of the Lake Natoma designated areas.	
	I'd like to recommend a more open and accessible Public participation to prevent the damaging type of project developments described and shown in photos below. For some reason, encroachment on Lake Natoma and the American River Parkway occurs despite these Conservation and Open Space designations. The Public needs to be protected from development interests with seemingly unlimited funding sources to hire private consultants to thwart these public protections.	
	Here are recommendations to improve the protection of the Folsom Lake Area:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Study the development and planning process that allows this commercial development which clearly conflicts with the General Plan intent and develop stronger, more stringent public safeguards.</li> <li>2. Develop a simplified planning and public participation process that allows the regional environmental and parkway user adequate notification and easy means to participate in a meaningful way. For example, internet sign-ups and email notifications of service lists would allow broader involvement in these critical proceedings.</li> <li>3. Develop public funding sources to support the necessary professional review and planning process representation of the public interests needed to follow and challenge these type of destructive projects with the necessary attention and expertise.</li> <li>4. As part of the General Plan, develop a regional environmental review organization that requires all planning entities along with interested environmental citizens/organizations to review projects at the earliest stages.</li> <li>5. Develop strict zoning and planning codes for all properties around the lake and river that will restrict private development in conflict with the Conservation designation. Require development, zoning and permitting ordinances in all regional planning (e.g. City of Folsom, County of Sacramento, Bureau of Reclamation) which limits private developments in conflict with this General Plan.</li> <li>6. Develop mandatory 'American River Parkway' training program for all planners and decision-makers who are active in the development and permit process along the American River, Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma. Most planners have broad urban planning responsibilities and may not be up-to-speed on the unique issues related to wildlife corridors in urban areas.</li> </ol>	
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145-1: Please see Master Responses ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1), ALT-3 and PP-2.

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7. CSUS Aquatics – recreational use at this location is desirable, but certain limits of use should be considered. State Parks should monitor the activity to insure potential high use of rental facilities doesn't impact the natural environment in this area. Also, the rowing competitions and practices should have limits. It seems every day during the summer rowing teams dominate the river with coach's loud speakers barking instructions that are heard for miles. Recommend banning loud speakers.

It is imperative that Planners with a long range vision (i.e. 50 years ahead at least) keep control of the Folsom Lake Rec Area and Lake Natoma area. If short-term development interests (i.e. benefits to a few) are allowed even one of the types of projects shown below every 5 years – that will be 10 more negative impacts over that next 50 years. Clearly, the Lake Natoma wildlife and recreation area would be severely impacted if this was allowed. We need to protect the existing resources for future generations - that is consistent with the General Plan conservation designation. Let's build the public interest safeguards to enforce and protect it.

Please review these recommendations and cases of past conflicts with the State's General Plan conservation designation. Every effort must be made to protect the natural resources in the Folsom Lake Recreational Area against private developments that benefit a few vs. the many that will enjoy the Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma areas for generations to come.

The following pages show eight cases of the type of development activities that have occurred despite the Conservation emphasis of the State's General Plan.

Sincerely,



Rob Roth

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Cc  
Friends of Arden Bluffs  
County of Sacramento Supervisor MacGlasham  
Save the American River Association  
Friends of the River  
Sacramento County Regional Parks

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Roth Comments

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Comment Sheet *to Sam Michaels*  
**Folsom Lake State Recreation Area & Powerhouse State Historic Park  
 General Plan/Resource Management Plan**

**Name** JOANNE SAUNDERS / Kulla Hanks  
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#1-Folsom Lake SRA is bordered by Auburn SRA to the north. Auburn is the Endurance Capital of the world. The current plan proposal neither enhances nor expands existing facilities. *Do you think the Folsom SRA General Plan should include new and expanded facilities to support international trail events of this magnitude?*

146-1

*YES*

146-2

146-3

146-1: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

146-2: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.11).

146-3: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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#4-Trail maintenance has been lacking in recent years. The conversion of existing trails to trails that are shared with mountain bikes will further degrade and damage these fragile trails (ex: Pioneer Express Trail from Granite Bay to Auburn) *Has the lack of maintenance hampered your enjoyment or safe use of the trails in the Folsom SRA?*

146-4

YES

146-4: Please see Master Response TR-3 (Section 3.7.3).

#5-Folsom SRA has provided limited law enforcement on the trails. Bike riding at excessive speeds, illegal night time riding, and bikes on horse/hiking trails can only be curtailed with stricter enforcement. The General Plan needs to state a commitment to enforcement of rules by all trail users. *Would you agree or disagree that increased law enforcement will help regulate inappropriate trail use and why?*

146-5

AGREE

146-5: Please see Master Responses TR-1 and TR-7 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.7).

#6-The proposed General Plan alternatives for Shadow Glen and private horse boarding includes retaining the stables as long as the present concessionaire remains "viable". If that should change, the Shadow Glen Stables may be converted to other uses. Shadow Glen is the only public equestrian concession within Folsom SRA, and the greater Sacramento metropolitan area. *Do you have an opinion concerning Shadow Glen and its use?*

NO

#7-The proposed General Plan commits to completing a trail around the lake. What trail designations would you prefer on new and existing trails? The trail designation (hiking/equestrian, or multi use) is not specified. Would you support a multi-use trail corridor that would link hikers and equestrian to a single use trails such as Browns Ravine? *Do you feel this trail designation needs to be clear and that it will support equestrian use on this trail link? Would you support a parallel trail or same use trail within a trail corridor and why?*

146-6

YES

146-6: Please see Master Responses TR-5, TR-6 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5, 3.7.6 and 3.7.12).

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#8-Equestrians have participated in the stakeholders meetings since the inception of this plan in 2002. The agreed upon suggestions have been omitted from the proposed General Plan. By omitting the agreed comments from the prior meetings of the last 6 years, it appears our interests are being marginalized in the Park Plan. *What should the Park do to improve this perception?*

#9-The proposed General Plan omitted numerous equestrian staging and camping areas as well as the historical landmark at Beals Pointe Marker of Pioneer Express Trail. It is vital to their continuation that they be noted within the plan and plotted on a map. *Would you support a revision of the General Plan to include the official recognition of equestrian staging areas at Rattlesnake Bar, Snowberry Creek, Brown's Ravine, Negro Bar, Falcon Crest, Peninsula, and of the historic status of the Pioneer Express Trail?*

146-7 YES

146-7: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

#10-A Plan designation of "Shared use dirt trail-alternate day/time" option is included in the proposed General Plan. This trail designation could apply to all trails (such as Pioneer Express Trail). Please review question # 5 regarding enforcement. *Do you feel it would be enforceable and why?*

146-8 DO NOT LIKE PLAN

146-8: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

#11-The proposed General Plan does not include plans for additional law enforcement on trails. *Do you feel that Parks has provided adequate law enforcement on trails? In light of the proposed changes within the Park what changes would you recommend? Why?*

No Suggestion

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#12- All trail users could be accommodated on a combination of shared use, limited use and parallel trails. This type of trail system is referred to as multi-use trail corridor and has been implemented in other state parks to provide connectivity to all trails without mixing all trail users. Do you support or oppose the use of "multi-use corridors"? Should this designation be in the proposed general plan?

146-9 YES

#13-Do you have any comments, suggestions, ideas, concerns or solutions that you would like to add?

Covers all concerns.

Thank you

146-9: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

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March 30, 2008

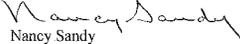
Mr. Jim Micheals  
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Folsom, CA 95630

Re: Preliminary General Plan and EIR/EIS for Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

147-1 It is my understanding that a Draft General Plan which would guide development for the Folsom Lake Recreation Area over the next thirty years does not include hiking, running or horseback riding as primary recreation activities. This omission is incorrect and unacceptable. All three are popular and primary recreational activities within both the Folsom Lake and Auburn State Recreation Areas. Before this process goes forward the General Plan should and must be revised to include them.

147-2 I, also, understand there is a proposal to revise current trail policy with an "alternate day" use, which would allow mountain bikes on narrow hiking and equestrian trails. At best this would create an enforcement nightmare. At worst a horrendous and hazardous safety issue. It is naïve and unrealistic. Unfortunately, in today's "me-first" society, you will be dealing with too many individuals that upon arriving on a Saturday would feel they have every right to use a trail that, under alternate days, would have been open to them on Friday and Sunday.

Hikers and equestrians may not be included in the most vocal or demanding recreational user groups; however, they are representative of the historical use of our state parks. They require and deserve protected, tranquil, safe and resource natural areas to enjoy and travel through.

Respectfully,  
  
Nancy Sandy  
4980 Cougar Lane  
Georgetown, CA 95634

147-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

147-2: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

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Folsom Lake State Recreation Area & Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park  
General Plan/Resource Management Plan




**Comment Sheet:**  
Preliminary Plan and Draft EIR/EIS (March 5th, 2008)

Completed comment sheets may be left in the boxes at the sign-in tables OR folded, taped, stamped and mailed to the address on the reverse.

Name: Georgia Saydak

Affiliation/  
Interest in this Project: FLTP & CTC

In the space below, please provide any comments related to the Preliminary Plan or Draft Environmental Impact Report / Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

148-1

*I am interested in seeing safe designations for use of trails in the State Park.*

*It is important to keep some trails exclusively designated for Equestrians (or hikers) like the Pioneer Express trails.*

*Mountain bikers should have trails that are safe for them to use.*

*Multi-use trails can be possible but we need to be selective in those designations. We also need safe watering areas for horses.*

If you require additional space to comment, please use additional sheets and mail in an envelope to the address indicated on the reverse. Thank you.

148-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

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April 26, 2008

Gold Fields District  
California State Parks  
7806 Folsom Auburn Road  
Folsom, CA 95630

Comments regarding the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area Management Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

I have attended a few of the meetings over the last few years regarding the above plan/proposal and would like to express my comments as to the future of the area.

We are located near the South Fork and have lived here for 19 years. When the seller showed us the horse property and its close proximity to the equestrian trail at that time, it was the deal closer. The scenic and at the time, somewhat maintained trails have been a pleasure to escape too.

The trails have varying degrees of difficulty and safety concern locations that have given us a couple emergency room visits and vet bills and those were without any interference with other trail users. As time went on the 3 signs that I was always passing referred to NO Bikes, had been ripped out and there had been an increase in bike traffic. I had never had any reason or inclination to discuss the issue with any bikes that I had encountered, due to safety concerns being alone out there in the event someone took offense to a negative comment. I was also fortunate to encounter them in the wider safer areas of the trails. When the lake lowers and I was able to cross to the peninsula using the old Salmon Falls Bridge I had encountered the bikes that did take offense to my presence in that area. It was designated for bikes / hikers only there, and has also very difficult areas to maneuver for hikers and bikers and understand their concerns. I never went back on horseback and still enjoy the easier access to that location when the lake is low.

149-1

*I do believe it can be shared by all with careful enhancement planning to accommodate all types of users with multiple trails one for biker and one for hikers and equestrians, or at least have the splits at the areas that are most dangerous for bikes and horses to meet. The planning should have committees to help designate what areas would require such a consideration for both group enthusiasts.*

I am happy to hear that the Shadow Glen Stables have been reconsidered for permanency at their location. If not there then certainly an area up at Folsom Lake would also be beneficial.

149-2

If the areas had more media exposure that would encourage additional visitors to the parks that would help increase your revenues that could help pay for the expense of enhancing the trails and visitor areas for the multiple users. For whatever reason, the trails on the west side appear to lack any maintenance. With my close proximity to the

149-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5, TR-10 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5, 3.7.10 and 3.7.12).

149-2: Please see Master Responses TR-3 and TR-8 (Sections 3.7.3 and 3.7.8).

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trail I help with the removal of trees that fall across the trail, whenever possible, for selfish reasons too, but I want us all to have the ability to access this resource within the rules and regulations that are set forth. I will also say that I have had assistance by bikers and runners that would stop and help me with my manual saw and limited knowledge of safe tree cutting.

**149-3** In regards to the expansion of boating facilities I am not pleased to hear that your proposal would place it on the west side of the lake. *Please consider the north east quadrant for those services. Rattlesnake bar area certainly has land. The Folsom Auburn Road corridor will be able to accommodate boating traffic.* We were also boating enthusiasts and with the explosion of the number of boats on the lake we sold it due to the frequency of incidents of boaters and skiers close calls and the lack of

**149-4** patrolling the lake for the offending noise pollution and blatant disregard for the speed controlled areas. It no long made for an enjoyable family outing. Please consider increasing the patrols and issue the tickets for violators, that will help pay for their presence on the lake.

These are my comments and suggestions for your consideration while continuing your development of the State Park.

Sincerely,



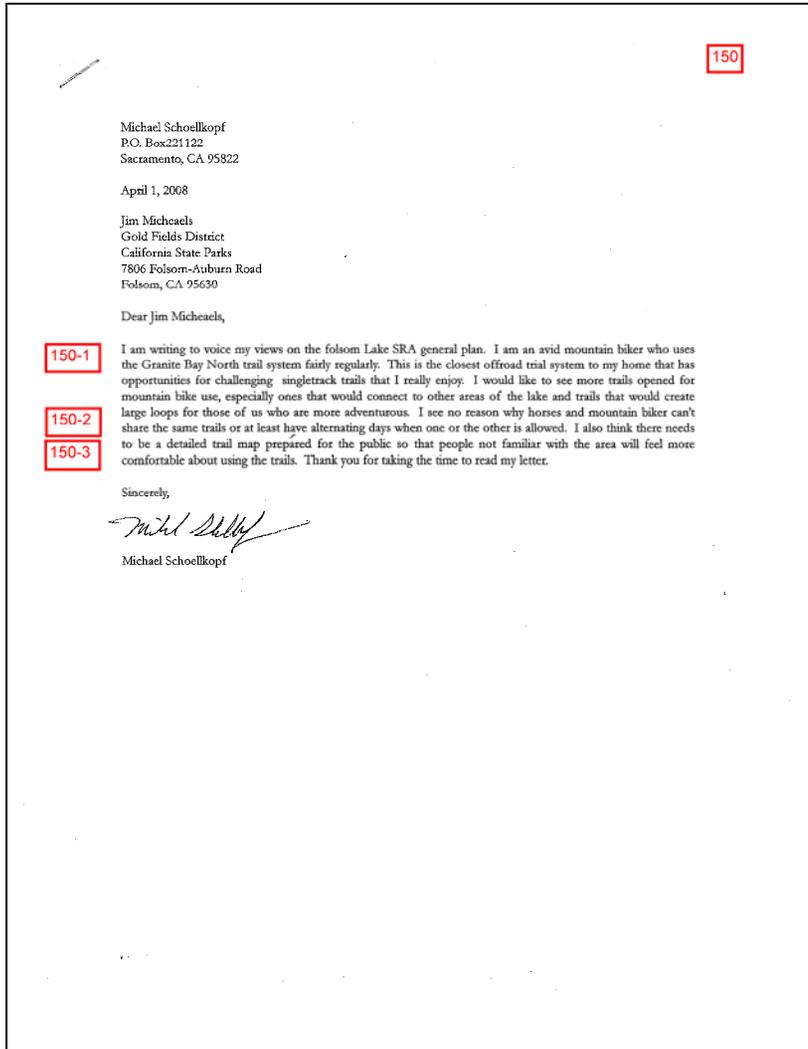
Roxanne and David Schilling  
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Residents of Lakehills Estates

149-3: We are unsure what specific facility this comment refers to on the “west side of the lake”. Please see Master Response BOAT-3 (Section 3.5.3).

149-4: State Park rangers and lifeguards patrol Folsom Lake by boat regularly on weekends during the spring and summer. Staffing, the number of trained boat operators and boat availability all affect the level of patrol. In recent years State Parks has only been able to staff one patrol boat on the lake on summer weekends. Additionally, the Placer and El Dorado County Sheriff Departments also have regular boat patrols on Folsom Lake during the summer season. On busy summer weekends the amount of boating traffic can keep these boat patrols very busy. Patrol of the lake by boat is less regular on weekdays in the summer season and during the off season and is primarily in response to specific problems or incidents. State Parks does have maintenance staff on the lake year round maintaining the hazard buoys, boat docks, floating restrooms and other facilities. State Parks believes the level of enforcement is an operational issue more than a General Plan issue, and we will consider these comments in future boat patrol and staffing decisions.

## Letter 150



150-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

150-2: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

150-3: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-4 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.4).

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Date: March 1, 2008

To: State of California Parks Department

From: Jennifer L. Schubert, Boarder, Shadow Glen Stables

Re: State of California Parks Department "General Plan" concerning the Folsom State Recreational Area and Shadow Glen Riding Stables

To Whom It May Concern:

151-1 It has been brought to my attention that the section of the State of California Parks Department "General Plan" concerning the Folsom State Recreational Area is suggesting ideas for the future of Shadow Glen Riding Stables, including the reduction/elimination of boarding or phasing out the stables completely.

As a boarder who has had my horse at Shadow Glen for the last four years, I can't imagine why you would want to do this. I have already relocated my horse there due to his previous home, Sunrise Valley Ranch, being sold and razed for the building of thousands of new homes down at Sunrise Blvd. and Douglas.

The Sacramento area is well known for its crown jewel - the river/greenbelt multi-access afforded by the American River Parkway, and that's what led me here from Eastern Canada. As someone long into horsemanship and trail riding, the Sacramento area seemed to have much to offer within a reasonable distance.

The stables at Shadow Glen are a convenient, quality, local landmark adjacent to many miles of riding trails along Lake Natoma, Mississippi Bar and Negro Bar - just what I was looking for. As a home-owner in Rancho Cordova and an attentive owner of a pure-bred Spanish Arabian gelding, I need a place close-by with superior care and facilities, and access to riding trails - and Shadow Glen is it. Since my horse is my family and rather high maintenance, the proximity of the stable's location makes regular care and visits feasible, often on my way to or from my work, and every weekend.

As a busy professional training state and national emergency preparedness and response, my job involves much travel so I rely on the exceptional horse care provided when I am away. Also, my down-time involves relaxing with friends as we ride the many miles of trails accessible right out back behind the stables. With the price of gasoline skyrocketing out of control, trailering my horse out to other riding locations is no longer an option.

I know many who are in the same situation as I, and many more who simply come to Shadow Glen to enjoy time around horses. Barely a weekend goes by that I don't see folks and families wandering around with carrots and big smiles - and asking if they can pet my horse. How often do those raised and living in developed areas get time around these wonderful creatures in such a peaceful environment? And the guided trail rides offer an even closer, exciting experience with the horses as well as the beautiful area surrounding the American River.

151-1: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

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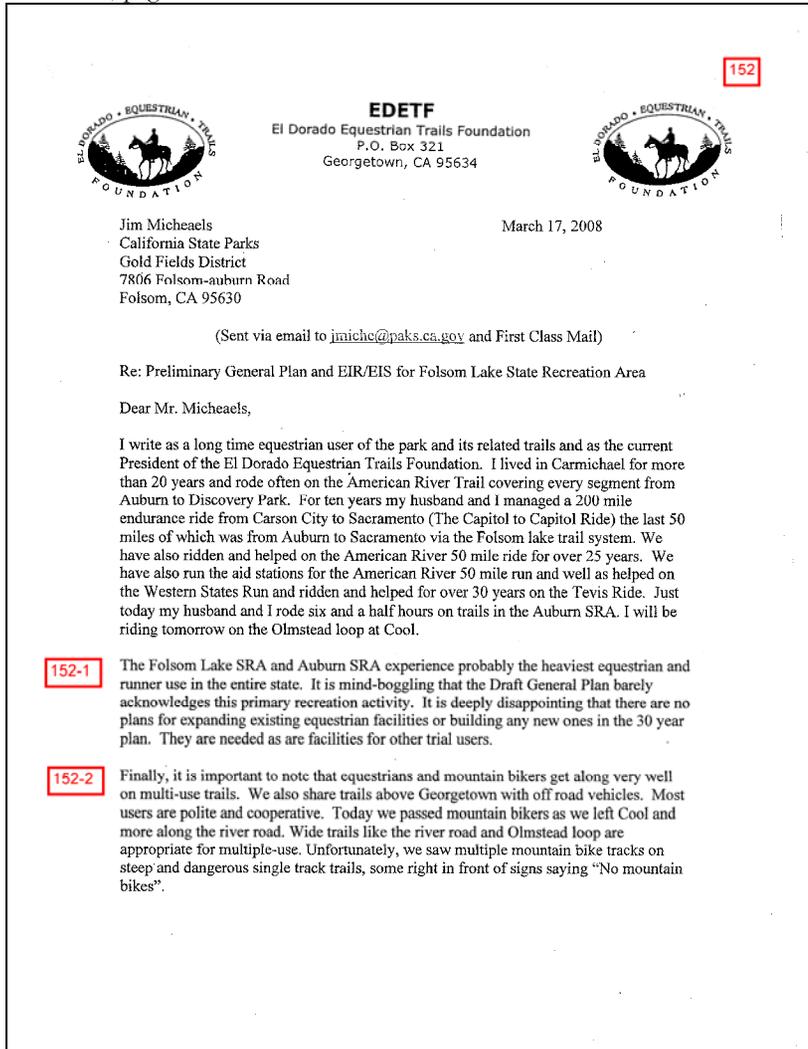
For those of us who incorporate horses into our families and lives, and are dedicated to their upkeep including feed, vet care, shoeing, saddlery, grooming, supplies, etc. (including all the local businesses we support and the taxes we pay) why should we be deprived of such a wonderful, convenient facility?

Shadow Glen Riding Stables has been an icon for trail riding and horsemanship in the Sacramento area for decades, and many residents rely on them as they offer the only trail-rides and horse boarding convenient to trails in the area. As more and more local stables are erased due to the encroachment of developments, places like this become a more valuable asset to our community.

The State of California Parks Department has done a great job in supporting Shadow Glen Riding Stables all these years, and I hope you will continue with your support in the future.

Best regards,  
Jennifer L. Schubert and Franklyn

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152-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

152-2: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

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Without enforcement neither alternate days nor any other proposal is going to work. Moreover, narrow tired bikes create significant erosion damage to the narrow and generally soft single track trails. More bike trails and multiple use trails are needed. But let's not destroy the trails designed for foot traffic and horses by putting mechanical conveyances on them that are dangerous and ruin the trail for existing users.

I urge you to re-open and revise the General Plan to reflect that a primary recreational activity in the Folsom and Auburn State recreation areas is horseback riding, hiking and running. As others have observed nearly one-half of all the recreational horses in the entire state are in the four counties surrounding Folsom Lake

Thank you for considering these views.

Penny Scribner  
President



## Letter 153



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May 27, 2008

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Re: Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and Folsom Powerhouse State  
History Park General Plan/Resource Management Plan

Dear Mr. Micheaels:

Based on new information of which we have become aware, the Sacramento  
Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA) is providing additional comments. We  
previously commented in March.

SABA opposes any commercial development of the state administered area  
around Lake Natoma and supports the state's continued administration of  
Bureau of Reclamation lands. Any development of recreational facilities in  
these lands should be done under state auspices, publicly discussed and  
determined and not create any significant interference with existing or  
planned Class I trails or detract from the natural setting.

SABA is an award winning, nonprofit organization with more than 1,400  
members. We represent bicyclists. Our aim is more and safer trips by bike.  
We're working for a future in which bicycling for everyday transportation is  
common because it is safe, convenient and desirable. Bicycling is the  
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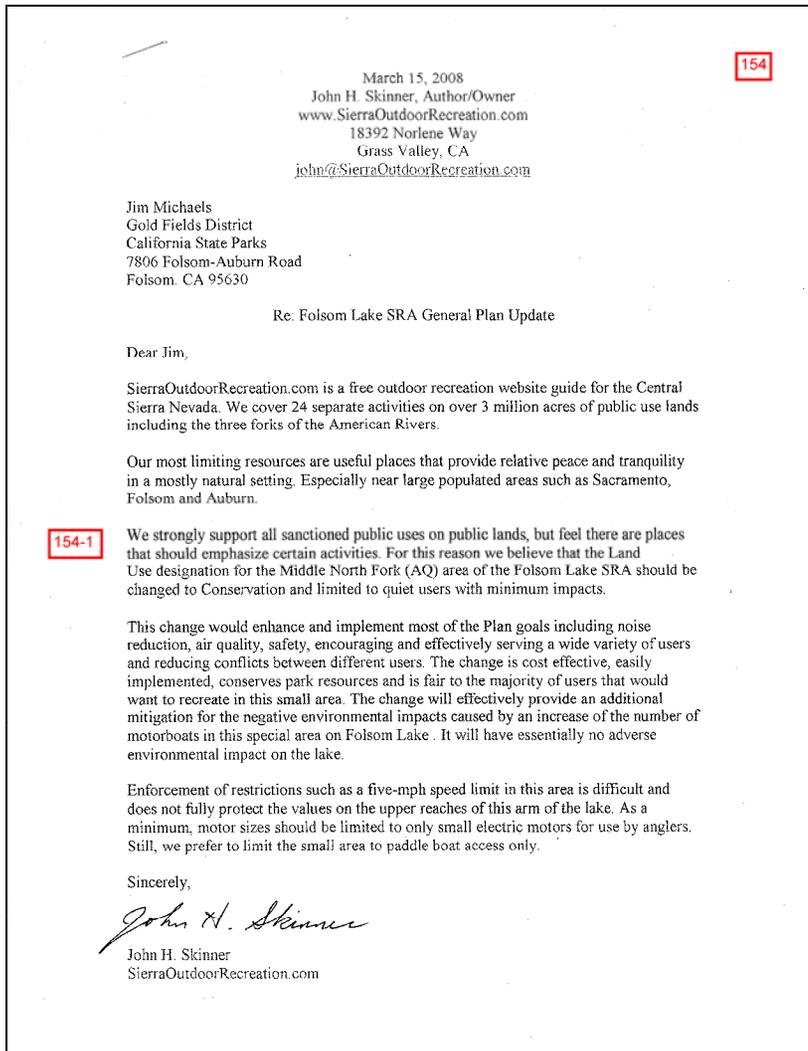
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cc: Ruth Coleman, Director California State Parks  
Dave Cox, California State Senate  
Roger Niello, California State Assembly

American Lung Association Clean Air Award, Sacramento Environmental Commission Environmental Recognition Award,  
League of Women Voters Civic Contribution Award, League of American Bicyclists Club of the Year

153-1: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

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154-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

## Letter 155

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March 2, 2008

RE: Shadow Glen Riding Stable

155-1 The stable has a nearly thirty year history at its Mississippi Bar location and it is a valuable asset to the local community and the state at large. The management is superb, the stables and stock well cared for.

We purchased our home for its proximity to the park and have utilized the trails, bike path, horse trails and Aquatic Center for twenty five years and now we have a twelve year old daughter that wants to share those resources.

The stable is far enough removed from any housing not to cause problems for local residents, yet close enough to serve the local horse community.

To suggest that to remove the boarding of horses would allow for a viable trail riding business to be maintained makes no sense. To remove the entire stable would be a disservice to the community.

The park service and USBR allow a concession at the Aquatic Center and that establishment allows the storage of private boats for local citizens. Private boarding of horses and the continued existing stable operations should be allowed into the future.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Stewart  
Rebecca Stewart  
Kelsey Stewart  
9430 Twin Lakes Ave  
Orangevale, CA 95662

155-1: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

## Letter 156

Jim Micheals  
Gold Fields District  
California State Parks  
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
Folsom, CA 95630

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Re: FSRA General Plan

I have previously written, copy of letter attached regarding the fact that the general plan revision slights the current and future use of the park by equestrians.

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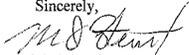
In an effort to provide some documentation, even if anecdotal, of use by riders who access the park by riding their horses onto the park I had riders at my local barn by the lake complete a 3 week survey of trail use. **This is just to provide evidence that any statistics for planning purposes would be flawed if they relied on drive through data rather than riding onto the park data.**

Attached are the surveys. They show literally hundreds of hours of use-day after day, averaging more than 15 hours a month year in and year out by horsemen. This should be extrapolated in any study to reflect the entire population of riders who access the lake by riding onto the trails from where their horse is kept.

This is just one boarding facility and not the largest. I can name 4, Vogel Ranch, Boarding on the Lake, Los Lagos, Folsom Lake Equestrian Center and Knickerknob stables to name just a few where the boarders ride, not drive to the trails. There are many more Mom and Pop stables, Hidden Valley properties and other horse boarding facilities and all the riders in neighboring communities, Orangevale, Folsom, Loomis that located in this area because of the jewel that Folsom SRA is for horsemen.

**Please allow and expand their opportunities in choosing a development plan for the park.**

Sincerely,



Marianne Stuart  
8312 Yvonne Way  
Fair Oaks, Calif 95628

156-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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Subj: **FW: ACE: SEND YOUR COMMENTS**  
 Date: 3/29/2008 3:47:32 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time  
 From: janetpeterson@dishmail.net  
 To: BJHeyward@aol.com, dwynot@hughes.net, jaeda@inreach.com, idryder@pacbell.net, skonst@sbcglobal.net

WENT OUT TODAY.  
 JP

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**From:** janetpeterson@dishmail.net [mailto:janetpeterson@dishmail.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 29, 2008 3:23 PM  
**To:** Ace Equestrian Network  
**Subject:** ACE: SEND YOUR COMMENTS

*Fellow Equestrians,*  
 During the previous comment period we collected more than 500 individual comments from equestrians, bound them into 3 volumes and presented them to Parks. By doing this, we were able to count our response, record exactly what equestrians wanted Parks to know and be assured that everyone's comment reached Parks. We would like to do this again, with your help.

*In the past, all equestrians sent their comments in individually as Parks requested. No one ever knew what the consensus among equestrians was. We never knew if we were standing together or splintered. This makes it too easy for our comments to be sidelined in favor of more organized and boisterous user groups.*

*If you will allow ACE to collect and submit your comments, a record of the universal concerns and opinions from the equestrian community can be developed.*

*Be assured that every comment regardless of its content will be forwarded to Parks by the deadline.*

*The comments that you send to us will be copied and reused when we address federal, state, and local law makers as proof of your opinions and concerns. Each one of you represents a citizen who votes, pays taxes and has a right to the use of public land. That is powerful when we want an audience with a particular legislator, county supervisor, or councilman. Without proof of this type of unity we have little to stand on and will continue to be perceived as a "small minority" that never brings forth a solution.*

*To return this comment form to us, hit "reply", type in your comments where indicated, and hit "send". Please reply no later than April 6, 2008. If you prefer to use US Mail, our mailing address is ACE, P.O. Box 1320, Meadow Vista, CA 95722. New deadline is April 25.*

**Comment Sheet**  
**Folsom Lake State Recreation Area & Powerhouse State Historic Park**  
**General Plan/Resource Management Plan**

**NAME:** PABLO G. SUZ  
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**PHONE OR EMAIL:** (916) 663-4175 PABLO54321@YAHOO.COM

#1-Folsom Lake SRA is bordered by Auburn SRA to the north. Auburn is the Endurance Capital of the World. The current Plan proposal neither enhances nor expands existing facilities. Do you think the Folsom SRA General Plan should include new and expanded facilities to support international trial events of this magnitude?

Enter your thoughts here:  
157-1 NO, THERE IS ENOUGH CONGESTION & CONFLICT AS IT IS

Sunday, March 30, 2008 AOL: BJHeyward

157-1: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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#2-Equestrian, hiking and running are the primary trail activities that occur 365 days a year. As the population in this area is expected to expand, these activities should be supported by enhancements to existing facilities and conditions or new ones developed. Doing so would provide the ability to continue and grow recreational needs for this area. *What specific improvements or enhancements or development would you suggest? Do you think these improvements/enhancements should be plotted and noted on a map for the area? (This could include new horse/hiking trails, public riding arena, enlarged and enhanced equestrian staging, water troughs, hitching posts, picnic areas, restrooms and potable water)*

157-2 Enter your thoughts here: *I AGREE WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS NOTED IN THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS*

#3 -The new General Plan reduces the number of equestrian camping /staging facilities by leaving them out of the Plan. The equestrian staging areas were noted in the 1979 General Plan. In order to plan for the expected increase in trail riders and visiting campers, the horse camps at Rattlesnake Bar, Negro Bar and Peninsula need to be added to the Plan. Monte Vista needs to be reestablished as a group horse camp. This could also accommodate service groups like the Boy and Girl Scouts. *Would you like such facilities added to Folsom SRA for the public to use?*

157-3 Enter your thoughts here: *THE STAGING AREAS SHOULD BE KEPT OR EXPANDED*

#4 Trail maintenance has been lacking in recent years. The conversion of existing hiking/equestrian trails to trails that are shared with mountain bikes will further degrade and damage these fragile trails (ex: Pioneer Express Trail from Granite Bay to Auburn). *Has the lack of maintenance hampered your enjoyment or safe use of the trails in the Folsom SRA?*

157-4 Enter your thoughts here: *YES, MORE ROTTING & EROSION, NOT TO MENTION THE ENCOUNTER WITH ILLEGAL BIKES ON THE TRAILS*

#5-Folsom SRA has provided limited law enforcement on the trails. Bike riding at excessive speeds, illegal night time riding, and bikes on horse/hiking trails can only be curtailed with stricter enforcement. The General Plan needs to state a commitment to enforcement of rules by all trail users. *Would you agree or disagree that increased law enforcement will help regulate inappropriate trail use and why?*

157-5 Enter your thoughts here: *I AGREE, ENFORCEMENT OF RULES WILL LEAD TO A SAFER, MORE ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL USERS*

#6-The proposed General Plan alternatives for Shadow Glen Stables and private horse boarding (the only public equestrian concession within Folsom SRA and greater Sacramento metropolitan area), includes retaining the stables as long as the present concessionaire remains "viable". If that should change, the Shadow Glen Stables may be converted to other uses. *Do you have an opinion concerning Shadow Glen and its use?*

157-6 Enter your thoughts here: *KEEP AS IS*

#7- The proposed General Plan commits to completing a trail around the lake. What trail designations would you prefer on new and existing trails? The trail designation (hiking/equestrian, or multiuse) is not specified. Would you support a multiuse trail corridor that would link hikers and equestrians to single use trails such as Brown's Ravine? *Do you feel this trail designation needs to be clear and that it will support equestrian use on this trail link? Would you support a parallel trail or same use trail within a trail corridor and why?*

157-7 Enter your thoughts here: *PARALLEL TRAILS ARE NOT NECESSARY, TECHNICAL BIKE RIDERS ONLY POSE A DANGER ON THE TRAILS, SPECIALLY HORSE BACK RIDERS*

#8-Equestrians have participated in the stakeholder meetings since the inception of this plan in 2002.

Sunday, March 30, 2008 AOL: BJHeyward

157-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

157-3: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

157-4: Please see Master Responses TR-1 and TR-3 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.3).

157-5: Please see Master Responses TR-1 and TR-7 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.7).

157-6: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

157-7: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

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The agreed upon suggestions have been omitted from the proposed General Plan. By omitting the agreed comments from the prior meetings of the last 6 years, it appears our interests are being marginalized in the Park Plan. *What should the Park do to improve this perception?*

**157-8** Enter your thoughts here: *INCLUDE THE OMITTED REPEATED (VAND) SUGGESTIONS IN THE PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN*

#9-The proposed General Plan omitted numerous equestrian staging and camping areas as well as the historical landmark at Beals Pointe Marker of Pioneer Express Trail . IT is vital to their continuation that they be noted within the Plan and plotted on a map. *Would you support a revision of the General Plan to include the official recognition of equestrian staging areas at Rattlesnake Bar, Snowberry Creek, Brown's Ravine, Negro Bar, Falcon Crest, Peninsula, and of the historic status of the Pioneer Express Trail?*

**157-9** Enter your thoughts here: *ABSOLUTELY SO, THESE HAVE BEEN IN USE FOR DECADES. DID THE JOHN COYNE LATELY WANT TO TAKE THEM OVER. JOHN'S FURST CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN THE MOUNTAIN RIDGE*

#10-A Plan designation of 'Shared use dirt trail-alternate day/time option' is included in the proposed General Plan. This trail designation could apply to all trails ( such as Pioneer Express Trail). Please review question #5 regarding enforcement. *Do you support or oppose the trail designation ( meaning that you would only be able to ride some trails on a particular day or time) and why?. Do you feel it would be enforceable and why?*

**157-10** Enter your thoughts here: *WITHOUT ENFORCEMENT THIS IS NOT A VIABLE SOLUTION. BIKES ARE ILLEGALLY USING THE TRAILS TODAY WITH IMPROBITY*

#11- The proposed General Plan does not include plans for additional law enforcement on trails. *Do you feel that Parks has provided adequate law enforcement on trails? In light of some of the proposed changes within the Park what changes would you recommend? Why?*

**157-11** Enter your thoughts here: *WILDLIFE ARE TIGHT, PARKS ARE LOW PRIORITY. UNLESS VOLUNTEERS PROPERLY "DEPUTIZED" TO ISSUE CITATIONS IS ONE SOLUTION*

#12- All trail users could be accommodated on a combination of shared use, limited use and parallel trails. This type of trail system is referred to as multi-use trail corridor and has been implemented in other state parks to provide connectivity to all trails without mixing all trail users. *Do you support or oppose the use of 'multi-use corridors'? . Should this designation be in the proposed General Plan?*

**157-12** Enter your thoughts here: *MULTI USE CORRIDORS ARE FINE HOWEVER WITHOUT ENFORCEMENT THERE WILL BE INCURSIONS INTO THE OTHER PARALLEL TRAILS*

#13- *Do you have any comments, suggestions, ideas, concerns or solutions that you would like to add?*

**157-13** Enter your thoughts here: *WORK TO ENSURE THAT ALL OUR USER GROUP RIDES OUR OWN CARE IN TO BOOSTERS DEMANDS AT MEETINGS. ENSURING THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING SHOULD BE THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE PLAN. RELY ON VOLUNTEER LABOR, IF NECESSARY, TO GET THE TRAILS COMPLETED*

Sunday, March 30, 2008 AOL: BJHeyward

157-8: Please see Master Response PP-2 (Section 3.1.2).

157-9: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

157-10: Please see Master Responses TR-1 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.12).

157-11: Please see Master Responses TR-1 and TR-8 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.8).

157-12: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

157-13: Please see Master Responses PP-2, TR-7 and TR-8 (Sections 3.1.2, 3.7.7 and 3.7.8).

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**Donna1**

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**From:** "Judy Suter" <jgsuter@hughes.net>  
**To:** "Donna Williams" <dwyre@hughes.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 10, 2008 3:40 PM  
**Subject:** ACE: SEND YOUR COMMENTS

**Comment Sheet** — *John Michaels*  
**Folsom Lake State Recreation Area & Powerhouse State Historic Park  
 General Plan/Resource Management Plan**

Judy Suter  
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#1-Folsom Lake SRA is bordered by Auburn SRA to the north. Auburn is the Endurance Capital of the World. The current Plan proposal neither enhances nor expands existing facilities. *Do you think the Folsom SRA General Plan should include new and expanded facilities to support international trial events of this magnitude?*

158-1 **Enter your thoughts here:**  
 Equestrians need safe trails and staging areas.

#2-Equestrian, hiking and running are the primary trail activities that occur 365 days a year. As the population in this area is expected to expand, these activities should be supported by enhancements to existing facilities and conditions or new ones developed. Doing so would provide the ability to continue and grow recreational needs for this area. *What specific improvements or enhancements or development would you suggest? Do you think these improvements/enhancements should be plotted and noted on a map for the area? (This could include new horse/hiking trails, public riding arena, enlarged and enhanced equestrian staging, water troughs, hitching posts, picnic areas, restrooms and potable water)*

158-2 **Enter your thoughts here:**  
 Existing staging areas could be greatly improved, especially the equestrian staging area at Rattlesnake Bar. We need a level, graveled turn around. Also need a working water trough.

#3 -The new General Plan reduces the number of equestrian camping /staging facilities by leaving them out of the Plan. The equestrian staging areas were noted in the 1979 General Plan. In order to plan for the expected increase in trail riders and visiting campers, the horse camps at Rattlesnake Bar, Negro Bar and Peninsula need to be added to the Plan. Monte Vista needs to be reestablished as a group horse camp. This could also accommodate service groups like the Boy and Girl Scouts. *Would you like such facilities added to Folsom SRA for the public to use?*

158-3 **Enter your thoughts here:**  
 We definitely need to keep these facilities open and maintain them. Just a large level, graveled parking lot is the first requirement. A porta potty and water trough are secondary. Trailer parking should be separate from auto parking.

#4 Trail maintenance has been lacking in recent years. The conversion of existing hiking/equestrian trails to trails that are shared with mountain bikes will further degrade and damage these fragile trails( ex: Pioneer Express Trail from Granite Bay to Auburn). *Has the lack*

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158-1: Please see Master Responses TR-7 and TR-11 (Sections 3.7.7 and 3.7.11).

158-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

158-3: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.11).

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*of maintenance hampered your enjoyment or safe use of the trails in the Folsom SRA?*

**158-4** Enter your thoughts here:  
The trail has become increasingly eroded. The Pioneer Express Trail should not be a multi-use trail. It is way too dangerous. Hikers and equestrians have a right to a quiet, safe trail, relaxing trail, a mini-wilderness experience.

**#5-Folsom SRA has provided limited law enforcement on the trails. Bike riding at excessive speeds, illegal night time riding, and bikes on horse/hiking trails can only be curtailed with stricter enforcement. The General Plan needs to state a commitment to enforcement of rules by all trail users. Would you agree or disagree that increased law enforcement will help regulate inappropriate trail use and why?**

**158-5** Enter your thoughts here:  
We definitely need enforcement of rules. There should be signs that state "No Bikes" and "No Bikes after Sunset"

**#6-The proposed General Plan alternatives for Shadow Glen Stables and private horse boarding (the only public equestrian concession within Folsom SRA and greater Sacramento metropolitan area), includes retaining the stables as long as the present concessionaire remains "viable". If that should change, the Shadow Glen Stables may be converted to other uses. Do you have an opinion concerning Shadow Glen and its use?**

**158-6** Enter your thoughts here:  
Shadow Glen should remain for public enjoyment. If the concessionaire leaves, it should become an equestrian staging area.

**#7- The proposed General Plan commits to completing a trail around the lake. What trail designations would you prefer on new and existing trails? The trail designation (hiking/equestrian, or multiuse) is not specified. Would you support a multiuse trail corridor that would link hikers and equestrians to single use trails such as Brown's Ravine? Do you feel this trail designation needs to be clear and that it will support equestrian use on this trail link? Would you support a parallel trail or same use trail within a trail corridor and why?**

**158-7** Enter your thoughts here:  
Wide, flat, straight trails with a good line of sight are appropriate for multi-use, or for a corridor. Narrow, steep, winding trails do not work as multiuse, and in this case need to be a parallel trails for hikers and equestrians only with a separate trail for bikes.

**#8-Equestrians have participated in the stakeholders meetings since the inception of this plan in 2002. The agreed upon suggestions have been omitted from the proposed General Plan. By omitting the agreed comments from the prior meetings of the last 6 years, it appears our interests are being marginalized in the Park Plan. What should the Park do to improve this perception?**

**158-8** Enter your thoughts here:  
The Park needs to include all stakeholders. The Park should not change trail designations because of the interests or use of another stakeholder.

**#9-The proposed General Plan omitted numerous equestrian staging and camping areas as well as the historical landmark at Beals Pointe Marker of Pioneer Express Trail. IT is vital to their continuation that they be noted within the Plan and plotted on a map. Would you support a revision of the General Plan to include the official recognition of equestrian staging areas at Rattlesnake Bar, Snowberry Creek, Brown's Ravine, Negro Bar, Falcon Crest, Peninsula, and of the historic status of the Pioneer Express Trail?**

**158-9** Enter your thoughts here:  
Yes.

**#10-A Plan designation of 'Shared use dirt trail-alternate day/time option' is included in the**

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158-4: Please see Master Responses TR-3, TR-5 and TR-7 (Sections 3.7.3, 3.7.5 and 3.7.7).

158-5: Please see Master Response TR-1 and TR-4 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.4).

158-6: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

158-7: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

158-8: Please see Master Response PP-2 (Section 3.1.2).

158-9: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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proposed General Plan. This trail designation could apply to all trails ( such as Pioneer Express Trail). Please review question #5 regarding enforcement. *Do you support or oppose the trail designation ( meaning that you would only be able to ride some trails on a particular day or time) and why?. Do you feel it would be enforceable and why?*

**158-10** Enter your thoughts here:  
I oppose alternate days. The Pioneer Express Trail should remain an equestrian trail.

**#11-** The proposed General Plan does not include plans for additional law enforcement on trails. *Do you feel that Parks has provided adequate law enforcement on trails? In light of some of the proposed changes within the Park what changes would you recommend? Why?*

**158-11** Enter your thoughts here:  
I recommend more signage and better enforcement at trailheads. Walkovers allow horses and discourage bikes, motorcycles and ATVs. OHV's have been using the trails around the Lake in the last 20 years. I have seen cars stuck in the mud and sent over cliffs. I have seen motorcycles and ATV's on the Lake trails and at the lake edge. I have often wondered why the Park has done nothing to protect the watershed and trails around the lake.

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**158-13**

**#12-** All trail users could be accommodated on a combination of shared use, limited use and parallel trails. This type of trail system is referred to as multi-use trail corridor and has been implemented in other state parks to provide connectivity to all trails without mixing all trail users. *Do you support or oppose the use of 'multi-use corridors'? . Should this designation be in the proposed General Plan?*

**158-14** Enter your thoughts here:  
Multi-use corridors can work and I would support the plan in certain areas if designed correctly/safely. I do not support the corridor plan from Sterling Point to Auburn due to the steep, rocky terrain. Folsom Lake SRA should consult with other parks that have a plan that is working.

**#13-** *Do you have any comments, suggestions, ideas, concerns or solutions that you would like to add?*

Enter your thoughts here:  
I will write a letter instead.

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158-10: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

158-11: Please see Master Response TR-4 (Section 3.7.4).

158-12: Please see Master Response TR-15 (Section 3.7.15).

158-13: Please see Master Response TR-3 (Section 3.7.3).

158-14: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

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Jim Micheaels  
 California State Parks  
 Gold Fields District  
 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
 Folsom, CA 95630

April 30, 2008

Re: Preliminary General Plan and EIR/EIS for Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

Dear Mr. Michaels,

Thank you for extending the comment period for the Plan.

I am an equestrian and have been riding the trails around Folsom Lake between Negro Bar and the Auburn Dam Overlook for twenty-five years. I am an endurance rider and have ridden portions of the Capitol-to-Capitol Ride from Carson City to Sacramento, the Western States 100 Mile Ride from Squaw Valley to Auburn, and the American River 50 Mile Ride from Negro Bar to Auburn. Although I now live in Gold Run, I still trailer my horse to the Folsom Lake Equestrian Trailheads and ride the area trails. My husband has also ridden the aforementioned rides as well as run the American River 50 and the WS 100. We also enjoy our canoe and just recently purchased a fishing boat. We have been and are major users of the Park.

I feel fortunate to have had such a wonderful trail system right outside my door. Unfortunately, three major changes have taken place in the last twenty years, and all three have greatly diminished my recreational experience in the FLSRA. First is the increased number of users in general, second is the increase in urbanization around the Park, and third is the sport of mountain biking. These three changes are also driving changes in the new Plan. The Park needs to address recreational opportunities for a larger population and at the same time step up protection of the riparian habitat around the Park. I agree with many parts of the new Plan, but as an equestrian I disagree with much as well.

159-1 I am very much in agreement with the Vision and Purpose of the FLSRA Plan in protecting and preserving this great resource for the future. I also agree that the high use should be in the more developed setting and low use in the primitive settings. In that vein, the upland North Fork Shore should remain primitive. The trails and the waterway should be non-mechanized so that users can enjoy the "primitive" experience in that area. Years ago while riding my horse on that trail just south of Rattlesnake Bar, I came upon a fledgling Golden Eagle on the trail. The parent was hopping through the trees following the youngster. Because wildlife is not very bothered by horses I was able to quietly observe the pair for several minutes. This is an example of a primitive experience and why the north end of the lake and river need to be protected as much as possible. On page III-180, the wording of the last sentence needs to be changed from "...link for trail users..." to "link for hikers/equestrians"...

159-2 I also disagree with the Plan in many areas. As an equestrian it is extremely upsetting to me that equestrian use has hardly been addressed. The trails around the lake would not

159-1: Comment noted.

159-2: Please see Master Responses EC-3, TR-5 and TR-10 (Sections 3.3.3, 3.7.5 and 3.7.10).

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exist had it not been for hikers, runners and equestrians. There was little mention of Equestrian Staging Areas or Equestrian Trails. The Western States Pioneer Express Trail was originally designed for equestrians and hikers. We need to retain that historical use and it must be protected. It was never intended to be used for mountain bike challenges.

Parts of that trail into Auburn are on a narrow corridor of Park land and in many spots are on the edge of a cliff that drops straight down to the river/lake below. That trail needs to be protected as a hiking/equestrian trail for reasons of safety and erosion prevention. Without knowing exactly where the Park boundaries are, it would be hard to say if there is room to build a parallel trail. If there is no room for a parallel trail where the bicycles would be invisible to the equestrians, I see no reason why the mountain bikes could not skirt the area by using paved county roads that parallel the lake into Auburn.

159-3 I support a multi-use corridor where appropriate on flat, wide trails with a good line of sight and with enforced speed limits. And we do need a speed limit on multi-use trails.

159-4 Slow, moderate and fast are meaningless. I do not support use on odd/even days, as it is too confusing.

The Plan mentions Safety several times and I again totally agree that safety in the Park is a major issue. Multi-use trails need to be safe and hiker/equestrian trails need to be safe. This is accomplished through correct trail design, signage, and enforcement of rules.

In closing, I urge you to make revisions in the Plan to reflect equestrian usage and needs as evidenced at the Stakeholder Meetings.

Sincerely,

Judy Suter  
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Gold Run, CA 95717  
530-389-8733

159-3: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

159-4: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

## Letter 160

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April 2, 2008

Jim Micheaels  
California State Parks  
Gold Fields District  
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Folsom, CA 95630

Subject: Comments for Folsom State Recreation Area Draft General Plan

I am a horse owner & utilize the equestrian trails at Folsom Lake. There are thousands of horse owners in the counties surrounding Folsom Lake, yet the general plan doesn't seem to address any new horse facilities, such as staging areas, paddocks, horse camps, or trail improvements.

160-1 The current staging area at Beals Point would benefit from additional picnic tables, hitching posts and water troughs. An arena would be a tremendous asset to work horses to loosen them up after trailering and before riding out.

160-2 A horse camp with paddocks would be of benefit to many riders. The horse camp facility at Lake Oroville SRA is topnotch & heavily used. Many of us in the horse community would like to see a similar facility at Folsom Lake.

160-3 Existing trail signs could be improved and adding trail maps (both paper & along the trails, especially were they fork) would provide better information as to trail loop distances & distance from staging area.

160-4 Equestrians don't mind sharing trails but there is always a concern about mountain bike riders on the horse trails and causing unsafe riding conditions for horsemen. There has to be active education about bike riders using caution around horses. Multiuse trails are not always feasible for all situations. It does not seem unreasonable to designate some trails as equestrian & hiking only, no mountain or motorized bikes allowed. This would provide a degree of safety for both horsemen & hikers alike, who won't have to worry about colliding with a biker at a corner or airborne over a hill. Will there be any rangers patrolling on the trails to address trail regulations and enforcement of them?

I, and many others over 50, am unable to hike but enjoy horseback riding as a way to get out in places I normally can't access. My horse provides many hours of outdoor recreation. A safe riding environment is of primary importance.

*Sharon Taylor*  
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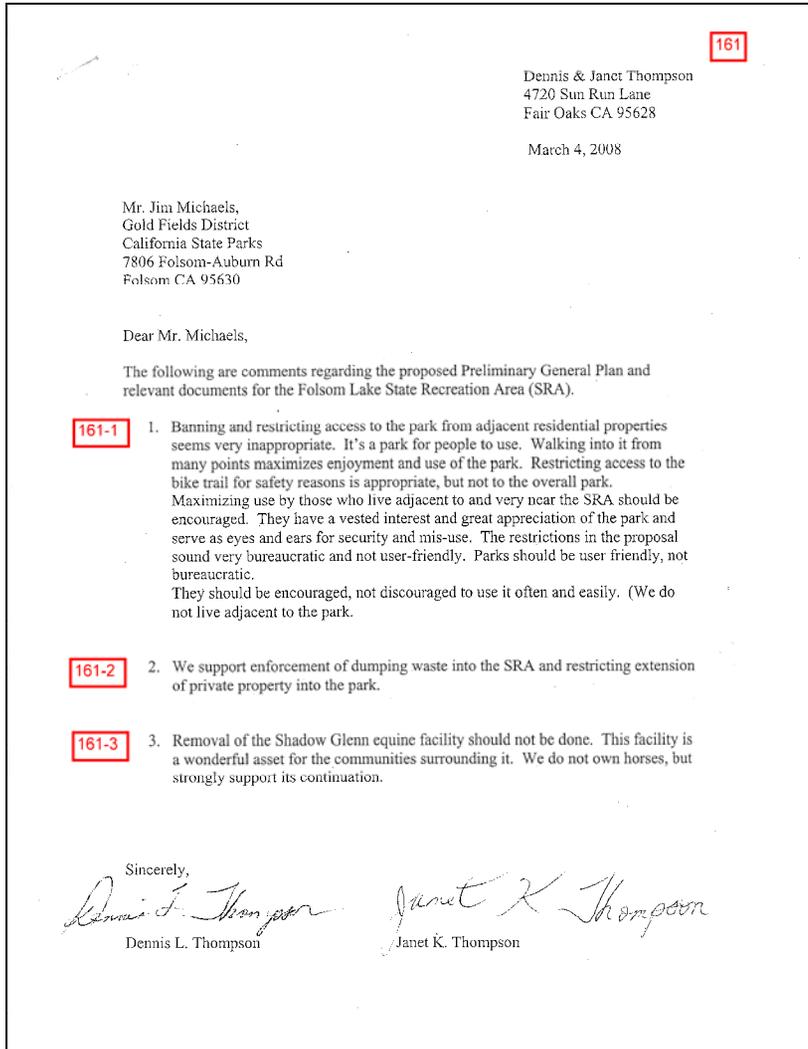
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160-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

160-3: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-4 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.4).

160-4: Please see Master Responses TR-5, TR-7 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5, 3.7.7 and 3.7.12).

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161-1: Please see Master Response TR-13 (Section 3.7.13).

161-2: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-1 (Section 3.7.1).

161-3: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

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**From:** Jamie thompson (jrockchild@msn.com)  
**To:** shadowglenstables@att.net  
**Date:** Sunday, March 2, 2008 8:49:45 PM  
**Subject:**

March 02, 2008  
Jamie B Thompson  
(916) 769-8032

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to you in behalf of Shadow Glen  
162-1 Stables. It has come to my attention that there is a plan in motion to effectively change or possibly close this landmark. I think that it would be a great disservice to this community and surrounding areas.

Shadow Glen Stables has been a place of great enjoyment for the people of the community. It is one of very few, if any other place, where families, children and friends can come for a day of fun and bonding with our native American friend, the horse. Located in an area where city children can come and ride for a week with the kids camp, or to just come by and pet the horses. Not many children these days have an opportunity to experience the thrill of such adventures.

Isn't our community strength in it's families and keeping activities for our children to do? How are we

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162-1: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

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to engage our children's minds to explore the many wonders around us, if we continue to shut down such opportunities? Not only the adventure and excitement of the horse itself, but the adventure in nature that it takes us on. Isn't this what the great State parks are all about?

If you were to take the time to observe the joy of the children and their parents that come by, or the happiness of those who board their horse there, close to their homes in the city, you would not take this source of joy and community strength away. People's lives are changed by having Shadow Glen Stables within the community. It's a place for friends and family from near and far. Visitors from other States and Countries come to see the beauty of this State through this facility.

Once again, it would not be in the States best interest to take this facility away from the public or those who board there. This would be taking away one of this communities greatest assets. We need to continue showing, teaching, and making available this piece of history to all.

Sincerely,

Jamie B Thompson

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**Donna1**

**From:** <janetpeterson@dishmail.net>  
**To:** "Donna Williams" <dwynot@hughes.net>; "Randy Hackbarth" <trfryder@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2008 2:09 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Comment form

I am going out of town on Sunday. As comment forms come in, I will forward a copy of each to you. If you each print the copy you received from me, we will have two sets that copies can be made from.

The one to be forwarded to you is below. I have several more that I will send asap.

**From:** suzanne thurman [mailto:doubletraining@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2008 12:46 PM  
**To:** janetpeterson@dishmail.net  
**Subject:** Fwd: Comment form

**Comment Sheet** *Sean Michaels*  
**Folsom Lake State Recreation Area & Powerhouse State Historic Park**  
**General Plan/Resource Management Plan**

**NAME: SUZANNE M. THURMAN / DOUBLE T TRAINING & LIVESTOCK**

**ADDRESS : PO BOX 561**  
**PHONE OR EMAIL: 530/333-2707; 530/333-0327**

1 Auburn is the Endurance Capitol of the World. To support international trail events of this magnitude, the SRA General Plan should (but does not) include new and expanded facilities that enhance such events.

**163-1** **Enter your thoughts here:** Although I am not an endurance rider, I am an avid rider, and as such support any plan that advances the rights of equestrians. On the contrary, I obviously adamantly oppose the unnecessary restrictions and closure of public or dedicated easements/land that affect riders' use thereof.

2 Horseback riding, running and hiking are primary trail activities that should be supported with new facilities. The General Plan provides nothing for these sports in the future. New horse/hiking trails, a public riding arena, enlarged staging areas, segregated picnic areas and bathrooms, water troughs, and hitching posts need to be specifically identified.

**163-2** **Enter your thoughts here:** As far as I am concerned, horseback riding, running and hiking should be the *only* thing most for these trails are used for. As such, of

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163-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.11).

163-2: Please see Master Responses TR-10 and TR-11 (Sections 3.7.10 and 3.7.11).

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course there should be utilities nearby for the use and enjoyment of people who partake in these activities.

3 The new General Plan reduces the number of equestrian facilities from what was included in the 1979 General Plan. In order to plan for the annual increase in trail riders, horse camps at Rattlesnake Bar and Peninsula need to be included in this plan. Monte Vista needs to be reestablished as a group horse camp and a camp for service groups like the Boy Scouts, etc. What are your thoughts?

**163-3** **Enter your thoughts here:** If for no other reason than to increase revenue from these activities, more facilities should be installed. As far as I know, the population has not shrunk around here since the '70's, in fact, I am sure it has more than doubled. And yet the facilities for these activities seem to be vanishing.

4 Trail maintenance has been desperately lacking in recent years and creating more trails shared with mountain bikes degrades the already fragile and damaged trails. What are your thoughts?

**163-4** **Enter your thoughts here:** I actually believe that if trail use were restricted to equestrians and humans, i.e. no mountain bikes, dirt bikes, etc. allowed, the trails would not degrade in any substantial degree. Contrary to what many advocates of shutting down public lands would lead you to believe, equestrians are a low impact way to travel. Yes, there is some impact, and it should be addressed. However, installing tie posts, hitching rails, etc., would reduce much of that impact.

5 Parks has provided absolutely no law enforcement on trails. Bikes riding at excessive speeds on multiuse trails and bikes riding illegally on hiking/equestrian trails can only be curtailed with existing regulations are strictly enforced. The General Plan needs to include a commitment of law enforcement on all trails, shared and single use. What are your thoughts?

**163-5** **Enter your thoughts here:** Jenkinson Lake/Sly Park has many segregated trails, where equestrians and bicycles part ways, even if separated by only a few dozen feet. It seems to help minimize the potential for accidents. As far as law enforcement, there should be no leniency for those who refuse to obey the rules. Keeping in mind that people who are not around horses are usually ignorant of the mannerisms and characteristics of a horse, some common sense must be utilized due to the sheer physics of an animal that weighs 1000 pounds. Equestrians also need to make sure their animals are IN CONTROL in dangerous situations; it is called TRAINING and many people are not riding well trained animals. If there is someone out riding a bike on a shared trail and they come upon an equestrian whose horse then becomes uncontrollable, there is culpability on the part of the horse owner for not exposing their animal to such stimulus before they hit the trail. Obviously, they should expect to come across bike riders on a bike trail.

6 A trail link to Cronin Ranch requires a hiker/equestrian link to the Folsom hiker/equestrian trails. The General Plan makes no mention of such a link. What are your thoughts?

**163-6** **Enter your thoughts here:** Equestrians that trail ride are already impacted

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163-3: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

163-4: Please see Master Responses TR-3 and TR-5 (Sections 3.7.3 and 3.7.5).

163-5: Please see Master Response TR-1, TR-7 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.1, 3.7.7 and 3.7.12).

163-6: Please see Master Responses TR-6 and TR-11 (Sections 3.7.6 and 3.7.11).

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by private lands closures, and should be able to count on public and dedicated lands expanding their available riding miles. For the trails that already exist, everything should be done to try to link them up, and thus create thousands of miles of non-interrupted trails. Again, the population only continues to grow, and therefore private lands become more and more off limits, and less people seem to dedicate land to the sole purpose of recreational activities such as hiking and riding. The more trails preserved now, the better the future looks.

7 Hitching posts in segregated picnic areas, bathrooms, water troughs, and the enlargement of staging areas need to be included (but aren't) in the General Plans. What are your thoughts?

**163-7** **Enter your thoughts here:** It seems asinine to me that they are not included in "the plan", except it sends a clear message that equestrians seem to be under fire. That is really hard to believe considering the financial impact equestrians have on the economy. The statistics for how much money people spend on the horses are STAGGERING. With the crisis (and it is a crisis) in hay prices right now, it is only getting worse. Fuel prices are not the only driving force behind the RIDICULOUS cost of forage and feed right now, the tried and true supply and demand are behind it, and just like fuel, once they find out that they can get it, suppliers will continue to charge inflated prices for feed. But I am off point; my point is, equestrian activities should be encouraged by government entities, if for no other reason but that they bring in money to cities and counties.

8 Equestrians have participated in the planning process for six years but their suggestions and concerns have not been reflected in the General Plan. Equestrians are a significant user of the parks facilities which makes the marginalization of our interests hard to understand. What are your thoughts?

**163-8** **Enter your thoughts here:** Again, see above. I cannot explain the behavior of government entities (who can?), but if for no other reason, equestrian activities should be encouraged for financial reasons.

9 The General Plan must be revised to include numerous existing horse facilities that were omitted from the Preliminary plan. Unless this is done, these facilities will not have official recognition in the future. They include staging at Rattlesnake, Snowberry Creek, Browns Ravine, Negro Bar, Falcon Crest, and Granite Bay. What are your thoughts?

**163-9** **Enter your thoughts here:** Again, nothing should be reduced as far as equestrian activities are concerned, they should only be expanded, considering the swell in population.

10 The new trail designations described in the General Plan includes one for alternating days. Folsom SRA and Auburn SRA are destination parks for people living out of the area. Having access every other day is not acceptable when visitors have limited time with in which to use the park. Furthermore, there is no law enforcement committed to monitoring a trail designation of alternating days. What are your thoughts?

**163-10** **Enter your thoughts here:** I find it a ridiculous suggestion, made by bureaucrats

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163-7: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.11).

163-8: Please see Master Responses PP-2 and EC-3 (Sections 3.1.2 and 3.3.3).

163-9: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.11).

163-10: Please see Master Responses PP-2 and TR-12 (Sections 3.1.2 and 3.7.12).

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who obviously have never been to either park. How about they petition the numerous equestrian, hiking, and even biking organizations for their ideas on a viable solution. Perhaps they should listen to the people who utilize the areas the most.

11 If you have other suggestions, ideas, concerns, solutions or comments that you would like Parks to address in the Final General Plan, please add them here.

**Your comments.....**

**163-11** Organized events should be self policed, i.e. the organization conducting the event is responsible for its policing the area during the event. Most (not all) event coordinators are coming out ahead financially on the event, or they would not conduct them. If they are only breaking even, it does not seem like it would be too much more of a financial burden to up the entrance fees to the events by a couple bucks to cover the cost of the "policing" necessary. Personally, I find it puzzling that people cannot police themselves, but it just doesn't seem to work that way.

**163-12** Additionally, as far as the environmental impact concerns go, the stress factors should be prioritized, and attacked from that angle. If the biggest concern is erosion, perhaps the geography and topography should be considered before allowing mountain bikes on the trail at all.

**163-13** Personally, I think that state and county prisoners should be put to work in all of our public lands. There is a lot that could be accomplished and maintained with all that manual labor. I'm not sure why we have to over pay federal and state employees to do work when have plenty of people who owe a debt to society locked up behind bars with 3 squares a day, and a dry place to sleep, who could be doing the work. Don't get me started on that topic, however...

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- 163-11: Comment noted. Organized events within the park require a special event permit. Permit fees vary according to the size and impact of the event. Fees can include State Park law enforcement and maintenance staff costs. State Parks periodically reviews the special event policy to ensure the event sponsors cover the costs associated with the event.
- 163-12: Please see Master Responses TR-3 and TR-5 (Sections 3.7.3 and 3.7.5).
- 163-13: Comment noted. As available, State Parks does utilize County parolee crews and California Department of Corrections crews to assist with work in the park.

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Comment Sheet *to Sam Michaels*  
**Folsom Lake State Recreation Area & Powerhouse State Historic Park  
 General Plan/Resource Management Plan**

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#1-Folsom Lake SRA is bordered by Auburn SRA to the north. Auburn is the Endurance Capital of the world. The current plan proposal neither enhances nor expands existing facilities. *Do you think the Folsom SRA General Plan should include new and expanded facilities to support international trail events of this magnitude?*

164-1

*yes*

164-2

164-3

164-1: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.1).

164-2: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.11).

164-3: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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#4-Trail maintenance has been lacking in recent years. The conversion of existing trails to trails that are shared with mountain bikes will further degrade and damage these fragile trails (ex: Pioneer Express Trail from Granite Bay to Auburn) *Has the lack of maintenance hampered your enjoyment or safe use of the trails in the Folsom SRA?*

164-4

yes

#5-Folsom SRA has provided limited law enforcement on the trails. Bike riding at excessive speeds, illegal night time riding, and bikes on horse/hiking trails can only be curtailed with stricter enforcement. The General Plan needs to state a commitment to enforcement of rules by all trail users. *Would you agree or disagree that increased law enforcement will help regulate inappropriate trail use and why?*

164-5

yes

#6-The proposed General Plan alternatives for Shadow Glen and private horse boarding includes retaining the stables as long as the present concessionaire remains "viable". If that should change, the Shadow Glen Stables may be converted to other uses. Shadow Glen is the only public equestrian concession within Folsom SRA, and the greater Sacramento metropolitan area. *Do you have an opinion concerning Shadow Glen and its use?*

no

#7-The proposed General Plan commits to completing a trail around the lake. What trail designations would you prefer on new and existing trails? The trail designation (hiking/equestrian, or multi use) is not specified. *Would you support a multi-use trail corridor that would link hikers and equestrian to a single use trails such as Browns Ravine? Do you feel this trail designation needs to be clear and that it will support equestrian use on this trail link? Would you support a parallel trail or some use trail within a trail corridor and why?*

164-6

yes to many bikes

164-4: Please see Master Response TR-3 (Section 3.7.3).

164-5: Please see Master Responses TR-1 and TR-7 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.7).

164-6: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

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#8-Equestrians have participated in the stakeholders meetings since the inception of this plan in 2002. The agreed upon suggestions have been omitted from the proposed General Plan. By omitting the agreed comments from the prior meetings of the last 6 years, it appears our interests are being marginalized in the Park Plan. *What should the Park do to improve this perception?*

164-7

listen to <sup>the</sup> riders

164-7: Please see Master Response PP-2 (Section 3.1.2).

#9-The proposed General Plan omitted numerous equestrian staging and camping areas as well as the historical landmark at Beals Pointe Marker of Pioneer Express Trail. It is vital to their continuation that they be noted within the plan and plotted on a map. *Would you support a revision of the General Plan to include the official recognition of equestrian staging areas at Rattlesnake Bar, Snowberry Creek, Brown's Ravine, Negro Bar, Falcon Crest, Peninsula, and of the historic status of the Pioneer Express Trail?*

164-8

yes

164-8: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

#10-A Plan designation of "Shared use dirt trail-alternate day/time" option is included in the proposed General Plan. This trail designation could apply to all trails (such as Pioneer Express Trail). Please review question # 5 regarding enforcement. *Do you feel it would be enforceable and why?*

164-9

dont like it

164-9: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

#11-The proposed General Plan does not include plans for additional law enforcement on trails. *Do you feel that Parks has provided adequate law enforcement on trails? In light of the proposed changes within the Park what changes would you recommend? Why?*

164-10

Very little law enforcement

164-10: Please see Master Response TR-1 (Section 3.7.1).

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#12- All trail users could be accommodated on a combination of shared use, limited use and parallel trails. This type of trail system is referred to as multi-use trail corridor and has been implemented in other state parks to provide connectivity to all trails without mixing all trail users. *Do you support or oppose the use of "multi-use corridors" ? Should this designation be in the proposed general plan?*

164-11      *YES*

#13-*Do you have any comments, suggestions, ideas, concerns or solutions that you would like to add?*

*NO*

164-11: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

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March 20, 2008

Merrilee Vuscovich  
4331 Cordero Drive  
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Jim Michaels  
Gold Fields District  
California State Parks  
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Mr. Michaels:

165-1

I am writing about the Folsom Lake Recreation Plan that I read on your web site, kudos to those who prepared it. It appears to be well researched, well written and well intended. My concern is simply this: we do not need to turn this area into the "Never, Never Land of Folsom Lake". This is not a Michael Jackson production, nor is it a Disney production. It is simply nature and should be left as such, simply nature.

We need to leave a footprint that is the least invasive and the most respectful of this treasured resource. We will not have hoards of "cast characters" -- (a Disneyism) -- sweeping away debris and policing the proper use of areas that are naturally-- (synonym for nature) -- more remote and subject to less invasive use. The remote aspect of many of these areas prevents "weekend warriors" from trashing the area the way they do on the American River Bike Trail.

I have been using these quiet, pristine trails for 30 years. It is only recently with the butchering of many oak trees that some of these trails have become visible to less benign travelers. For the first time in 30 years I am finding Starbucks cups stuck in shrubs, yogurt containers left on picnic benches and abandoned coolers with empty beer bottles. We do not need to make it easier for people to haul their trash and other modifications into this site. Please treat this sanctuary with the tender respect it deserves. My appeal to you for responsible stewardship makes me recall something Will Rogers said many years ago about the coastline, "they aren't making any more of it!"

Most sincerely,  
  
 Merrilee Vuscovich  
 Jeff Posner

165-1: Comment noted. State Parks believes the Preliminary GP/RMP provides an appropriate balance of expansion and improvement of recreation use and facilities, protection of areas with important natural resources and cultural resources and maintenance of a range of recreation experiences and opportunities from developed to primitive recreation.

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LAURA CABALLERO B.O.FREC. + CAL STATE PARKS RE: <u>FOLSOM LAKE PLAN</u>	<b>William Michael Wauters</b> 700 Clipper Gap Road Auburn, Ca. 95603-6471 C.S.L.B. LIC 892532 Phone/Fax (530) 878-9335 7/15/08

DURING RIVER CLEAN UPS I HAVE TAKEN GROUPS OF CANOES AND INFLATABLE KAYAKS

166-1 DOWN THE AMERICAN RIVER FROM THE OLD (NOW CLOSED) TUNNEL TO FOLSOM RESERVOIR.

I HAVE ALSO PADDLED CANOES UP FROM RATTLE SNAKE BAR, BUT WILL NEVER DO SO AGAIN UNLESS A LOW SPEED LIMIT IS IMPOSED ON MOTOR BOATS. BOATERS HAVE NO SET COURSE AND WILL THOUGHTLESSLY RACE BY, WAVING, OBLIVIOUS TO THE FACT THAT THEY ARE SETTING UP WAVES THAT CAN SWAMP A CANOE.

**BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS  
 CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES**

*William Wauters*

166-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

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Folsom Lake State Recreation Area & Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park  
General Plan/Resource Management Plan




**Comment Sheet:**  
**Preliminary Plan and Draft EIR/EIS (March 5th, 2008)**

Completed comment sheets may be left in the boxes at the sign-in tables OR folded, taped, stamped and mailed to the address on the reverse.

Name: Lois Watts

Affiliation/  
Interest in this Project: local resident

In the space below, please provide any comments related to the Preliminary Plan or Draft Environmental Impact Report / Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

this is what I want

167-1 1. No multi-use trails - this is not horse safe. some horses will never be ok w/ bicycles (including mine)

167-2 2. Keep sterling point an access point to the lake - this is very important bcuz there are no bikes

167-3 3. make a better staging area at Granite Bay

167-4 4. Keep shadow Glen open - don't you want others to experience the joy of horseback riding along the lake.

Horseback rider safety is my 1st concern

If you require additional space to comment, please use additional sheets and mail in an envelope to the address indicated on the reverse. Thank you.

167-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

167-2: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

167-3: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

167-4: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

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Nancy Louisa Werner  
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March 3, 2008

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To Whom It May Concern:

168-1

I have read the GP/RMP for the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, and am very concerned and strongly protest the content concerning Mississippi Bar's Shadow Glen Stables. The proposal does not state why horse boarding and the Stables itself should eventually be "phased out." For a number of reasons, I would suggest that Shadow Glen Stables remain a viable part of the Folsom Recreation Area:

- Popularity: There are many horse owners,

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168-1: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

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including myself, who live in the area and use the boarding facilities. My own horses were placed on a three- to four- month waiting list before paddocks became available for them.

- Safety: With trailhead access and parking lots located close to the Shadow Glen Stables, the Stable owners and patrons are able to monitor activity and report incidences to authorities more quickly than having to rely on Park patrol.

- Impact: The Stables are located on ground designated as "mudflat/barren" on the proposed maps, showing that wetland, wildlife and plant habitats are not impacted. The plan mentions something about manure presence, but the stable owners give ~~the~~ some manure to local gardeners and have the rest hauled away.

- Education: Every person that participates in the group trail rides that the Stables offers is given the opportunity to learn about and appreciate the animal and plant life, as well as the

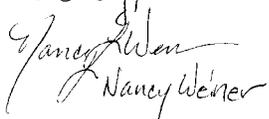
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Natural beauty of the Lake Natoma area.

The plan recognizes today's difficulty in balancing increased population with the need for natural resource preservation. My concern is that it doesn't support all of us who use the trails (equestrians, hikers, bicyclists, and water recreation) but seems to work toward the EXCLUSION of equestrians, which makes me question the underlying motive of the author(s) of the FLSRA proposal.

I'm looking forward to the public meetings and further discussion.

Sincerely,  
  
Nancy Weirer

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May 22, 2008

Mr. Jim Micheaels  
 Staff Park and Recreation Specialist  
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Dear Mr. Micheaels:

I am writing in support of the preferred alternative in the Preliminary General Plan/Resource Management Plan and Draft EIR/EIS for Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park. I also believe that additional non-motorized boat storage and facilities are needed at Lake Natoma and support inclusion in the General Plan for provision of such as proposed in Alternative 3 in the plan for Negro Bar and/or Mississippi Bar.

I have paddled canoes and kayaks, raced in and promoted races for them on Lake Natoma for over thirty years. In 1992, the U.S. Canoe and Kayak team held their National Championships at Nimbus Flat. A week later, the World Outriggers Sprint Championships were also held there. At the time, Nimbus Flats was a primitive facility at best, and the races were held in the typical hot Sacramento summer with no shade, only portable toilets, trucked in water, inadequate parking and a rocky shoreline. Yet, the great race course made for memorable events.

Also, at about that time, the tranquility and environment of Lake Natoma were under extreme threat of development by interests in the City of Folsom led by a shady character with the backing of a Folsom City Council member. The public spoke strongly against this ill conceived commercial campground and large tour boat, which were shown to be inappropriate, and the proposal was defeated.

What also became clear was that legitimate facility improvements were needed. With the push and support from a broad range of citizen groups and grant funding from a number of sources including the California Department of Boating and Waterways, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and Caltrans under the initiative and guidance of California State Parks, a number of environmentally and people-friendly improvements were made at Lake Natoma. These included an almost complete rebuild of the CSUS Aquatic Center and improvements to Nimbus Flats (shoreline grading, turf and beach development, shade trees, picnic facilities, restrooms, walkways, running water, and paved parking). In addition, bike trail and non-paved trail connections were built from the Nimbus Fish Hatchery to the Lake Natoma Inn (a critical link still is missing between

169-1: Comment noted. See revision in direction regarding boat storage for Negro Bar management zone in the proposed changes to the Preliminary GP/RMP (Section 4.2.2). Also please see Master Response BOAT-2 (Section 3.5.2).

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the Lake Natoma Inn and the Historic Truss Bridge). California State Parks is to be commended for accomplishing these great improvements during very difficult budget times and for protecting the precious natural and cultural resources of Lake Natoma.

With the improvements to Lake Natoma, local, statewide, national and international rowing and paddling events continue to come in even greater numbers to Nimbus Flats bringing valuable business to neighboring areas such as hotels, motels and restaurants. In addition to the normal series of races, in 2008 the Woman's NCAA National Championships and the International Va'a Federation World Sprints USA return to Lake Natoma.

I am pleased to see that the preferred alternative plan supports continuing improvements to Lake Natoma such as additional picnic facilities and trails to complete existing systems such as the missing connection on the paved trail in the City of Folsom on the south side of Lake Natoma.

Paddling on Lake Natoma was a scary proposition when I began paddling there 30 years ago as motorboats were allowed on the entire lake. While there was a 5 mph speed limit on the lake, it was frequently ignored, and I was nearly run down several times. When State Parks limited gasoline motors to only the upper end of the lake, safe paddling conditions improved immeasurably. That being said there is still an occasional renegade ignoring the speed limit on the upper end of the lake speeding and putting lives in danger. I am pleased to hear that additional limits are being considered for gasoline powered engines while retaining the ability of fishermen to use electric motors and that the 5 mph speed limit on the entire lake will be continued.

**169-2** Non-motorized boating has become so popular that the CSUS Aquatic Center is a crowded place. This is great to see, but there needs to be provisions made for additional non-motorized boat storage facilities on Lake Natoma at either Mississippi Bar or Negro Bar as proposed in Alternative 3. In addition, consideration should be given to requiring entrance/parking fees at lot outside the Aquatic Center as it is being used by many people not affiliated or even using the Aquatic Center as a way to avoid paying park entrance fees at Nimbus Flats. This is adding to the parking congestion at the Aquatic Center.

**169-3** Non-motorized boaters have very few options of safe places to paddle on flat water. There are times when Lake Natoma is too crowded to get in or too far for some to travel. Adding an additional mile to the existing five mph zone for safety of boaters on the narrow portion of the Folsom Lake above Rattlesnake Bar would give paddlers a safe boating alternative. I favor this addition which will have very minimal impact on power boating, but which will greatly enhance non-motorized boating.

**169-4** Recently, commercial interests in the City of Folsom have proposed that the City take over Lake Natoma or some part of it. The City of Folsom and related interest groups have been very poor stewards of Lake Natoma. They first proposed the ill fated commercial campground and tour boat at Nimbus Flats, they built a huge bridge across

169-2: Comment noted. Implementing user fees at this specific parking lot is not a general plan issue. State Parks is aware of this situation and will consider this as an operational matter.

169-3: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

169-4: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

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the lake with resulting negative aesthetic impacts and wiped out the only campground on the lake, they have allowed a hotel right on the lake with no buffer, and they have repeatedly dumped raw sewage in the lake. The State Park System has been an outstanding steward of Lake Natoma. The City has been the opposite. I would be very concerned about any portion of Folsom Lake State Recreation Area being taken from under the jurisdiction of California State Parks as proposed by interests in the City of Folsom.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plan. Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Honorable Dave Cox  
Member of the Senate

Honorable Roger Niello  
Member of the Assembly

Mr. Brian Dulgur  
CSUS Aquatic Center



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May 30, 2008

TO: **Mr. Jim Micheels**  
California State Parks, Gold Field District  
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Folsom, CA 95630

**RE: FOLSOM LAKE SRA GENERAL PLAN/RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
*Comments and suggestions for improvements in relationship to the Preliminary Plan or Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement.*

171-1 1. Increase the Recreation land use designation acreage in this Plan to correlate with the Hybrid Preferred Plan to FLSRA PGP/RMP, drafted on May 23, 2008, by the City of Folsom, the Counties of Placer, El Dorado, and Sacramento. This will address year around recreational land use, as well as provide greater latitude for future Park administrations to meet the visitor's needs in this RECREATION AREA.

171-2 2. Amend General Plan to reflect the corrections of the errors and omissions noted by the already submitted public comments.

171-3 3. Safety is the primary issue for equestrians. Will a goal that explicitly calls for trail safety protocol be in the General Plan? It is suggested that in the Trail Goals section III, page 79, it states, "A trail system that provides a broad public benefit by safely accommodating diverse trail uses and abilities. Ensuring public safety is a primary consideration in design, construction, and maintenance of all Park facilities and improvements, including trails.

171-4 4. Draft General Plan that contains a specific mechanism for park management to be in closer communication with professional organizations and homeowner's associations that are adjacent to Folsom Lake SRA.

171-5 5. Support the establishment of the multiple discipline trail advisors committee.

171-6 6. Institute a collaborative effort between Parks and local law enforcement. This collaborative effort is needed to improve response times, and to accommodate the large physical area of Folsom Lake SRA. Since Folsom Lake SRA's trail system is one of the largest in the state, it is suggested that a full-time Park Ranger is needed to better enforce Park regulations. A mounted Park Ranger would be preferred.

171-7 7. Equestrians are requesting that the Park General Plan make a comment that, "Per capita ownership of horses in this region is one of the largest in the state." Will the Park add this in the General Plan?

171-8 8. California Historical Landmark #585 to be shown on maps within the General Plan. The full text of the brass plaque should be written into the text of the General Plan.

171-9 9. The General Plan should properly set the policy for an adequate trail maintenance budget.

171-10 10. All dogs on leash. No loose dogs. Post signs throughout the Park. More vigorous enforcement of this State Park rule.

171-11 11. Keep the Folsom Lake SRA concessionaire of Shadow Glen Stables and boarding facilities located at Mississippi Bar. The concessionaire's contract should be reflective of all other Folsom Lake SRA's concessionaires, i.e., length of contract. Expand stables and riding facilities to include covered arena, stables, upgrade office, and restroom. Retain as limited use trails: equestrian/hiking trails of Shady Trail, Middle Trail, Snowberry Creek Trail, and the historic Pioneer Express Trail. Since these trails are an integral part of this Folsom Lake SRA concessionaire's business, will the General Plan include the Folsom Lake SRA's enforcement policies regarding maintaining trail designation use for their concessionaire?

171-1: Please see Master Response ALT-3 (Section 3.2.3).

171-2: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

171-3: Please see Master Response TR-7 (Section 3.7.7).

171-4: Please see response to Comment 29-14.

171-5: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).

171-6: State Parks has mutual aid agreements with the adjacent local law enforcement agencies including the City of Folsom, Sacramento County Sheriff, Placer County Sheriff and El Dorado County Sheriff. As available and needed, these agencies respond to incidents within Folsom Lake SRA. Additionally, State Parks is very involved in the Placer Law Enforcement Association (PLEA).

171-7: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-10 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.10).

171-8: Please see Master Response EC-1 (Section 3.3.1).

171-9: Please see Master Response TR-3 (Section 3.7.3).

171-10: Please see Master Response TR-2 (Section 3.7.2).

171-11: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

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- 171-12 12. Add a Technical Park for bikes in Folsom Lake SRA away from congested areas (such as Granite Bay). Will the Park consider this in the General Plan to reduce user conflicts?
- 171-13 13. Bike speed on all multi-use trails to be 5 MPH when entering a switch back, on passing, and on approaching oncoming multi-use trail users. Post speed per State Park's Vehicle Code for bikes throughout multi-use trail system.
- 171-14 14. Mountain bikes to be defined as mechanized in the Trail Management Plan. Bureau of Land Management in their Sierra Resource Management Plan in February 2008, defined mountain bikes as mechanized.
- 171-15 15. Trail Coordinator position required to have a high level of knowledge of equestrian trail issues and be a representative of the local equestrian community as well as an equestrian consultant agreed upon by local equestrian organizations. The Trail Management Plan will offer opportunities for meaningful public process, and an appeal process. Will the General Plan describe the process that will follow to formulate the Trail Management Plan?
- 171-16 16. Park to keep comprehensive accident/incident reports. Place signage at the access points with a Park phone number to report incidents.
- 171-17 17. Visitor survey of 2003 is inadequate and not statistically valid, therefore this survey should not define the future planning for the Folsom Lake SRA, or be referenced in the General Plan. The General Plan needs to be current, based on a reasonable percentage of surveys to population, as well as two focused surveys, one for aquatic, and one for land based recreation.
- 171-18 18. Remove the Shared Use Dirt Trail-Alternating Day/Time Separation Options concept entirely. By pursuing this Trail Designation the State Parks sets up a system that promotes disregard for safety, promotes the escalation of users conflicts, and damages sensitive trails in difficult terrain that were not created to sustain the erosion caused by this additional user.
- 171-19 19. Create a Guideline that specifically includes the Trail Designation of Multi-use Corridor. A corridor designed, developed, and managed to accommodate multiple trails for different users (i.e., pedestrian, bicycles, and equestrians). Users can be accommodated on a combination of Shared use, Limited use, and Hiking trails that are more or less parallel, but not adjacent to each other.
- 171-20 20. The historic Pioneer Express Trail to be plotted on all maps within the General Plan. This historic trail of the Pioneer Express Trail is to remain in its entirety as a limited shared use trail of equestrian and hiking. This historic trail directly connects to the Western States Trail (Tevis) and the Pacific Crest Trail.
- 171-21 21. Brown's Ravine Trail from marker 5.5 to marker 17.5 to continue as limited shared use trail of equestrian and hiking. Additional users to be accommodated by creating a Multi-use Corridor.
- 171-22 22. Create a Multi-use Corridor to parallel the Darrington trail and to connect to the Peninsula campground and Pilot Hill/Salmon Falls Road. Make Darrington trail multi-use by building a parallel trail to accommodate a limited shared use trail of equestrian and hiker. In reference to enclosed map (#19) all multi-use corridor trails to stay within park boundaries or within legal easements.
- 171-23 23. Build the proposed trail from the Peninsula campground to the Olmstead Loop in Cool. This trail to be a Multi-use Corridor. In reference to enclosed map (#18) all multi-use corridor trails to stay within park boundaries or within legal easements.
- 171-24 24. Folsom Lake SRA to coordinate and facilitate avenues to allow mountain bikers and equestrians to each fund, to construct, to maintain, and to acknowledge stewardship for separate limited use trails that are parallel, but not adjacent to one another. This

171-12: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-10 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.10).

171-13: Please see Master Response TR-7 (Section 3.7.7).

171-14: In some contexts mountain bikes may be defined as "mechanized" and this definition may be relevant in some land use and management situations, such as federally designated wilderness where mechanized equipment is generally prohibited. However, such a definition is not particularly relevant for a State Recreation Area, where mountain bikes are clearly an appropriate and allowed use. It is not clear that defining mountain bikes as "mechanized" in the Trail Management Plan for Folsom Lake SRA would serve any purpose.

171-15: Please see response to Comment 20-20 and Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).

171-16: State Parks keeps records of all incident reports. The suggestion regarding having more signage with State Park contact numbers is an operational issue which State Parks will consider in future decisions regarding signs. Please see Master Response TR-4 (Section 3.7.4)

171-17: Please see Master Response EC-2 (Section 3.3.2).

171-18: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

171-19: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

171-20: Please see Master Responses EC-1 and EC-3 (Sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.3).

171-21: Please see Master Responses TR-10 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.10 and 3.7.12).

171-22: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

171-23: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

171-24: Please see Master Responses TR-3 and TR-8 (Sections 3.7.3 and 3.7.8).

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approach offers a solution to healthy recreational opportunities in the Park's difficult terrain that addresses our diverse recreational community and their chosen recreational requirements. Will the Plan address the avenues in which each user will fund, construct, maintain and acknowledge stewardship of trails in Multi-use corridors and Limited Use designations?

- 171-25** 25. Recommend Equestrian/Group camps at Mississippi Bar immediately south of Shadow Glen Stables and boarding; Rattlesnake Bar in the vicinity of the present Equestrian Assembly/Staging Area; in the vicinity of the Peninsula campground; and the Monte Vista abandoned campground. Keep in place existing Negro Bar Equestrian Camping and Assembly/Staging Area with added facilities of hitching posts/rails. Locations identified on included maps. Each to have per APPENDIX A: Land Use Designation Description for recreation high to medium intensity the following facilities, picnic areas, flush toilets/showers, developed campgrounds, paved/dirt trails, trailheads, interpretive trails/displays, internal roads, and parking areas. Additional facilities would include potable water, horse water troughs, round pen, and hitching posts/rails.
- 171-26** 26. Support proposed trail staging areas at Twin Rocks/Boulder Road; Horseshoe Bar; Peninsula; these each to have Equestrian Assembly/Staging Areas. Support proposed, or enhanced, trail staging areas at Los Lagos; Sweetwater Creek; and Old Salmon Falls. Propose Equestrian Assembly Areas at Nimbus Flat; Willow Creek; and Folsom Pointe. These each to be enhanced with the facilities of horse water and hitching posts/rails. Enhance Falcon Crest Equestrian Assembly/Staging Area with facilities of picnic area, restroom, interpretive trail/display, and hitching posts/rails. Add to Brown's Ravine Equestrian Assembly/Staging Area the facility of a restroom. Nimbus Overlook Equestrian Assembly/Staging Area to include the facilities of hitching posts/rails, and a water trough. Snowberry Creek Equestrian Assembly/Staging Area to add the facilities of hitching posts/rails and picnic tables. Granite Bay Assembly/Staging Area, relocate ADA mounting ramp to the peripheral area of the parking area. Provide a system for horse manure removal. Install a standard mounting block. Enlarge parking area to the south, and provide a separate entrance and exit. Exit to the east would rejoin the main Park road. Rattlesnake Bar Assembly/Staging Area to be enhanced with the facilities of potable water, horse trough, hitching posts/rails, picnic tables, retain present bulletin board, install a mounting block, and a restroom.
- 171-27** 27. Build the Auburn to Cool Bridge, preferably in close proximity of the PCWA Pump Station, in the Auburn SRA. Build the proposed Multi-use crossing at the Salmon Falls Bridge crossing. Open Folsom Dam Road to Equestrian/Pedestrian/Mountain Bike traffic for connectivity or provide an alternative to connect to Granite Bay.
- 171-28** 28. Equestrian water trough at Beals Point on the historic Pioneer Express Trail.
- 171-29** 29. Specify if or when a "trailhead" includes parking opportunities for equestrians, otherwise clarify use designation.
- 171-30** 30. Will this General Plan reflect a prioritization of facilities as did the 1979 General Plan? Will there be a commitment in the General Plan to enlist the community's involvement in this process?

-Submitted by Placer/El Dorado County Ad Hoc Equestrian Committee  
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171-25: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

171-26: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

171-27: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

171-28: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

171-29: Please see Master Response TR-4 (Section 3.7.4).

171-30: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses PP-2, ALT-2 and ALT-3 (Sections 3.1.2, 3.2.2 and 3.2.3) which address these comments.

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April 28, 2008

To: Jim Micheaels, Gold Field District, California State Parks & the Bureau of Reclamation.

Comments related to the Preliminary Plan or Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

If you are striving for excellence, and quality for the scope of the Plan, the foundation of the Plan, the proposed Alternatives offered to replace the current 1979 General Plan should encompass not only correct and dependable information, they should also embody a system that offers to the recreational public, visions and goals as stated in the Plan as well as reaffirming California State Park's Statute. The legal charter of California State Parks, as required by the Public Resource Code, and the California Code of Regulations, among others, calls for it to:....administer, protect, provide for recreational opportunity, and develop the State Park System to interpret the values to the public. The following could have been corrected, like somewhere in the last 6 years.

Omissions and errors as noted in Chapter 2, Existing Conditions.

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1. Page 2. Visitor' area not noted, Snowberry Creek, Granite Bay, Rattlesnake Bar, Negro Bar, and Brown's Ravine equestrian staging areas.
  2. Rattlesnake Bar historic Western States Pioneer Express Trail for hiking and horseback riding.
  3. No reference to the former Monte Vista camp grounds as recognized in Alternative 3, Chapter IV, page 64.
  4. Page 7, 36, & 37 (Table EC-4). Negro Bar Horse Camp is not noted.
  5. Page 38. Table EC-5, Old Salmon Falls doesn't recognize drinking water available for trail users on the Monte Vista North Trail in the direct vicinity of Old Salmon Falls. There are signs in place ,

172-1: Please see Master Responses EC-1 and EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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directing trail users to “potable water”.

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6. Page 40, Table EC-5, and Chapter IV, Page 62. Day Use Facilities Negro Bar Equestrian Staging Area is not noted.
7. Chapter III, Page 172 Granite Bay North. No mention of Granite Bay Equestrian Staging Area only an equestrian staging area at Beeks Bight.
8. Page 8&9. Auburn SRA “Primary recreation activities at Auburn SRA include swimming, boating, fishing, camping, mountain biking, gold panning, off-highway motorcycle riding and white water rafting”. Horseback riding and running are not mentioned, and yet these trails represent decades of local, national, and international events participated by both of these trail enthusiasts. Each of these organizations spend hundreds of thousands of dollars and volunteer hours maintaining these trails. Hikers, who are a large and very important part of this recreational matrix, are also not even mentioned. These are trail enthusiasts that recreate in both the Auburn and the Folsom Lake SRAs 365 days of the year.
9. “More than 100 miles of equestrian and hiking trails are located within Auburn SRA”. No mention of mountain bike trails within Auburn SRA. Per Auburn SRA’s map (sold out of Auburn SRA’s State Park office) recognizes 26 Mountain Bike trails and 30 Hiking/Equestrian trails.
10. Page 61 d. Other regional Destinations. “Lake Oroville has about 6 miles of trails”. With a couple of clicks of a mouse to the Oroville SRA web site, and then another click to trails, produced this information. “Hiking/Equestrian there are 20 miles. The Freeman Bicycle Trail provides 41 miles of scenic off-road recreation riding for all terrain bikes”.
11. Page 42 a. Circulation. “Direct access from I-80 is provided via interchanges at Douglas Blvd. and Laird Road” Douglas Blvd.

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qualifies, Laird Road doesn't qualify as a direct access.

12. Page 36. "Currently there are 46 miles of pedestrian/equestrian trails, 20 miles of multi-use trails, 16 miles of Class I paved trails, 9 miles of mountain bike/hiking trails and 3 miles of pedestrian only trails (2 miles of which are ADA accessible) (see Table EC-6)" Would like to put this trail access picture in focus, by illustrating the amount of geographic opportunities available to the trail users, in specific, Mountain Biking and Horseback Riding. Mountain bikes and equestrians have geographic trail availability throughout the entire Folsom SRA with the exceptions of the following. Mountain bikes are exposed to 9 plus miles of the Darrington Trail (mountain bike trail only), versus 26 miles of hiking/equestrian only trails. Western States Pioneer Express Trail from 38 mile marker at Doton's Point to Auburn SRA at 52 mile marker for a total of 14 miles. Brown's Ravine Trail at 5.5 mile marker at the Brown's Ravine Equestrian Staging Area to 17.5 at Old Salmon Falls Staging Area for a total of 12 miles, the combine total is 26 miles.

The difference to geographical exposure is 17 miles, perhaps a little less, when considering all the available dirt roads and trails between the end of Darrington Trail and the Peninsula camp ground.

13. Trial bridges on single track trails are not mentioned. Four bridges between Long Bar and Avery's Pond, one at Mormon's Ravine, and one at New York Creek.
14. The California historical Western States Pioneer Express Trail landmark plaque located near mile marker 33 on the Western States Pioneer Express Trail is not mentioned.
15. Monte Vista Trail North and Monte Vista South are not listed.
16. Page 59 "A major user survey effort was conducted during the summer of 2003 to characterize SRA visitors, their activities, likes and dislikes, and desires for additional facilities and programs". Study is now almost 5 years old, coupled with the actual numbers of surveys done in 2003 was less than one half done on a significantly lower population in 1979. In addition, one adds the Chapter 2, Page

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172-2: Please see Master Response EC-2 (Section 3.3.2) and the response to comment 20-11.

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57, "Projected population growth is 49% by 2025". This survey then takes on a crucial and significant role, per the Plan on Page 57. Which states, "**The finding of the survey effort are important to informing the future planning for the SRA**". The immediate nuances of this survey are immediately noted on page 59. By listing the top ranked recreational activities. Now add, according to the Plan's Project Manager, Jim Micheals, the survey "**is not statistically valid.**" I believe a more current and appropriate number of surveys based on a reasonable ratio to population, as well as two different focused surveys, one for aquatic recreation, and one for land based recreation. This would allow for a more specific planning and funding.

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17. Chapter 2, page 74. "This General Plan Provides Clear Direction For The Preparation Of The Trail Management Plan". The direction are the Trail Designations. The Trail Designations will be the blueprint for our public trail system within Folsom Lake SRA. This is based on what? Two Trail Stakeholders meeting in 2003, with a promise to have additional Trail Stakeholder meetings, that didn't happen. Not one equestrian stakeholder was offered the discussion or opportunity to weigh in on the pros and cons of the Trail Designation offered 5 years later in Chapter 3, page 82, Visit-41 SHARED USE DIRT TRAIL-ALTERNATING DAY/TIME OPTIONS. I am in total opposition to this Trail Designation. By pursuing this Trail Designation the State Parks sets up a system that promotes total disregard for safety, promotes the escalations of users conflicts, and damages sensitive trails that were not created to sustain the erosion caused by this additional user. All this in known steep and difficult terrain of the American River Canyons. How does this equate to the legal charter of California State Parks to protect ?

At the last Trail Stakeholder meeting held on August 28, 2003 a trail designation presented by Steve Hammond of the Consulting firm of c/o Wallace Robert & Todd, LLC was the Trail Designation of Multi-use Corridor, trails that are more or less Parallel, but not adjacent to each other. This Trail Designation would meet the safety concerns as well as promote a healthy trail system, in regards to stewardship,

172-3: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10) and TR-12.

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maintenance, funding, and respect for our diverse trail users. Equestrian Stakeholders unanimously approved this Trail Designation at the last meeting on August 28, 2003.

- 172-4 18. General Plan 1979, Introduction, Page 11. Local Interest. “Some ten thousand bicyclists have been counted on the American River Parkway during a single weekend. There is continued demand for equestrian trails, and the per capita ownership of horses in the region is among the highest in the state”. This recognition of per capita ownership of horses in the region is among the highest in the state which continues to hold true today, and yet there is not a single sentence in the entire proposed General Plan or the Alternatives noting or recognizing this fact. Reference. The American Horse Council survey of 2005, “Economic Impact of the Horse Industry”. The California horse industry produces goods and services valued at \$4.1 Billion. Additional reference, refer to the American Horse Council.

Comments on Draft General Plan and Draft EIR  
for Folsom Lake State Recreation Area.

Comment 1

- 172-5 Shadow Glen Stables and boarding facilities located at Mississippi Bar is operated as one of the many concessionaires within the Folsom Lake SRA. It is the only public horseback riding facilities in the greater Sacramento Metropolitan area. The importance of this public recreational opportunity is recognized in the General Plan of 1979, Facilities, page 115. Rentals.” For visitors who would not own or bring their own equipment, and who otherwise would not be able to participate in certain types of recreation”. The proposed General Plan and its Alternatives offer a wide range of future possibilities for this State Park concessionaire. These future possibilities range from enhancing the concessionaire in Alternative 2 & 3, to phasing out the riding stable concession, and removing the facilities and restoring the stable area to a parking and access point for Mississippi Bar in Alternative 4 & Chapter III. Essentially changing a public recreational

172-4: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

172-5: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

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opportunity into a parking lot. The concessionaire's contract should be reflective of all other concessionaires within the Folsom Lake SRA.

## Comment 2

172-6 Horse camps future possibilities. General Plan of 1979 includes (2) R&H

trail camps, one at Rattlesnake Bar and one at the Peninsula campground. Chapter III, Alternative 2, and 3, only provide for additional camping at Peninsula, not clarified as to including horse camping. No camping at Rattlesnake Bar. No additional camping included in Alternative 4. Recommend Horse/Group camps at Mississippi Bar, behind Shadow Glen, Rattlesnake Bar in the vicinity of the Rattlesnake Bar Equestrian Staging Area, Peninsula campground, and Monte Vista abandon campground. All of these should be by reservation.

They should accommodate service groups as Boy & Girl Scouts. The Plan is expected to encompass the next couple of decades, so to make these options open for these facilities would seem prudent. This would also provide additional recreational experiences for our youth, this in turn reaps many benefits to the State Park as a whole in youth projects done to benefit the State Park. I have been instrumental in assisting with Boy Scouts projects done in both State and County Parks, so I realize the benefits to all involved.

## Comment 3

172-7 Develop a Multi-use Trail corridor from the Peninsula to the Olmstead Loop

Trail. Folsom Lake State Parks to coordinate and facilitate avenues to allow Mountain bikers and equestrians to each to fund, to construct, to maintain, and to acknowledge stewardship for separate limited use trails that are parallel, but not adjacent to one another. We have to develop a different approach to these well recognized problems that of safety, conflict, and still avail each of us the opportunities to enjoy this phenomenal State Park.

## Comment 4

172-8 Build the bridge on the North fork of the American River, preferable in the

172-6: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

172-7: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

172-8: Comment noted.

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Auburn SRA near the PCWA Pump Station.

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Comment 5

172-9 Build specific trails as technical trails for Mountain Bikes. This has been mentioned numerous times, and yet this is never addressed, other than suggesting the Trail Designation of Alternating Day/Time Option.

Comment 6

172-10 Since, numerous times throughout the General Plans the subject of trail conflict is mentioned in regards to Mountain bikes and equestrians. Mountain bike speed needs to be addressed and recognized. State Park places mountain bikes under the conditions contained in the Vehicle Code. The maximum speed on all trails is 15 MPH. The maximum speed is 5 MPH when passing pedestrians, and equestrians, and when approaching blind curves. State Parks, Angles District, Santa Monica, California. Comments: The Park recently acquired radar to help with control of bicycle speed violations. This demonstrates the State Parks acknowledgment of Mountain bike speed. I believe the speed should be 5 MPH on all Multi-use trails, and should be posted on all Multi-use trails. I am not faulting the Mountain biker. I want to see solutions that incorporate the enjoyment of the State Parktrail system for the Mountain biker as well as all other trail uses. Bureau of Land Management in a February, 2008 document, defined mountain bikes as mechanize, a good definition that needs to be incorporated into our trail dialog.

Conclusion

172-11 After almost 3 months of reviewing these proposed Alternatives, and having attended all the public meetings in this General Plan Update I support the Alternative 1:No Action/No Project Alternative. By periodic review by the public, and the governmental agencies, appropriate, well thought out amendments can be done as has been the case on three other occasions in the last almost 30 years. The 1979 General Plan is a good foundation that actually by itself is better than the other proposed Alternatives.

172-9: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

172-10: Please see Master Responses TR-1 and TR-7 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.7).

172-11: Please see Master Response ALT-2 (Section 3.2.2).

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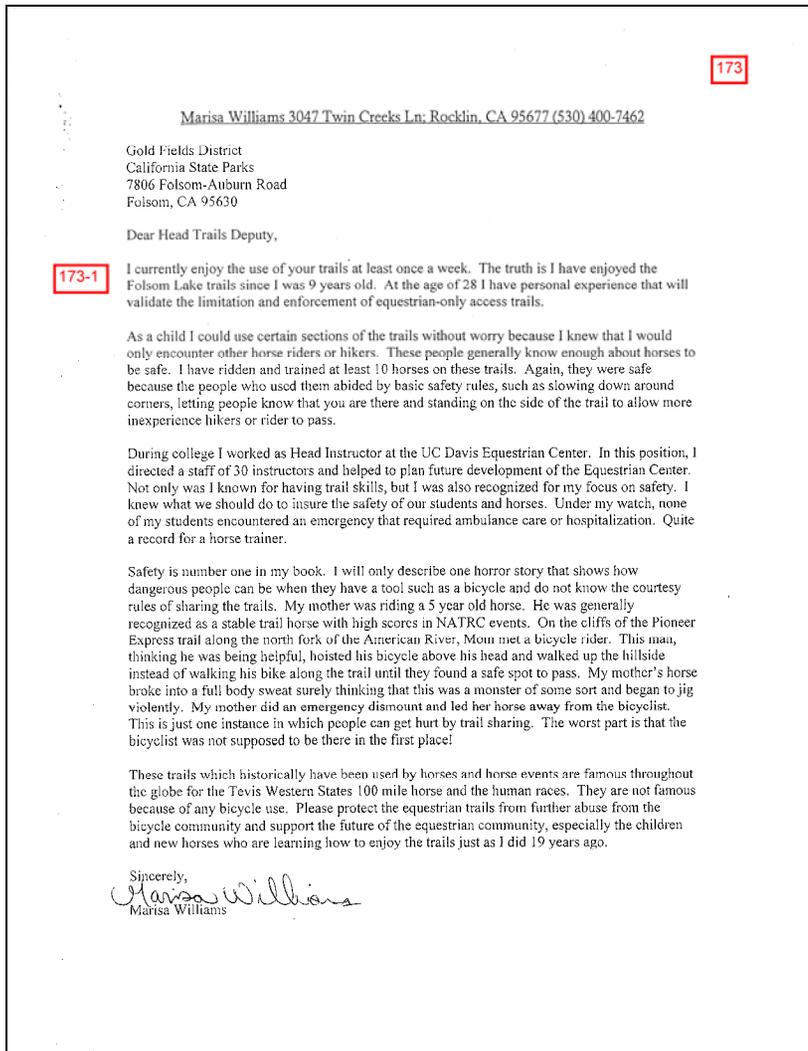
In 2000, the people of California overwhelmingly passed the largest state park bond in the nation's history (2.1 Billion) to support California's growing need for park and recreation services. This should illuminate the importance the people of California place with the California State Parks and their stewardship of the public recreational lands. I voted for the State Park bond of 2000. I now vote for Alternative 1:No Action/No Project Alternative.

This has been a grueling process, one I am not likely to repeat in the near future.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

An Equestrian and a long time Volunteer with decades of labor and funds contributed to both State, and County Parks,  
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173-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5, TR-7 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5, 3.7.7 and 3.7.12).

## Letter 174



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March 20, 2008

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Subject: Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan

Dear Mr. Micheals,

FATRAC is the IMBA-affiliated club with members who have dedicated hundreds of hours to volunteering with State Parks on SRA trails. Darrington and Sweetwater trails were largely a FATRAC effort. Over the years, FATRAC has appreciated the various opportunities to work with State Parks on trails in our area. We wish to submit the following comments regarding the General Plan update.

- 174-1 1. FATRAC supports in general the Preferred Alternative which seems to balance natural resource protection with opportunities for recreation.
- 174-2 2. FATRAC supports equitable distribution of trail mileage available for mountain bicyclists as indicated in the chapter on Trails, at pages III-79-87. FATRAC supports the establishment of a Trails Coordinator for the Gold Fields District, as well as the drafting of a specific Unit Trails Plan. FATRAC urges State Parks to proceed with this as soon as possible. FATRAC would like to participate, and requests being added to the contact list for this endeavor.
- 174-3 3. Some miles with odd-even day riding opportunities is acceptable, especially where trails currently are closed to bikes.
- 174-4 4. A multiple use trail around Folsom Lake is desirable.
- 174-5 5. A multiple use trail(s) from Folsom downtown to Sweetwater and Darrington trails would allow for cyclists to ride safely off road from the Light Rail Station or residential areas. Similarly, planning for connections with neighborhoods and transit with multiple use trails on the Granite Bay side is also important.
- 174-6 6. Completing the trail from the Peninsula Campground up the North Fork to Cool past Gooseberry Flat should be pursued as quickly as possible. Being able to bicycle from Granite Bay to Auburn is also important.
- 174-7 7. Education and joint volunteerism with all user groups promotes a better understanding of group needs and desires. A single joint volunteer patrol should be formed, and the current single use patrols should be disbanded. An Advisory Council with representatives from all groups should be formed.
- 174-8 8. Night riding would allow for cycling after work for those cyclists who are unable to ride during daylight hours in the winter.
- 174-9

Thank you for your accommodation of mountain bicycling in the Folsom Lake SRA. It is very much appreciated. We urge State Parks to immediately begin work on a Unit Trails Plan where specifics can be discussed. Please make sure that FATRAC is included in this planning process. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Craig Wilson, President

174-1: Comment noted.

174-2: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).

174-3: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

174-4: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

174-5: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-6 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.6).

174-6: Please see Master Response TR-16 (Section 3.7.16).

174-7: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

174-8: Please see Master Response TR-8 (Section 3.7.8).

174-9: Please see Master Response TR-9 (Section 3.7.9).

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Dear Sirs:

I am writing as a concerned equestrian about the proposed plans for the Folsom Lake trails. I am also an avid cyclist, trail runner and hiker. I am a frequent user of Folsom and Natoma lakes and own 2 jet skis, a tournament water ski boat. I often swim in both lakes, being a triathlete as well. My medical practice is located in the city of Folsom. I am also a member of the Folsom Lake Mounted patrol and a member of the California Conservation of Trails and help with maintaining and improving the trails around Folsom lake. I frequent and or patrol the Folsom lake trails at least once a week, on foot, bike and horse. I spend more money of my horse activities a year than any other of my activities. Keeping a horse in a stable, with feed, veterinary bills, lessons runs near \$8,000 a year

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I support access of the Folsom lake area to mountain bikes but there is no doubt in my mind that few horses and horsemen could share a narrow trail without a fairly long line of sight. Horses, by nature, are flight animals if surprised and scared and it takes an exceptional horse not to react to a sudden, fast appearance of a cyclist. It is sometimes even difficult with a runner coming around a blind corner or hill. Sharing a trail in not practical unless the trail is very wide.

175-2

The Pioneer express trail is a historic trail used by horses and is one of the main trails used by equestrians from all over the Central valley and especially by all the horse properties and stables running along Folsom Auburn road, Cool and the surrounding areas to the north and east of Folsom lake. This area is the center for endurance riding being the endurance capital and home of the Western States Tevis ride and the Western States Endurance run. The Pioneer express trail connects to these trails and limiting the use of the trail by horses to every other day would essentially close the use of the trail by most horses. Enforcement of the every other day use by mountain bikes would not be enforceable, seeing as how I have already encountered mountain bikes on most sections on trail where they are now banned and with no extra ranger help planned, this would only get worse on the days where only horses are allowed.

175-3

I fully support the options of parallel trails, as I think most equestrians would. Equestrians historically have contributed greatly and primarily responsible for building and maintenance of single track trails throughout the area and I feel most equestrians would contribute time and money to help build a parallel trail, I know I would. I'm also sure mountain bicyclists would also be extremely keen and helping build their own trail where feasible. Trails built for cyclists have subtle but important differences than trails built for horses, and a trail built for cyclists would very much enhance their experience.

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175-5

In your consultations regarding the your plans for the use of the Folsom Lake recreational area, I have heard, but can hardly believe, that there were no consultations or comments sought from an unbiased equestrian expert or even enthusiast for their input regarding the use of trails. Input from trail runners and hikers would also be useful. I wonder if it is not too late to do so at this point since decisions made at this point could potentially ruin the use of the Pioneer express trail for use by equestrians forever. I hope you take into consider the consequences of your decisions on a very important, passionate, generally

175-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-7 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.7).

175-2: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

175-3: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

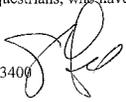
175-4: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

175-5: Please see Master Response PP-2 (Section 3.1.2).

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wealthy large group of equestrians, who have been here since the very first trails were made in the Folsom area.

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916 984-1234  
March 20, 2008



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**From:** Abraham, T [tabraham@marshallmedical.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 12:23 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** RE: Public comment for DEIR/DEIS for Folsom Lake SRA

Jim,

One last thing that I would like to share.

I really think that some sort of attendants are needed at the boat ramps at peak times to do traffic/launch/retrieve control. I suggest this primarily for safety and "enjoy boating" reasons. When it is busy, the ramps are a scary, chaotic and not fun place to be.

Thanks again for listening.

**T Abraham**  
**Marketing & Community Relations**  
**Marshall Medical Center**  
**530.626.2770 x.3603**

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**From:** Micheals, Jim [mailto:JMICHE@parks.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 11:31 AM  
**To:** Abraham, T  
**Subject:** RE: Public comment for DEIR/DEIS for Folsom Lake SRA

Thanks for your thoughtful comments. They are in time and will be considered along with all of the other public comment as we move forward in the planning process. Jm.

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**From:** Abraham, T [mailto:tabraham@marshallmedical.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 10:51 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Public comment for DEIR/DEIS for Folsom Lake SRA

Hello Mr. Micheals,

I very much appreciate the forward thinking and planning you are doing and also appreciate the opportunity to comment. The Folsom Lake SRA is a tremendous place and I want to do all I can to help you keep it that way. Unfortunately, I could not make it to the meeting on the 16th. I volunteer on the board of the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce, on the board of my HOA, and at my daughters' school. Given all that, I can't make it to every meeting, even ones as important the one you held on the 16th.

I live in El Dorado Hills and I share a fence, right at Brown's Ravine, with the Folsom Lake SRA. My family and I walk to the lake, geocache there, I mountain bike on the trails, we store a boat at the marina, and we power boat whenever we can. In short, we enjoy the SRA in many ways on a regular basis.

I have read the General Plan and Resource Management Plan and have some comments/concerns that I would like included in the planning process. They are:

- The comments about limiting neighbor access have me concerned. It is not clear if this is meant for my neighborhood (entry via the creek at Brown's Ravine). If it is, I could not disagree more. I'm not sure what the issue is, as we do not in any way harm the SRA with our access. If it is a money issue (entrance fees), I pay an annual pass fee that is many hundreds of dollars. As you know, many people enter the SRA on foot and don't pay. Without knowing the issue and whether it applies to my neighborhood, I'll stop there. No matter the issue, I am

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176-1: Comment noted. While this is not a comment on the Preliminary GP/RMP, this is an operational idea worth consideration.

176-2: Please see Master Response TR-13 (Section 3.7.13).

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completely against limiting neighbor access for my neighborhood. Could you please let me know if that is what is being considered?

- 176-3 • I very much encourage anything that encourages mountain biking in the SRA. I have ridden the trails hundreds of times and it is very clear that the trails at the SRA are best suited for biking and are most frequently used by bikers. As for rogue bikers that intimidate walkers or horses, those idiots will use the trails and use them improperly regardless of what is set out in the general plan. The bikers are the ones who are keeping the trails clear and who are making the most of the trails. Horses are rarely seen and, when they do come, they leave piles of manure on the trail. I find that far worse than what I've seen any biker do.
- 176-4 • Something has to be done about maintenance. The parking lot is crumbling away, the trails are not maintained (trees down, overgrown, etc), there is no enforcement of anything, and launching a boat is a scary thing since there are no attendants. A way must be found (adopt a trail?, raise fees?, etc.) to take care of this precious SRA.
- 176-5 • It seems I saw some verbiage about limiting power boating down the South Fork. I could not disagree more. The lake is scary enough with all the boaters on it now. Making it smaller by restricting areas is asking for trouble. Given all the times I've been on the lake, I can't understand why this is being considered. Is it for paddlers or something like that? This idea makes no sense to me and it seems like someone who has not boated on the lake and observed the existing chaos must have come up with it. I would respectfully suggest you talk to some boaters before this goes any further.

Thanks again, Jim, for the opportunity to give input. Am I in time? Will my comments make it in?

**T Abraham**  
**Marketing & Community Relations**  
**Marshall Medical Center**  
**530.626.2770 x.3603**

176-3: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-7 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.7).

176-4: Please see Master Responses TR-1 and TR-3 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.3).

176-5: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

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## Letter 177

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**From:** lloma@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2008 3:24 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** The Browns Ravine trail

Mr. Micheaels,

177-1

I have been to several of the SRA meetings over the years but unfortunatley I missed last nights meeting in EDH.  
 I have wanted to ask about the Browns Ravine Trail thats always been a non mt bike trail.....wanting to know what an equestrian as myself does when encountering a Mt biker? When I do, I remind them they don't belong on this particular trail and they are very rude by either ignoring me or saying things like "prove it!" as they whizz by.  
 I am 62 and recently riding again. I have two green horses and enjoy the opportunity to introduce them to all the other issues along the lake trails without having to deal with Mt Bikers zooming by or sneaking up. Once my horses have non bike trails down then I'll move on to multi use trails elsewhere, like up at Cool, for further training adjusting to riding multi use trails.

I have expressed my concerns and desires at several meetings about keeping/having some non bikes trails for equestrian users just like the mt bikers have exclusive use----Salmon Falls Bridge trail. Horses were on all those trails long before Mt bikers invaded and we shouldn't be totally kicked off nor have to totally give up all the trails to Mt bikers!

Again, what does or can a person like me ( public) do about any bikes on the Browns Ravine trail? I enter the trail up where the old campground used to be off Salmon Falls. A staging area that used to be patrolled years ago with citations on cars parked there with bike racks or if biker was there starting or finsihing thier ride. Now I don't know what the policy is but there is a sign at the trail head stating no Mt bikes.....doesn't seem to stop em though.  
 Thank you for your time and response.

LLoma Alameda  
 38 yr El Dorado Hills resident.

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177-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5, TR-10, TR-11 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5, 3.7.10, 3.7.11 and 3.7.12).

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**From:** Carlos Allison [wiring@sbcglobal.net] 178  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2008 9:17 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** New Trails

**Attachments:** wiring.vcf

Jim, 178-1  
I am writing this email to you insupport of the modifications/new trail development for mountain bike trails as per the proposal. I am a single dad so it is hard for me to make it to night meetings as my son is still in middle school but, riding the trails around Salmon Falls is an enjoyable family experience for us and we look forward to new and improved riding all around this area and support you and any measure that would include this recreation. Thank you.

Carlos Allison  
9160 Madison ave #75  
Fair Oaks ,Ca.  
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916-990-9973

Please feel free top contact me with any news or developments if you need to.

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178-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-10 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.10).

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**From:** Anderson, Anita [aanderson@loomis-usd.k12.ca.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 10:43 AM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Cc:** Anderson, Anita  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed plans for Folsom Lake Trails  
 Dear Mr. Micheaels –

I am writing on behalf of myself and the numerous equestrians that live in the Folsom Lake area. Many of us, including myself, moved to this region for the purpose of a rural and equestrian lifestyle. I have been riding on the Folsom Lake trails for 12 years now and have seen many changes. It has become increasingly unsafe to ride the trails from Rattlesnake Bar, Twin Rocks, Beals Point and Granite Bay due to the speed and number of the mountain bikers. I have had multiple "near misses" with the bikers because they were going at excessive speeds. These were on blind corners and there was no warning of their presence. The unfortunate thing in many of these cases is that they were doing this on the "equestrian only" trails. I have also observed the "no bikers" signs being torn down and discarded. Most of the mountain bikers I chat with are very pleasant and cooperative, however, there needs to be some thought given to having less "multi-use" and more segregated trails for the sake of safety. It is unreasonable to think that a horse will respond well to a bike whipping around a corner, with no warning, at 20+ miles an hour.

The spirit of our entire Folsom recreation area is for relaxation, enjoyment, and social activity IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT. Careful thought MUST be given to the welfare of ALL the users of the trails. Mountain bikers have a right to use them as does a hiker or an equestrian like myself, but there needs to be enforceable rules in place to protect all. I would imagine a person taking a quiet hike would not appreciate the bikes whizzing by either. They, however, have the advantage of being able to leap out of the way if they are caught off-guard. A person on a horse does not have that luxury and the resulting circumstance can be fraught with danger and injury should the horse bolt or buck their rider off. We cannot blame the animal; it is their instinct to flee if they feel they are in danger. A rider can only do so much to deal with this, even the best of riders.

It is my request and recommendation that careful consideration be made as to how to rectify this problem. I have lived in 2 other states (Arizona and Washington) and sadly watched the equestrians in the larger metro areas get pushed further and further from accessible riding areas. We were eventually trailering our horses 40-50 miles just to have a nice, quiet ride, something is lost to "progress" if this time-honored sport is driven away. The equestrian spirit has always been a part of our rich history here in Northern California and should not be lost. May I suggest that we take into consideration the needs of those who have considerately and quietly used the Folsom Lake Trails for decades? There is far more pavement out there to be ridden on than safe, dirt trails. We do not have the options that bikes do. Please help preserve our WAY OF LIFE and the safety of those who support the continued protection of our state park environment.

Sincerely,

Anita M. Anderson  
 Placer School Librarian  
 LBHA Member  
 Northern California Native  
 aanderson@loomis-usd.k12.ca.us

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179-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5, TR-11 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5, 3.7.11 and 3.7.12).

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**From:** Chestine A. [bandon48@humboldt.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2008 10:32 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Draft General Plan for Folsom  
Dear Mr. Michaels,

**180-1** It is my understanding that the proposed General Plan for the Folsom State Recreation Area does not include horseback riding, hikers, or runners as primary recreation activities. As both a hiker and horseback rider, I am appalled that they are not included. Certainly hiking is one of primary uses of ANY recreation area and horseback riding is one of the original uses of the area. Please revise the plan so that these activities are included. Motorized off-road use is inconsistent with a peaceful hike or ride and needs to be restricted to a very limited area.

**180-2** I have enjoyed riding my horse in this Area many times and would feel very disenfranchised if horseback riding is not included in the General Plan. We need more facilities, including horse camps, water troughs, staging areas, hitching posts, etc, to encourage more use of this area by horse people. It is a beautiful and inspiring place to ride. Please keep equestrians in the General Plan.

Sincerely,  
Chestine Anderson  
95 Old Somerville Creek Road  
Garberville ,CA 95542

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180-1: This comment is incorrect. The Preliminary GP/RMP notes all of these trail uses in numerous sections of the plan. Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

180-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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**From:** Cathy Andrews [catforestandrews@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 12:59 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** proposed alternate trail closure

Regarding the proposal of alternating days for trail usage, the enthusiasts who utilize our parks often do so when the weather permits, and in great numbers. Why not establish a multiple use corridor of trails that permits all enthusiasts to enjoy the outdoors as the weather and their schedules permit? Such a corridor is already successfully in use around Jenkinson Lake, at Sly Park in El Dorado County, and it is a great success. Equestrians, hikers, and bikers can all enjoy the outdoors simultaneously and harmoniously with the corridor approach.

Sincerely,  
Cathy & Greg Andrews

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181-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

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**From:** Cathy Andrews [catforestandrews@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 6:19 PM  
**To:** lcaballero@mp.usbr.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Trails plans

I am very concerned about the future usage plans for Folsom Lake. I have seen a trails corridor concept successfully used around Jenkinson Lake, at Sly Park, and it seems like it would work very well for many recreation enthusiasts around Folsom Lake too. Yet Mr. Micheals seems intent on curbing and/or eliminating equestrian usage in the park, despite repeated public outcry. Why does he speak of increasing dock "boarding" of private boats, yet state at the planning meeting that he "personally" feels it is inappropriate use of state land to board private horses? Why is this his decision rather than that of the people? Why does he ignore the corridor concept that has already been suggested, and speak of alternative closure days, which would be difficult to align with weather, personal schedules, etc., hence making the park less accessible to the public?

Please, please keep our public parks an asset to be enjoyed by the public. All the public.  
 Thank you,

Cathy Andrews

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182-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3, TR-11, TR-12 and MB-1 (Sections 3.3.3, 3.7.11, 3.7.12 and 3.10.1).

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**From:** Hans Apel [hansap@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2008 10:11 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Cc:** Pam B; colin gmail; Alan Apel  
**Subject:** Review Comments: Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan

Dear Mr. Micheaels,

as a family we are frequent users of the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA) with an Annual Day Use Pass # 012417.

We thank you for all the hard work that has gone into bringing the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan (GP) this far. Roughly six years is a long time, and we are very pleased that the Preliminary General Plan/Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) for the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA) and Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park are now finally available for public review.

1. Primarily because it has taken such a long time to get to this point, we strongly oppose extending the review period beyond March 24, 2008. We are very concerned that any extension of the review period may delay the State Park Commission Hearing on the plan by as much as 6 months or more, because of the strict criteria governing the schedule and the location of the State Park Commission Hearings. It appears as if the special interests requesting the extension of the review period are only interested in delaying the process. 183-1
2. We want conservation and preservation to have a very high priority in the GP. It was gratifying to discover that the agencies have placed a high priority on conservation and preservation in the Preferred Alternative (PA). That has our full support. We enjoy the SRA as a nature experience and want to see it continue to thrive as a healthy natural environment. 183-2
3. We typically ride mountain bikes in the SRA, and we often ride our mountain bikes to the SRA from Fair Oaks where we live. Right now the GP uses a very broad brush to describe the plans for the trails in the SRA. We are not opposed to that because it seems to be a wise decision given the role of a GP. It is important to us regardless to state our priorities for mountain bike access to the trails of the SRA in order of priority: we would like to see the existing dirt trails in the SRA that are not yet mountain bike legal converted to multi-use mountain bike legal as quickly as possible; we would like to be able to use mountain bike legal bike dirt trails around Lake Natoma initially and then around Lake Folsom as well; we would ultimately like to be able to ride a mountain bike legal dirt trail connection to the "Olmstead Loop". Contiguous/uninterrupted mountain bike legal trails all the way from the populated lake shores and beyond to the backcountry reduce access problems to the SRA and greatly increase the benefits from the SRA trails to mountain biking users. 183-3
4. Easily achieved progress towards our higher priority goals in the short term outweighs our interest in the long term more expensive/greater scope projects. We have two economists in the family who are very fond of one of the more famous quotes attributed to John Maynard Keynes: "The long run is a misleading guide to current affairs. In the long run we are all dead." Granted, there are times when the quote makes no sense at all, carbon emissions into the atmosphere being just one. 183-4
5. We are very concerned that the Unit Trails Plan (Trails Master Plan / Trails Management Plan) is not further along towards adoption and implementation at this time. At the March 5, 2008 meeting you responded to a question about the Unit Trails Plan saying [quoted from memory rather than based on any notes]: "The schedule and the process for developing and reviewing the trails plan has not been laid out yet." If that is true, and if a fully agreed and adopted Unit Trails Plan has to be in place before any trail work can begin then progress towards better mountain bike access to the SRA trails may well be another six years away. We favor a flexible approach to trails planning that allows for incremental progress. 183-5
6. We encourage cooperation between the agencies and those mountain biking organizations that have a strong track record planning and constructing mountain biking trails in cooperation with land managers. IMBA nationally and FATRAC locally come to mind. Mountain bikers in general are very often willing to build and maintain many of their own trails in cooperation with public agencies at the federal, state, and local levels. We hope that the agencies will take advantage of the offers to cooperate with qualified mountain biking organizations. 183-6
7. In the future we would like to be notified at this email address hansap@msn.com and/or at our home address: Hans Apel & Pamela Burton, 8225 Olive Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 of all public events relating to the SRA General Plan process and also of all public activities relating to the Unit Trails Plan (Trails Master Plan / Trails Management Plan). 183-6

Best Regards,  
Hans Apel, Pamela Burton, Colin Apel, Alan Apel

Members IMBA, USA Cycling, USA Triathlon

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183-1: Please see Master Response PP-1 (Section 3.1.1).

183-2: Please see response to Comment 165-1.

183-3: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-6 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.6).

183-4: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).

183-5: Please see Master Responses TR-8 and TR-10 (Sections 3.7.8 and 3.7.10).

183-6: Comment noted.

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**From:** Jesai Bancroft-Connors [jesai@eventnouveau.com] 184  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 22, 2008 10:16 AM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom State Recreation Area  
 Dear Mr. Michaels & California State Parks,

I am writing about your draft for the Folsom State Recreation Area. 184-1  
 Since this plan will guide trail development for the next 30 years, I was concerned to learn that Horseback riders, hikers and runners are NOT mentioned!

The current draft describes primary recreation activities in the Auburn SRA such as swimming, boating, fishing, camping, mountain biking, gold panning, off-highway motorcycle riding and white water rafting – but you may not be aware that this trail is widely used by equestrians. We live near Half Moon Bay and come there to ride with our friends who live in your local area and ride regularly at that site.

As an event planner ( I work with groups like Grand National Rodeo ) I know that there is also a definite need for additional facilities (horse camps, staging areas, water, picnic tables, paved parking, water troughs, hitching posts, riding arena, etc.) as more and more equestrians sell out the horse camps here and are willing to look further afield for facilities – which is revenue producing for the parks. 184-2

We are also happily share trails with most groups ( ex: hikers and equestrians can share the trails) but not with motorized mountain bikers / motorcycles. 184-3

We want you to know that we horsemen also help keep your trails safe by accessing the far reaching areas that hikers and bicycles usually do not travel. We are gentle on the nerves of wildlife, who see us as just another animal out there & our riders serve as eyes and ears for these remote areas of our parks / trails and we would like to continue to do so in the years to come.

We Thank You for your consideration of revising your draft to include equestrians.

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184-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

184-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

184-3: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

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May 27, 2008

Dear Mr. Micheals:

In light of additional information that has surfaced regarding aspects of the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and Folsom Powerhouse State History Park General Plan/Resource Management Plan, I write to provide additional comments to my earlier public comments which I submitted in March 2008 (Attachment #1) and also addressed at the March 11 Public Comments meeting.

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There has been some discussion from a local developer (Attachment #2) that California State Parks is not doing an adequate job managing the Folsom Lake/Lake Natoma State Recreation Area. This individual has repeatedly criticized, both verbally and in writing, State Parks' management of the area in that they have not followed the 1979 long range plan. Simply put, this earlier plan is now sadly out of date and State Parks has done a tremendous job in developing the new General Plan/Resource Management Plan. This new plan is a thoughtful, comprehensive document that carefully addresses all aspects of the area around the two lakes, including flood control, water supply, power generation, restoration of wetlands, preservation of historic cultural resources, wildlife habitat, and recreation. I fully support this plan in its entirety.

Said local developer has also been vocal about agencies other than the State assuming responsibility for Lake Natoma. In a recent development, the city of Folsom has decided, at a cost that must be somewhere in the millions, to clean up the old corporation yard that lies between Young Wo Way and Lake Natoma. One can only wonder what the city plans to do with the land, which is directly adjacent to Lake Natoma. Might there be a relationship between said local developer, who is pressing mightily for the city of Folsom to assume management of Lake Natoma, so that this developer could put something on the old corporation yard, like a hotel or some other "tourist" attraction, and the city of Folsom, who is spending millions of dollars to clean-up an area that is close to a very beautiful lake? And who is going to pay for the corporation yard clean-up? The city of Folsom is experiencing serious financial woes (Attachment #3); those financial woes, coupled with absolutely no experience managing a resource such as Lake Natoma, makes one wonder why said local developer believes that the city of Folsom could even begin to manage an area such as Lake Natoma.

One final note about Lake Natoma – this is a beautiful, peaceful, quiet lake that is enjoyed by thousands of visitors every week – in fact, Lake Natoma was voted as a best kept secret in Folsom by the best of Folsom on MyFolsom.com (Attachment #4). There is sailing, kayaking, canoeing, swimming and paddleboats on the water, running, walking, hiking, cycling, bird watching, wild-flower enjoyment, and horse-back riding on the trails around the lake. No regular user of this lake (and there are many) wants any kind of "recreational

185-1: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

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development" on this like, other than perhaps an increase in the number of picnic tables available, upgrades of existing facilities such as was recently done on the Negro Bar boat ramp, and perhaps a few more water fountains and toilets in appropriate locations. In fact, the corporation yard would be a perfect location for a park, with running water and picnic tables. Anything along the lines of a hotel or marina would not only be out of place, but would have severe negative impacts on the historic district sewage infrastructure, which is already sadly overextended and creates significant run-off problems during storm run-off.

In closure, I believe State Parks has done, and continues to do, a splendid job in managing both Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma. They are good stewards to the area, and have recently completed an upgrade to the Negro Bar boat ramp, have debuted an adopt-a-trail program, and have significantly increased their partnerships with corporate sponsors, service groups and concerned citizens on clean-ups and other projects to beautify the park. They should continue to manage both Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma, and should move forward with the General Plan/Resource Management Plan as written.

I would be happy to discuss this with you further and can be reached at 530-752-8932 during week days, or 916-353-2858 any other time. Keep up the good work!

Crystal Barber  
Concerned Citizen  
609 Orange Grove Way  
Folsom, CA 95630

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## Attachment #1

My name is Crystal Barber and I am a regular user of Lake Natoma and an occasional user of Folsom Lake. I am here to express my strong support for the work done by California State Parks on the Long Range Plan and on the day to day maintenance and activities at both of those lakes.

I am concerned about an apparent push to increase by a significant amount the development of recreational activities in and around the lake. In my perusal of the LRP, I note that Folsom Lake reaches capacity regularly during peak season. And my own experience has shown that Folsom Lake is very crowded during these days. In my opinion, increasing by a significant amount the number of boat slips and parking spaces is only going to make the lake more crowded, which is going to diminish the experience of the users. I understand the need to balance the use of the lake but if development occurs in a haphazard fashion, as has been done in so many areas around the state, it will have a negative impact on the lake, the surrounding flora and fauna, and the neighborhoods that are adjacent to the park.

I think that the review process, while long and arduous, has also been done in a very thoughtful fashion. Items that have been taken into consideration include the use of the lake for flood control, water supply, power generation, restoration of wetlands, preservation of historic cultural resources, wildlife habitat, and recreation. I participated in all of the early stakeholder meetings and felt that all users of this area had ample opportunity to provide feedback and express their concerns. This information has clearly been integrated into this final report. In particular, the use and development of the trail system by mountain bike users and equestrians was thoroughly considered and the recommendation balances

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the need to expand the number of trails while enhancing the existing network. My personal opinion is that the lake is already maxed out with boaters; it can be dangerous on that lake during peak season. Adding a significant number of slips will have a negative impact on these already busy days. However, it seems reasonable to compromise and add a more modest number of slips to the facility. The analysis done on this issue included not just adding slips to existing facilities, but also the necessary upgrades and developments to upland facilities to support the expansion.

**185-2** I also have concern about significant expansion of all facilities on the lakes that might not be supported with an increase in Parks staff to maintain and police the area. As you are well aware, we are in a budget crisis and the Governor has proposed closing 48 other state parks and limiting lifeguards at 16 state beaches. When times are tough, parks are considered "disposable" in that their budget is the first to be cut. Expansion without the increase in staff necessary to maintain the area will lead to increased crime, destruction of cultural and natural resources, and will significantly diminish the quality of the experience at the lakes. Once again, a balance needs to be struck so that expansion of the facilities comes with the necessary staffing (both maintenance and rangers) to provide a safe and comfortable experience for park users.

**185-3** I also want to put in a strong word for increasing partnership with volunteer organizations in order to offset the cost of maintenance of the park. Ruth Coleman has indicated in her Central Valley Vision the need to partner with other organizations and groups on efforts within parks. The Folsom Lake SRA folks (at Lake Natoma) have been particularly successful with this type of effort and I encourage more of the same, i.e., using mountain bike riders

185-2: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses TR-1 and TR-3 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.3).

185-3: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-8 (Section 3.7.8).

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and equestrians to do more trail upkeep and maintenance along the lines of trash pick-up, brush trimming, bridge building, etc. These folks WANT to help! Let them!

**185-4** One last word – the City of Folsom really wants to develop the area between Lake Natoma and Sutter Street. However, I have not seen any willingness on their part to put in mitigating plans that will help offset the increased trash and negative impact that will occur if this develop were to take place. The access to the park behind Lake Natoma Inn and Karen's Bakery is already trashed on a regular basis and this is coming from people walking or riding into the park directly from the City of Folsom property. I am disappointed that the City does not do a better job of partnering with State Parks on the areas where the park and city property meet (across from the Outlets, by the Cliffhouse, behind the Automall, etc.). If the city wants to work with State Parks on any time of joint effort, they need to do a better job of stepping up and taking responsibility. The amount of trash that blows into the park from the Automall is ridiculous. I know – I pick it up all the time. Perhaps the city, the Automall, and Lake Natoma Inn all will adopt a portion of the trail with the new Adopt a Trail program.

185-4: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

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**From:** Wendy Belt [mahalopoolsupply@sbeglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2008 10:38 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Horse back riding

I am writing in response to the changes being discussed in the Parks and Recreation Planning Commission. I am new to the horse trails and riding at Folsom Lake. I started riding here the last couple of years as I moved close enough to start the trails at my front door. Its such a wonderful experience and I am totally enjoying myself. I get so excited as I find new trails that take me to wonderful equestrian staging areas. There I get to meet new people, let my horses water and rest, and many have picnic tables to sit and visit. I hope these safe places continue for us and more are in the works.

A small background of my horses, and me, is that we are still kinda new. They (so far) have done great with the hikers and bicyclists, but get a little skiddish with motor bikes. I find that I try to stay away from those types of trails. Safety is very important.

So, in closing, please do everything in your power to ensure the use of the parks for all of us.

Thank You,  
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186-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-11 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.11).

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**From:** Mary Benson [c-maryb@msn.com] 187  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 8:59 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** FW: Folsom

**Attachments:** Study growing trend hispanic horseback tours.doc; Mountain Bike Demographics.doc; recreation\_trend\_article\_may\_2006.pdf; Need.doc

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 > From: c-maryb@msn.com  
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 > Subject: Folsom  
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 > March 18, 2008  
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 > Jim Micheals  
 > California State Parks  
 > Gold Fields District  
 > 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
 > Folsom, CA 95630  
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 > Dear Mr. Micheals,  
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 > Los Angeles Trails Project is the non-profit outreach organization for the for Rim of the Valley State Trail Plan. Rim of the Valley surrounds the San Fernando Valley and potentially serves over 4 million Greater Los Angeles Residents. Studies by the USFS, California State Parks and Carson City Nevada all agree on one thing, that minority and older populations of the west coast are growing.  
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 > The picture of the park visitor has been affected by this as well. It's a family camping over a weekend, or 3 day holiday with young children and extended family grandparents that plan to engage in a number of group activities during their stay. Safety is their number one concern. The number one activity named by Hispanics as something they would like to try:  
 > HORSEBACK RIDING TOUR

187-1 These first time users cannot safely use any trails permitting bicycles. Los Angeles Trails Project does not support alternate day use because it is an unenforceable proposal. Existing equestrians and hikers will be displaced. A new opportunity to draw visitors to the park cannot be explored.  
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 > We are also concerned that IMBA's own demographic study lists over two thirds of mountain bicyclists as persons that do not live in households with children, and that the average age is 39. Mountain biking is considered by most studies as an extreme sport. This demographic is exactly the opposite of the predicted demographic for our state.

187-2 The studies that we have reviewed show research that indicates a need for more safe equestrian/hiking trails/interpretive trails not more trails open to bicyclists.  
 >  
 > Sincerely,  
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 > Mary Benson  
 > Los Angeles Trails Project  
 > 11070 Sheldon Street  
 > Sun Valley CA 91352

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187-1: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

187-2: Please see Master Response TR-7 (Section 3.7.7).

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**From:** Pat Binley [patbinley@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2008 3:28 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake State Rec. Area Plan

Hi Jim,  
 I attended the planning meeting at the Folsom Middle School. The only comment I wanted to make was regarding the Peninsula Camp Ground. I would hope that fire danger and response time to fires will be studied and addressed esp. if there are plans to enlarge the camp ground. I was camped there several years ago when a fire broke out in the campground. Most people took to the lake for safety. The fire was fought from the air and by campers. No firetrucks. It would have been dangerous and difficult for people to evacuate. Cars and moterhomes were not moved. The fire was put out, but it started to smolder again the following morning. I am particularly interested in any development plans that affect Lake Natoma. And am always interested in anything relating to the Powerhouse and The Native American Museum. Sincerely, Pat Binley

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188-1: Comment noted. Emergency response, including wildfire response, is addressed in a number of other venues in addition to the broad direction in the Preliminary GP/RMP. This includes specific fire management plans developed by Reclamation and Stare Parks, mutual aid agreements between State Parks and Reclamation and emergency response agencies, and operational preparedness and planning.

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**From:** Pat Binley [patbinley@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 7:45 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** General plan SRA public comment

Dear Jim,

I attended the meeting held at Folsom Middle School regarding the General Plan/Resource Management Plan for Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and Folsom Powerhouse. I listened with interest to the public comments, mostly regarding horse trails, stables and campgrounds. I agree with state parks assessment of improvement plans for Folsom Lake. Not much was said regarding Lake Natoma, even when the subject was brought up. I understand at the subsequent meeting on April 16, suggestions by a member of the Folsom Chamber of Commerce were brought up for Lake Natoma regarding a dock and bike/pedestrian/horse trails. I would urge state parks not to make plans to change the natural status of the lake at this time. I for one, see no urgency for change at Lake Natoma. Future Long term planning with the city and residents in conjunction with re-development of the corporation yard when those plans surface seems soon enough. I am happy there exists a buffer of state parks and BLM land to preserve nature around the lake. Sincerely, Pat Binley

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189-1: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

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**From:** Wayne Blevins [gaitsmth@inreach.com] 190  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2008 5:49 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** General Plan for the Folsom State Recreation Area not including equestrian  
Dear Sir/Madame,

I understand that you have drafted a 30 year plan for the General plan for the Folsom Recreation area that excludes the use by Equestrians and hikers. My friends and I have used the trails for years on horseback and also for hiking. I emlore you to please change the draft to include Equestrian and hiking use. Their is a great need for a good safe place to ride and hike and these trails are just fabulous! There is also a need for additional facilities like horse camps, staging areas, water, picnic tables, paved parking, water troughs, hitching posts and riding arenas for groups. 190-1  
It's not too late, please add my voice to your general plan 190-2

Thank you very much,

Kind Regards,

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190-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

190-2: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

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**From:** linda Boisa [lindakboisa@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 22, 2008 7:25 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** General Draft Plan for Folsom State Recreation Area

I just read the General Draft Plan for the Folsom State Recreation Area. While it included many great recreational activities, it did not list Horseback Riding!!!! This needs to be ammended!!!! MANY horse people use these trails and it also the main reason many people live in this area. Sincerely, Linda Boisa  
 Member of ETP (Equestrian Trail Patrol), SHA (Sacramento Horseman's Association), CSHA (California State Horseman's Association and active Board Member of the DCPAC (Dry Creek Parkway Advisory Committee).

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191-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** Nancy M Bonde BONDE [nmbonde@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2008 10:49 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** equestrian trails at Folsom Lake

I just heard that in the new proposal for the next 30 years for the park system at Folsom doesn't include the horses, is that right? I must be an oversight, since so many of us enjoy those trails with our horses, I can't imagine them being taken away from us!!!! Please include the horses in the new proposal, I know that there will be alot of VERY, VERY, unhappy people that really don't want to lose those trails!!!

Thank You very much,  
Nancy Bonde  
Grass Valley

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192-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** Faith Boucher [fboucher@ucdavis.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 18, 2008 3:18 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Lake Natoma

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CONGRATULATIONS!! Lake Natoma is safe, at least for a little while, due to your efforts. 193-1

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193-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

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**From:** Lori Breckenridge [Lbreckenridge@cachecreek.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 22, 2008 8:58 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Lake Folsom

Hi Jim-

**194-1** My name is Elizabeth Breckenridge and I am a member of Yolo County Horsemen's Association. I received word from members of my club that the state is working on trail development plans that will affect Folsom Lake for the next 30 years. I hope you are aware that the lake is a very popular destination for many riders, near and far. Although the parking is not always the best, the trails are spectacular as well as the view. Please do what you can to include equestrian trail usage in your development plans as separate trails from motor bike vehicles. I hope to have many rides in the future.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Breckenridge  
Yolo County Horsemen's Association

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194-1: Please see Master Responses TR-11 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.11 and 3.7.12).

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From: Marilyn Bridger [emdurango@mac.com]  
Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2008 4:17 PM  
To: Micheaels, Jim  
Subject: Folsom State Rec Park

195-1 Please include in your plans equestrian trails, and areas for horse camping.

195-2 Equestrians and hikers can share these trails. Please do not allow motorized vehicles in that area. It is too dangerous. Bikers have many nice areas to ride, while horse trails are being phased out.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Marilynn Bridger

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195-1: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

195-2: Motorized use is not allowed on any trails within Folsom Lake SRA and the Preliminary GP/RMP did not propose allowing motorized use on any trails. Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

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**From:** Fritz Bronner [fbronner@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 10:48 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Re: Folsom Lake Equestrian Trails, Search and Rescue Clinic, and more!  
Jim Micheals  
California State Parks  
Gold Fields District  
7806 Folsom-auburn Road  
Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Sir,

The most recent "Draft General Plan" for the Folsom State Recreation Area appears very incomplete. The plan will guide trail development for the next 30 years, but as currently in draft, the plan described the primary recreation activities in the Auburn SRA as swimming, boating, fishing, camping, mountain biking, gold panning, off-highway motorcycle riding and white water rafting; but Horseback riders, hikers and runners are NOT mentioned!

There is actually a need for additional facilities (horse camps, staging areas, water, picnic tables, paved parking, water troughs, hitching posts, riding arena, etc.) and that some groups (hikers and equestrians) can share the trails, but not motorized mountain bikers.

I hope you will revise this plan and incorporate these features. Also consider the vauded economic impact benefits for the local area if these assets are included, drawing greater ecotourism.

Yours,  
Fritz Bronner

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196-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3, TR-11 and TR-12 (Sections 3.3.3, 3.7.11 and 3.7.12).

Letter 197: Duplicate letter. Please see Letter 65.

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**From:** Brookshire-Doyle [rockingjk@hotmail.com] 198  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 2:24 PM  
**To:** Micheels, Jim  
**Subject:** comments on Folsom draft plan  
Dear Mr. Michaels,

My husband and I live in Cool, CA, and ride horseback on the recreation area trails every week. Particularly in the winter we haul our horses to Folsom Lake in order to ride on the trails there. We see horseback riders almost every time we ride on the Folsom Lake and Auburn SRAs. We share the trails with hikers, runners, and (where allowed) with bicycles. 198-1  
When we moved here in 2001, we were impressed with the number of trails and the amount of users on the trails. Some trails were used so much that they were one to two feet deep below grade! This usage has only increased over the years we have been here, and we see a need for even more trails. There is also an increased number of horse rigs in each of the staging areas we use.

Given this heavy and increased use, my husband and I think the draft plan should include plans for more trails and more facilities for equestrians. We are disappointed that the current draft plan does not include any mention of accomodating the population and recreation increase the region will experience.

We have a wonderful recreation area with single track trails and wider trails. The single tracks are appropriate for the runners, hikers, and horses, but not fast moving mountain bikes. The wider trails are appropriate for every user. We don't believe alternate day closure is a good choice for trail management. We need more trails to accomodate every user. 198-2

We urge you to rework the plan taking into account the runners, hikers, and horseback riders. We make up a large portion of usage on these trails.

Thank you,

Jackie Brookshire-Doyle  
Kevin Doyle

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198-1: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

198-2: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

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Input on the Draft to the General Plan for Activities in the Auburn SRA Page 1 of 1

**From:** Brown, Cheri K [cheri.k.brown@intel.com] 199  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2008 9:56 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Input on the Draft to the General Plan for Activities in the Auburn SRA

To Whom it May Concern,

I understand that a draft of the general plan for the next 30 years for activities in the Auburn SRA has excluded mention of horseback riding, hiking and runners. I hope that this is an oversight and not a plan to exclude the use of this area for those not mentioned. I am an avid equestrian and spend much of my time on these trails with other equestrian friends throughout the year. In addition to day rides I also enjoy horse camping throughout the season averaging two camping excursions per month beginning in May. It would be a shame if the trails in the Auburn SRA were no longer available for our use.

I would really like to see that these trails not only remain open to us, but that the plan includes developing staging areas and adequate camping facilities for equestrian use similar to that of Jack Brooks, Lake Oroville, Sly Park etc. Equestrians have no problem sharing the trails with most groups..with the exception of off-road type motorized vehicles. El Dorado's recreation area provides separate trail areas for these folks and it works beautifully. The motorzied folks have a place to enjoy their activies while the other groups have a place to enjoy a peaceful and quiet day of hiking, bike riding, and trail riding.

I would like to ask that you please consider amending the current draft to includes the groups left out in your current draft and to make provisions in your development plan to include adequate staging and camping facilites for equestrian use. 199-1  
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Respectfully,

*Cheri K. Brown*

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- 199-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).
- 199-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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**From:** Lyle & Donna Brown [ldcda@sbglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 10, 2008 9:31 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom State Rec Area General Plan/Resource management plan  
 To: Jim Micheals  
 From: Lyle and Donna Brown  
 Date: 5/10/08  
 Subject: Pioneer Express Trail

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Thank you for sending us the postcard notice regarding the Public Comment Period for the Preliminary General Plan. My wife and I have lived in Orangevale for 50 years. We often walk along the Pioneer Express Trail. We have enjoyed this trail from west of the Sunrise bridge, all the way to Rattlesnake Bar. This trail is enjoyed not only by equestrians, but also by walkers, joggers, and mountain bikers. This dirt trail is very unique and is one of the many jewels that make up the American River Parkway/ Folsom Lake Recreation area. We deeply value the opportunity this dirt trail offers us to get off of the paved, often used bike trail. The pace on this dirt trail is slower, and offers the user the opportunity to stop, pause, look, listen, smell and feel the abundant flora and fauna.

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200-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses TR-5, TR-7 and TR-14 (Sections 3.7.5, 3.7.7 and 3.7.14).

We were very disappointed earlier this year when we walked from the Dam Road towards Beals Pt. State Park. The newly constructed Visitor Center and newly erected fencing along the dike has eliminated the dirt portion of the Pioneer Express Trail in this area, forcing all users onto the paved bike trail. This is a heavily used area and restricts all users onto the paved bike trail making it very congested and dangerous. The sharp curves and the low overhead clearance of an overpass creates a dangerous situation, not only for equestrians but other users as well. This new portion of the bike trail has a very limited shoulder and no shoulder in some areas, increasing the dangers in this area, and exasperating walkers, joggers, bikers, and equestrians. This "newly" constructed area was obviously highly engineered and I'm sure someone was very proud of the blueprints and design, however, this area is out of contrast to the *natural* feel of the American River Parkway that so many people have come to love and enjoy. When this natural environment has been paved over and lost, it cannot be retrieved.

Every inch of the Pioneer Express Trail should be valued and aggressively protected. My wife and I do not own a horse and do not belong to any equestrian groups, however, we do realize the value of this trail to equestrians and others. **We value this trail so much.** Could you please express our deep love of this area to State Parks Director, Ruth Coleman. We are available and anxious to help others realize the unique value of the Pioneer Express Trail. Please feel free to contact us.

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**From:** Akalynbrown@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2008 1:07 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** General Plan for Folsom Lake State Rec. area

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Jim Micheaels  
California State Parks  
Gold Fields District  
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Dear Mr. Micheaels,

Equestrian Trails Inc. is a 60 year old organization statewide, with over 4,000 members. In 1999/2000, I was appointed to a Mountain Bike Working Group by Los Angeles Recreation and Parks, and by City Councilmember LaBonge. At that time, the Groups ultimate opinion was that in many cases, wheels and legs don't mix. As a result, the City of Los Angeles Rec.and Parks separate the wheels from the legs on all City Park trails.

My understanding is that there is a very large equestrian population of approximately 155,000 horses in your immediate area with a heavy use of trails. According to my information, there are already many trails suitable for all users groups, including multi-use trails for mountain bikers.

Given this equestrian presence, your plans should include additional facilities and trailheads for this important user group. Equestrians contribute a great deal of ancillary income to both Parks and the surrounding areas, as they are willing to pay for camping amenities, restaurants and hotels. They also contribute to the economy by frequenting supermarkets, feed and tack stores, purchase and rent vehicles, support veterinarians, farriers and stables. Statistics show that nationally, equestrians contribute more than \$112,1 Billion to the GNP annually.

Single track trails are appropriately and peacefully used by hikers, equestrians and runners. Mountain biking, an extreme sport, has no place on these trails with other traditional users. The idea of alternate day use on a single track trail simply results in allowing that user group onto a trail they were not permitted on previously. You disenfranchise the traditional users as they will quickly abandon those trails due to conflict and quality of experience issues. This disenfranchisement results in a great loss of income to the Parks system and the surrounding businesses.

What is achieved is that allowing "alternate day" bikers on single track trails means that bikes will be on those

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- 201-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-11 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.11).
- 201-2: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

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trails every day of the week. From my experience on heavily used trails is that the concept of alternate day usage is unenforceable and bikers not containable. The solution to the enforcement problem is not in closing trails, but in not changing the designated usage. My understanding of this plan is that there is already ample trails for the mountain bikes, and it is the equestrian users who need to be accommodated at this time.

ETI supports designated trails for equestrians and hikers in your plan. We are opposed to any loss of equestrian trails. This is a major public safety issue for these users. We cannot support adding bikes to single track trails.

Sincerely,

LYNN BROWN  
National Trail Coordinator  
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**From:** Michelle Brown [cashew2001@gmail.com] 202  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 10:53 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** "Draft General Plan"

Please allow us to ride the trails of the states parks. Your proposal only mentions bikes, fishing, boating and swimming. There is no mention of hikers and horse back riding. Don't take away some of the best places where we love to ride. We already share these trails with hikers with no problems. Motorized off road bikes are the only cause for alarm for the equestrian community. The only things missing from these wonderful places is additional facilities (horse camps, staging areas, water, picnic tables, paved parking, water troughs, hitching posts & riding arenas. 202-1  
 additional facilities horse camps, staging areas, water, picnic tables, paved parking, water troughs, hitching posts & riding arenas. 202-2

I think our state parks are to beautiful to waste by not allowing horses to be ridden through out the state. Please don't let more land be forbidden of horse riding, we love it so dearly. Thank you for your time.

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 Michelle

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- 202-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3, TR-5, TR-12 and TR-15 (Sections 3.7.11, 3.7.12 and 3.7.15).
- 202-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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**From:** Henriette Bruun [hbruun@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:14 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** re. Folsom State Recreational Area General Plan.  
Dear Sir.

I am an avid equestrian and have over the years ridden many times at Folsom State Recreational Park. It is a wonderful area and a pleasure to ride there. The park seems to function well as multi-use and horses/equestrians, hikers and runners can easily share the trails. (Motorized bikes and mountain bikers do not mix well with horses, so please keep those trails separate from equestrian use as they are at the present many places.)

I urge you to please not forget the equestrian community in your draft for the 30 year general plan and I encourage even increasing the facilities for us many horse riders, who use the park: like water troughs, staging areas, hitching posts and picnic tables.

In a time where urban sprawl seem to be moving in on us all, please make sure that equestrian can continue to use the Folsom State Recreational Area. I have logged many wonderful hours there with other horseback riders and occasionally my husband in tow with his hiking boots on!

Thanks you for your time and for considering this important issue.  
Henriette Bruun  
Horseback rider.

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203-2: Please see Master Response EC-3 and TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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**From:** Twofunclub@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2008 2:34 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Cc:** Robert Olmstead@sen.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake SRA General Plan Comments

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Dear Jim Micheals,

**204-1** This communication is in reference to the proposed general plan for Folsom Lake SRA. In reviewing the plan on the web site, I would like to state that I am in full support that greater multi-use trails are needed. For the last 25 years I have lived within 3 miles of the lake. We are weekly visitors to the Folsom Lake SRA. This natural resource greatly influenced the purchase of our home. We frequently boat, bike, hike, and swim at the lake. We have donated many hours to maintain and build trails within the park. I am a big supporter on moving to a new trail designation of odd/even. On even days of the calendar (everyone) can use the trails. On odd calendar days, only hikers and equestrians can use the trails. This addresses any safety concerns for those equestrians who have horses that spook easily. I walk on the Brown's Ravine trail weekly. I rarely (less than once every twenty trips) see an equestrian. In fact, the use of this trail is quite low (maybe 1 person/per mile walked). There has been some discussion about building a parallel trail. To me, this seems like a waste of resources. There is no need to cause greater destruction of the land or invest economically in trail building. The resource that currently exists is underutilized. Presently, a hiker can only access the trail from the trail ends. In 2002/2003, the residences along Salmon Falls Road convinced the DOT in El Dorado County to put up "No Parking" signs, thus eliminating access in the middle on the trail. If Folsom Lake SRA could create a small parking lot along New York Creek area this would open up the trail to more users.

**204-2** Since the park service spent \$50,000 to build a bridge across New York Creek, why not get greater use out of this economic investment.

**204-3**

Below, I have outlined other reasons I would like to see more multi-use trails in the Folsom Lake SRA.

- Folsom Lake SRA is located in a fast growing, diverse metropolitan area. It is important to develop and support recreation that is "green". The American Lung Association released its annual ranking of cities with the worst air pollution and Sacramento has the dubious honor of making the Top 10. Providing Mt. biking trails that are close to the metropolitan area, that will not require the user to drive to the trail head in order to recreate, is environmentally important to the regional.
- The vast majority of Sacramento areas residents do not ride or own a horse. A sober appraisal must determine that there are many times more tax paying visitors to Folsom that own and ride bicycles. Seeking ways to expand the use on existing trails for hikers and Mt. bikers is critical for meeting the needs of the majority of the SRA users.
- Mountain biking promotes good health. Good health translates into lower health care costs and greater productivity. We are a nation faced with an epidemic of obesity that is driving up health care cost. We need to provide healthy activities for our children.

Good Luck,

Sherrie Bunk  
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 El Dorado Hill, CA 95762

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204-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

204-2: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

204-3: Comment noted. There may not be sufficient public land available at this location to develop a parking lot.

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**From:** The Burgesons [burgesonfarm@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 1:42 PM  
**To:** Michaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Fw: Please increase mountain bike access to trails at Folsom Lake State Park

Sir,

As an avid cyclist I would encourage you to please increase access to mountain biking in the trails of Folsom Lake State Park. Among the reasons I think you should support this are the following:

The visitor survey included in the general plan, noted that when visitors where ask to prioritize potential improvements to Folsom Lake SRA, development of more mult-use trails was number one. This is consistant in that walking, road biking, hiking, and mountain biking are among the ten top visitor activities at Folsom Lake SRA.

To achieve the objective stated in the visitor survey of "development of more mult-use trails" , I suggest Folsom Lake SRA converting all dirt trails to an odd/even designation. Mountain bikers and hikers support the designation of odd/even trail use. On even days of the calendar (everyone) can use the trails. On odd calendar days only hikers and horses have trail access. This addresses any safety concerns for equestrians who have horses that spook easily.

Folsom Lake SRA is located in a fast growing, diverse metropolitan area. It is important to develop and support recreation that is "green". The American Lung Association released its annual ranking of cities with the worst air pollution and Sacramento has the dubious honor of making the Top 10. Providing Mt. biking trails that are close to the metropolitan area, that will not require the user to drive to the trail head in order to recreate, is environmentally important to the region.

Mountain biking provides a quiet, low impact recreation on trails. Scientific studies have proven that bicycles have similar impact on trails as hikers, cover distances equal to equestrians, with less impact than horses.

Mountain biking promotes good health. Good health translates into lower health care costs and greater productivity. As a registered dietitian I am concerned about the increase in obesity, especially in children, and the lack of safe and inexpensive recreational opportunities that encourage exercise. Easy access to mountain bike trails encourage children to exercise without requiring that they enroll in formal, expensive sports programs.

The vast majority of Sacramento areas residents do not ride or own a horse. A sober appraisal must determine that there are many times more tax paying visitors to Folsom that own and ride bicycles. Seeking ways to expand the use on existing trails for hikers and Mt. Bikers is critical for meeting the needs of the majority of the SRA users.

Sincerely,  
 Dayna and Adrian Burgeson

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205-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

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205-2: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

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**From:** Ann Burke [burke94941@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2008 8:31 AM  
**To:** Michaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake State Rec. Area Trails and General Plan

On behalf of the Marin Horse Council (MHC), I am writing to urge continued protection of the single-track, horse-hiker use of footpaths in the Folsom Lake Area and Gold Fields District of CA State Parks.

The Folsom area is home to tens of thousands of horses. Thousands more visit that area annually for recreation and competitions. While narrow trails can be, and are, used peacefully and safely by foot traffic and equestrians, such is not the case when an extreme sport such as mountain bicycling is allowed on these footpaths. We, in Marin County where the mountain bike was developed, have borne the brunt of inappropriate use of single-track trails by mt bikes for 25 years. There have been scores of documented confrontations with speeding bikes, injury accidents requiring hospitalization, and, sadly, displacement of elderly and senior citizens who quite rightly fear for their safety because of bicycle use of trails. Regulations such as "bicycles uphill only" have become a joke among emailing bicycling renegades. So-called "education" of mountain bicyclists is a failure because out in the open space areas there are no controls over bicyclists who are out to test the technology and to improve on their "personal best."

Alternate day usage by bicycles and hikers/horsemen is completely unrealistic, given the fact that such regulations are unenforceable and unworkable without 24x7 ranger presence. Talk is cheap. Accidents cost thousands of dollars.

There are scores of miles of wide dirt roads that are appropriate for shared use by horses, hikers, and mountain bicyclists. We, in the Marin Horse Council, can not support changes in trail use designation of footpaths that, to our certain knowledge, will result in unacceptable safety hazards to other users. Please do not add bicycles to single track trails.

Sincerely,  
 Ann Burke, President, Marin Horse Council, Inc.  
 334 Jean Street  
 Mill Valley, CA. 94941

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206-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

206-2: Please see Master Responses TR-1 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.12).

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**From:** lburke@winfirst.com 207  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2008 2:12 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim; Robert.Olmstead@sen.ca.gov  
**Subject:** New General Plan for Folsom Lake SRA

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Lisa Burke and I am a lifelong resident of the Sacramento area. I have spent a lot of time within the Folsom Lake SRA and feel fortunate that this area is so close to my home.

I love to bike and hike and am introducing my children to those things as well. I am supportive of the expansion of the multi-use trails for the following reasons. 207-1

1. The visitor survey included in the general plan, noted that when visitors were asked to prioritize potential improvements to Folsom Lake SRA, development of more multi-use trails was number one. This is consistent in that walking, road biking, hiking, and mountain biking are among the ten top visitor activities at Folsom Lake SRA.
2. To achieve the objective stated in the visitor survey of "development of more multi-use trails". I suggest Folsom Lake SRA converts all dirt trails to an odd/even designation. Most mountain bikers and hikers support the designation of odd/even trail use. On even days of the calendar (everyone) can use the trails. On odd calendar days only hikers and horses have trail access. This addresses any safety concerns for equestrians who have horses that spook easily. 207-2
3. The Folsom Lake SRA is located in a fast growing, diverse metropolitan area. It is important to develop and support recreation that is "green". The American Lung Association released its annual ranking of cities with the worst air pollution and Sacramento has the dubious honor of making the Top 10. Providing Mt. biking trails that are close to the metropolitan area, that will not require the user to drive to the trail head in order to recreate, is environmentally important to the region.
4. Mountain biking provides a quiet, low impact recreation on trails. Scientific studies have proven that bicycles have similar impact on trails as hikers, cover distances equal to equestrians, with less impact than horses.

Additionally, I feel that mountain bikers are good land stewards and protectors of natural habitats and they also contribute many hours on public trail maintenance.

Finally, mountain biking and hiking contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

Thank you,  
 Lisa Burke  
 Sacramento, CA.  
 (916)212-9313

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207-1: Please see Master Responses EC-2 and TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

207-2: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

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**From:** Btcam5 [btcam5@starstream.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2008 9:27 PM  
**To:** Michaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Plans

Hello Jim,

This is in regards to our conversation that we had this morning regarding the proposed extension of the 5 mph no wake zone in the North Fork of the lake to Rattlesnake Bar. As you may recall, my concern regarding this proposed change is that this would put more boat traffic in the areas that are used for skiing or tubing which would create a safety issue. We are all responsible for being safe boaters but this isn't always the case, especially when kids are allowed to drive Jetskis. I have seen quite a few near mishaps on the lake in the past. I would hate to see these near misses become more common because of the increased boat traffic. With the State Budget deficit the way it is I don't think increased Sheriff patrols on the Lake will be a priority to enforce safe boating. Please consider this safety issue that I have mentioned when your new plans are being thought out. If you need to contact me my information is listed below. Thanks you for your time.

Regards,  
Bruce Cameron  
4687 Kilmartin Ct  
Rocklin, CA  
(916) 847-0775

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**From:** Candy [cdusky@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 12:15 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Fw: Mountain Biking in State Parks  
 Jim Micheals  
 California State Parks  
 Gold Fields District  
 7806 Folsom-auburn Road  
 Folsom, CA 95630

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Dear Jim:

PLEASE - PLEASE **do not close** the trails to horses..... If anything, the State of California should be closing parks and trails to mountain bikes - **permanently**. I think mountain bike riders should only be allowed in current parks that are designated for off road vehicles and dirt bikes only. **Keep them out of hiking parks!!!!**

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This is the craziest thing I have ever heard. Mountain bikes cause so much damage and injury to the habitat and also to people. (including themselves) The public needs to be more aware and educated as to just how much damage is done to trails and wildlife because of them. Parks are made for preserving - not destroying. When you are on a hike outdoors to have a bike come blazing around the corner at you is NOT an enjoyable outdoor experience.

Please do not pass laws allowing bikers even more freedom. I wish the government of California was doing more to preserve and protect our delicate and dwindling free space.....

Candy



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209-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

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**From:** Tammy Santos [tamsan10@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2008 11:36 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Preliminary General Plan and EIR/EIS for Folsom Lake Recreation Area

I write this letter in great disbelief that Folsom Lake Recreation Area had not even considered an intrigate part 210-1 of our economy and community, horse enthusiasts. This has been a great area for people to meet other people with the same interests and a great family activity, and this is rather apauling to me that we, 155,000 strong were not considered in this plan that is expected to span several decades.

From an environmental stand point alone I would think horse back riding would be taken into account, way before motor cycles and mountain bikes. This is truly a horse community and the unwillingness not help preserve our right to ride on the trails safely is a complete injustice and an extremely disappointing move on the boards part. I strongly advocate adding horseback riding to the other activities that have been taken into account, with great consideration for rider safety. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Tammy Carrion

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210-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** ljlarke [ljlarke@thegrid.net] 211  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 3:35 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Recreation Area 30 year plan  
 Dear Mr. Micheals;

It has come to my attention that the proposed thirty year plan for the Folsom Lake Recreation Area does not include mention of future Equestrian, hiker or runner useage. 211-1

This is a gross oversight, as the area is currently well used by all three. There are Equestrians, hikers and runners regularly using the trails, as well as visitors to the area, like myself, who take their horses to other places to ride for recreation and competition.

In addition to Equestrian use on the trails, also included should be future facilities for horse camping incorporated into the plan that would include staging areas, water, corrals, campground amenities, tie rails, etc. 211-2

It is also well known that motorized vehicles, such as off road vehicles and motorcycles do not mix with Equestrian and hiking uses of the trail systems. It is unsafe to mix the two. Even bicycles can be dangerous, if the trails are single track and steeply sloped downhill. The more adventurous of the cyclists choose the most extreme route(s), making it impossible for an Equestrian and hiker to safely traverse the trails. 211-3

If you are interested in reviewing a successful (in my opinion) lake/equestrian recreational system, take a look at Nacimiento Lake Recreation area in Monterey County. It has hiking and equestrian trails (no motorized mixed in with them), fishing, boating and other amenities that fit with the non - motorized use of the surrounding terrain. In addition, Lake Lopez County Park in San Luis Obispo county incorporates lake useage, a water slide, equestrian/hiking/biking trails, camping (including a horse camp), but NO Motorized Vehicles on the trails. The local horse organizations are very supportive in assisting in the development of the horse camp and horse amenities. Using such an "adopt a camp" approach would be of great use to Folsom Lake Recreation Area.

Please consider what I have said and make sure that this important segment of the recreational public are not left out of this plan for the future.

Sincerely,

Linda Clarke  
 Member, Board of Directors  
 San Luis Obispo Parks, Open Space and Trails Foundation (<http://www.slopost.org/>)  
 and  
 President, West Coast Rocky Mountain Horse Club (<http://www.wcrmhc.com/>)

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211-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

211-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

211-3: Please see Master Responses TR-12 and TR-15 (Sections 3.7.12 and 3.7.15).

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**From:** Pine Brook Village [pbvillage@att.net]**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 4:42 PM**To:** Michaels, Jim**Subject:** Folsom Lake Plan Input**(Please forward a copy of this communication to Scott Nakaji as I was unable to secure a point of contact for him. Thank you)**

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The numerous deadline extensions of the Folsom Lake Recreational Area General Plan brought some of the limitations within the proposed plan to my attention. I am concerned that the proposed plan limits instead of enhances the opportunity for maximum enjoyment of Folsom Lake.

We are located in Pinebrook Plaza, an area you undoubtedly know well, since it is just North of your office. 212-1

We constantly find it necessary to reprimand those headed for Beal's Point, who drop off one or more cars in our parking lot, then head for their outing in one vehicle. This is attributable to both cost savings of single car entry and a lack of available parking within the park boundaries. This is unfair to the merchants in the Plaza. Construction of adequate parking could eliminate this problem. Entry based upon per person usage of facilities would enhance income. As you know it is often necessary to stop entry into the park during heavy usage periods. This confirms the necessity of providing additional facilities beyond just the needed parking.

Folsom Lake is a popular destination. The available access and facilities should be enhanced to maximize the usage of our nearby metropolitan areas. This would minimize travel to facilities farther from home. This is particularly important to those feeling the financial duress of current gasoline prices.

My knowledge of the proposed plan indicates that in practically every area of usage access is restricted. Current State of California budget restrictions should not dictate a General Plan for Folsom Lake spanning many years. This general plan should not mimic the Coastal Plan that has resulted in restrictions for many to share this source of enjoyment.

Neva Cimaroli  
Pinebrook Plaza

212-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Response ALT-2 (Section 3.2.2).

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**From:** Gary Coverdale [GCoverdale@co.sutter.ca.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 9:48 AM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Marina Concession

Hi Jim,

I have been a Browns Ravine Slip Lessee for close to twenty years. The first half consisted of year around sailing and plenty of water. The second half was short seasons but still good summers until the last four or five years when we have had to pull boats out by August and sometimes as early as July. The last two years pretty much around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I know there are varying factors, some real and some simply 'made up'. I understand that a couple of factors that lead to reduce water storage doesn't even hit the press and for good reason.

Regardless of the factors, the point is that this year we will have about a 2 ½ month season. We are charged almost \$1300.00 for this short season and that seems so unfair. There must be opportunities to find some relief for the boaters. Perhaps, since there is unavailable water, that relief for Ken Christianson in operating the marina could be rebated back to the marina and then our fees could be reduced. The Marina operator actually saves expenses when the lake is closed because of reduced staff and operation expenses. While Ken and his staff present a cherry outlook, in letters and verbally, and that this year is going to be such a great water year, the facts as studied point to the opposite.

Also, I understand that the operation of Browns Ravine is a State concession and that it must go up for bid every three to seven years (not sure). And, through the Public Information Act can the Marina Profit and Loss Statements as well as a list of slip lessees be requested? I think it is important to have all the information available

I don't want to lose my slip yet I feel that the boaters are unfairly treated in respect to slip fees.

I will be addressing this issue with El Dorado and Sacramento Board of Supervisors as well as our State representatives. If you can shed some light or send me in the right direction as to studying this issue further and finding relief, I would very much appreciate it.

Thanks Jim...



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213-1: The concession contract for the Folsom Lake Marina (at Browns Ravine) is currently operating on a month to month basis. This is because the operating agreement between the Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) and Reclamation expired in April 2006, and Reclamation and State Parks have been operating on a month to month basis under the terms of the old agreement until a new agreement is developed and finalized. State Parks concession contracts for Folsom Lake SRA cannot exceed the term of the underlying operating agreement between State Parks and Reclamation. When Reclamation and State Parks reach a new agreement, State Parks will initiate development of a new concession agreement for the Folsom Lake Marina at Browns Ravine. Some of the issues in this comment might be addressed in the terms of a new concession agreement.

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**From:** johnrobert@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2008 12:58 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake SRA

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Dear Mr. Micheaels: Thanks for the draft EIR material. My organization is circulating a letter to you for submission prior to the 24 March deadline. Having the documents gave me a much clearer picture of exactly what is going on. I now understand the incentive furnished by the ending of the first fifty year operating agreement with Bureau of Reclamation.

I wonder if there is a process or an organization that I might join during the planning period for Folsom Lake SRA? I am retired after many years in a staff role with the California legislature where I had extensive experience with the DPR budget among other things. I would like to offer my services to the planning process. I belong to several equestrian organizations and recognize that they often do not have real time information on subjects that are of material interest to them. There are a great many equestrians here in California as I am certain you are aware and their access to parkland and wildland riding areas is diminishing while that of motorized bikes, mountain bikes, hikers and other trail users is growing. I ride in the Tahoe and El Dorado Forests and spend much time along the American River trails at Folsom and know that multiple use trails where either motorcycles or mountain bikes are met while on horseback is a bad idea. Marin County might well serve as a model of equestrian management along with bikes. They have nearly 200 miles of trails - some of which cross the cliffs over the Pacific - and manage a great number of horses with few conflicts.

214-1

I have time available to work on behalf of horsemen and to offer volunteer services through the Pacific Crest Trail Association, the Foothill Horsemen, the endurance rider clubs and the Gold Country Trails Council. The latter organization, under contract with the Tahoe Forest administration, repairs, builds and maintains forest trails as volunteers, working with bicycle and motorcycle groups. Can something like that be developed at Folsom SRA? A spring clean up effort on the high trails along with a scheduled maintenance program would enhance the trail conditions and prove generally useful provided it is directed. We all recognize the liability issues that attach to volunteer work but they can be resolved. I would like to hear your thoughts on all of this. Regards, John Connelly

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214-1: Please see Master Response TR-7 (Section 3.7.7).

214-2: Please see Master Response TR-8 (Section 3.7.8).

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**From:** stellarpass@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 10:36 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake SRA General Plan  
 May 28, 2008

Mr. Jim Micheaels,

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me today. I appreciated that very much. I didn't express all my views. so, you might note them in the following:

**215-1** I whole heartedly support the Folsom Lake SRA General Plan. I and many others are thankful for the thoughtful execution Parks has taken to meet many of these objectives laid out in this plan, which so many of us enjoy today. I further applaud your point by point response letter to the projected last minutes concerns of FedCorp. We live in a day and age of many uncertainties. Natures environment and natural landscape, is one of the most valuable and stabilizing forces and assets to our world, country, town and ultimately to our community and its members. I find it distressful that we continue to lose lands at an alarming rate that are free of development and in their! origin al pristine state. These lost lands had offered to us and other creatures a natural habitat as well as a refuge from the fast paced urban life we live today. These few areas left relative free of development have become clearly prized pursuits of developers and those who are entangled in the economic never ending quest for that much of **more**. It seems more than ever incumbent upon us to educate ourselves and to guard those few left unaltered places in nature. These natural assets are truly more precious than the gold that this region was in large part founded on and certainly more beautiful in design than **anything** development could produce. I am thankful that Parks is the gate keeper to our precious natural assets and never should the economic gains folks be at are helm of this process. We have natural amenities where economic gain is involved such as boating, but the nature we have left was never intended to be an economic engine and it behooves us to be extraordinarily diligent in not letting that move into the area of impinging on precious open unaltered lands and waterways. Thank you again Mr. Michaels and Our State Parks Department! Let's all get on the right page on this one. Education is in order; those who keep their assets in the end will have not only the economic gain but the spiritual sanctuary that are natural environment provides for today and those many more that will come after us tomorrow, that line of thought is far too often missing from the economic forums today.

Sincerely and with best regards, Kathryn Corbett

I am a Folsom Resident

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215-1: Comment noted.

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HPL Board Member (Heritage Preservation League going on 5 years)  
Past History Museum Research Department volunteer  
Actively involved in the Historic District neighborhood I live in

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Mountain Biking around Folsom Lake Page 1 of 1

**From:** Crowley, Matthew (SACRAMENTO, CA) [matthew\_crowley@ml.com] 216  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2008 4:20 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Mountain Biking around Folsom Lake

Is mountain biking on multi-use trails (equestrian and hiking) going to be allowed throughout the park? If not, then why? 216-1  
Thank you for your help on this matter.

Regards,

Matt Crowley  
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216-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

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**From:** ALBERTA daffner [albarta-gene@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 3:59 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Ce:** lbha@vfr.net  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake State Recreation General Update Plan

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Dear Jim Michaels, Gold Field Dist. Calif State Park Manager:

217-1

I have just review the proposed General Update of the Recreation Plan and I am greatly concerned about the vast amount of omissions as they relate to Hikers, Runners, and Equestrians. These are the daily users of our state parks and the plan has forgotten to speak to their needs and concerns. Their impute will greatly enhance the plan and provided for safe usage by all.

217-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

I know that many knowledgeable people have itemized a vast list of omission and errors. You do not need me to re-list what has already been provided I beg you to reconsider their impute already provide in written correspondences to you.

This is a plan that will be in effect for the next 20-30 years it needs to be the best that it can be. We are dealing with a part of nature that must be protected, while being made safe and usable for many different types of activities. Please make this your best effort.

217-2

Do not be skimping on the amenities based on Budgets, so many private groups are willing to contribute to up-keep and provide sweat equity to enhance many of the areas. Remember you need to ensure the safety of all users, therefore your plan must provide what is necessary so that all may use this wonderful place God and Mother Nature created for the enjoyment of all who visit.

217-2: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-8 (Section 3.7.8).

Sincerely very concerned voters and citizens of Sacramento area,

Alberta and Elizabeth Daffner  
7220 King Road, Loomis, CA 95650

ALL equestrian staging areas and trails need to be listed in the plan, not just a few.

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**From:** alex aguilar [aaguil00001@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2008 8:26 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** General Plan

Dear Mr. Micheals,

As a mountain biking trail user in the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, I support the motions in the DEIR/DEIS that call for more mountain bike legal trails. I fully support the ideas of a mountain bike-legal dirt trail that goes all the way around both Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma. I will happily volunteer my time and energy for any trail building or trail maintenance work in order to make this happen.

I would also like the General Plan to address and allow legal trail riding at night. During the Fall and through the Winter months, when it gets dark at 5pm, I would still like to get my mountain biking exercise in after work without breaking any laws or rules.

I think the DEIR/DEIS does a great job addressing needs of the huge mountain biking user group. Thank you for all of your hard work thus far and moving forward.

Best Regards,

Alex Aguilar  
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- 218-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).
- 218-2: Please see Master Responses TR-6 and TR-7 (Sections 3.7.6 and 3.7.7).
- 218-3: Please see Master Response TR-9 (Section 3.7.9).

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Fwd: trails comment Page 1 of 1

**From:** Laura Caballero [lcaballero@mp.usbr.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 09, 2008 5:53 PM 219  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Fwd: trails comment

219-1 > "david r davis" <drdavis@psyber.com> 3/26/2008 2:40 PM >>>  
I have been riding the Folsom Lake trails on horseback since 1968.  
In those 40 years I have not had a single negative interaction with a bicyclist.  
The bike riders have been courteous and safe when approaching those of us on horseback.  
I feel we can all share the trails

Thank you for your time  
Laurene Davis  
4801 Virginitown Road  
Newcastle, CA 95658

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219-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

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Lake Natoma: no development Page 1 of 1

**From:** Catherine Dee [cate@deebest.com] 220  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 10:09 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Cc:** warrenpa@comcast.net; jganz@sailnow.com  
**Subject:** Lake Natoma: no development

Dear Mr. Michaels,

As a resident of Orangevale living above Lake Natoma, I am deeply disturbed by the proposal to allow any kind of development of this pristine area. This lake/segment of the river was intended to be a natural environment in contrast to Lake Folsom. People who want to picnic, make noise, and powerboat should go there. Lake Natoma has been and should remain a quiet, peaceful, natural place conducive to reflection, wildlife, and a slow pace. It is one of the jewels of this area, and we should not cloud its luminosity in any way. 220-1

Catherine Dee

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220-1: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

## Letter 221

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From: Laura Caballero [LCABALLERO@mp.usbr.gov]  
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2008 12:25 PM  
To: Micheals, Jim  
Subject: Fwd: Expansion of 5 MPH Zone at Folsom

Public comment on Folsom RMP

>>> Doug Diruscio <dougfj62@yahoo.com> 2/13/2008 10:00:57 AM >>>  
Ms. Caballero,

221-1 I am in full support of the proposal to expand the 5 MPH zone at Folsom Lake and to extend the boat ramp at Rattlesnake Bar. As a fisherman, with a small aluminum boat, this would greatly improve my utility of the lake. When the water level falls to the point that the Rattlesnake Bar ramp must close I do not like to take my family out on the lake, because of all of the ski boat traffic. I even feel endangered traveling from the Granite Bay ramps up to the Rattlesnake Bar area.

These improvements will greatly enhance the usage of the lake by fisherman who may not have expensive Bass Boats.

Regards,

Doug Diruscio  
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Loomis, CA  
530 368-1101

221-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

Letter 222

Fwd: Equestrian Facilities Page 1 of 1

**From:** Laura Caballero [lcaballero@mp.usbr.gov] 222  
**Sent:** Monday, June 09, 2008 5:45 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Fwd: Equestrian Facilities

>>> Diana Eastman <deastman@inreach.com> 3/13/2008 1:14 PM >>>  
Dear Sirs,

I would like to encourage the management plan for the use of Folsom Lake Rec. Area include the equestrian facility Shadow Glen. I would also be interested in seeing enhanced trail access for other equestrians that may want to transport their animals to the park for day use. 222-1  
222-2

Thank You,  
Diana Eastman  
Auburn, CA

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- 222-1: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).
- 222-2: Please see Master Response TR-5 and TR-11 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.11).

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**From:** Motoxng@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2008 6:25 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Plan / Resource Management Plan

Jim Michaels  
 Gold Fields District  
 California State Parks  
 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
 Folsom, CA 95630

I have lived and used the trails around Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma since 1982. I have been riding bikes in this area every since.  
 I am currently living near Snipes canyon. I read the General plan and I like the direction you are headed.

**223-1** I would like to see all of the trails become designated multi use. The trails that are in the Granite Bay area seem to work for everybody. I know this is just a dream but realistically please read below.

**223-2** As a local resident and both a Road and Mountain biker, I support the continued development of multi-use trails within the SRA. I support the concept of a linked trail system that allows mountain biking around the entire perimeter of both Lake Natoma and Folsom Lake. The need for asphalt trails in the immediate future is not a priority, because we already have a Hiway system that allows that type of adventure. The creation of more multi-use trails will allow mountain bike access around the Lakes. I really miss the way we use to be able to cross the North Fork and climb that nice climb up into the Olmstead trail in Cool and then return to Maidu via the Canyon on Sundays.

**223-3** I look forward to the further development and implementation of a Trails Master Plan as quickly as possible. I am a member of IMBA, FATRAC, Sacramento Wheelmen, Folsom Breakouts. I have worked with these organizations to help to maintain and build several of the trails that exist in the SRA. I look forward to the chance to work closely with local mountain biking organizations, such as IMBA and FATRAC in the planning and implementation of this SRA. I have been out many times with a weed eater clearing the Star Thistle and Black Berries from the trails in the Lake Natoma Orangevale Bluffs, Mississippi Bar and Shadow Glen. I am ready to do whatever it takes to develop these trails into multi use trails. I love what we have here and the park is the main reason I have continued to live in this area.

**223-4** Use of the trails of the park at night are a needed thing also, most of us work until 5 and by that time it is dark so in order to get any training in we must ride for a few months in the dark with our powerful lights. I say this with the idea that I would support a closing time of 10pm.

**223-5** I also have a Kayak and use Lake Natoma quite frequently. I support man and wind powered boats on this lake only. Please do not allow motor powered boats. Parts of this lake are so peaceful it would be a shame to destroy it's serenity.

I would like to be notified of all future public events relating to the SRA General Plan and Trails Master Plan.

Russ Fay  
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 Orangevale Ca. 95662

Email  
[motoxng@aol.com](mailto:motoxng@aol.com)

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223-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

223-2: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

223-3: Please see Master Responses TR-8 and TR-10 (Sections 3.7.8 and 3.7.10).

223-4: Please see Master Response TR-9 (Section 3.7.9).

223-5: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

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**From:** Marc and Natalie Fenner [mfnenner@att.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 4:12 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** General Plan for Folsom Lake SRA  
 Dear Mr. Micheals,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen and home owner of Sacramento County. I have utilized the Folsom Lake SRA, Nimbus Lake & American River Parkway Trail systems for over 30 years as a hiker, naturalist, equestrian and bicyclist. I was appalled to learn that the recent General Plan updates and corresponding survey for the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area does not consider, nor mention all the current & historical users and landmarks of this trail system.

I have used these trails in a variety of ways, so I am very familiar with the Multi-use advantages of this incredible jewel of the Sacramento region. I am a current member/former member of several local, diverse groups who work tirelessly to support, maintain, & raise money for these trail systems of the Sacramento Region: Sacramento Audubon Society, American River Natural History Association, Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association, Folsom Lake Mounted Assistance Unit, American Endurance Ride Conference, and the Sierra Club.

In addition to my many hours spent in personal, recreational use of this trail system, I have personally participated in hundreds of hours patrolling the Folsom Lake Trails with the Folsom Lake Mounted Assistance Unit and maintaining these trails with the Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association.

With the many diverse interest groups who use the Folsom Lake Trail system, I suppose that I can understand the decision to try to find an unbiased, nonlocal group to conduct a survey of the trail's usage. However, I still question the wisdom of this decision to spend thousands of dollars to conduct a survey at SF Bay area prices.

I have heard for years about the budget strapped finances of the Folsom Lake Park System as an explanation for the inadequate ranger patrols and lack of trail maintenance. However, I can't help wonder how many Park Rangers and maintenance crew salaries could have been paid with this money. I am certain that these hard working individuals would appreciate the additional staffing.

Additionally, I question the wisdom of hiring a company with no equestrian experience, since many of the trails in the Sacramento Region were historically set-up and maintained by equestrians. Having personally ridden and hiked the Bay Area Ridge Trail System, I know that there are many SF Bay area firms which have experience surveying all the users of multi-use trail systems.

One need only drive the roads bordering the Folsom Lake area to notice the extensive number of ranchettes and horse boarding facilities. One can easily surmise that the popularity of these type of properties is due to the adjacent trail system used by the equestrian property owners.

A survey of the many users to the Folsom Lake Trails takes a little diligence, but can easily be obtained by just showing up at any of the many parking areas, both official and unofficial, surrounding the trail system on any weekday morning or evening, or especially on the weekend during the Spring, Summer and Fall. I can only wonder if the survey was conducted in the dead of winter during the rainy season?

I personally know several members of the Citizen Advisory Committee who invested hundreds of hours to participate in trail planning at Folsom Lake SRA over the last five years. Why is there no mention of this public effort in the new draft General Plan? Why are their recommendations not in the text of the new draft General Plan? It is discouraging for citizens to donate hundreds of hours in public service, and then see this input disregarded or marginalized by the consultants.

Why does the General Plan include no mention of the Pioneer Express Trail? This historic equestrian trail was built in 1958 for horses and hikers. I was dismayed to read in the text of the report that the

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224-1: Please see Master Responses EC-2 and EC-3 (Sections 3.3.2 and 3.3.3).

224-2: Please see Master Responses EC-3, TR-10, TR-11 and TR-12 (Sections 3.3.3, 3.7.10, 3.7.11 and 3.7.12).

224-3: Please see Master Response EC-1 (Section 3.3.1).

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Folsom Lake Trail system is merely called the "pedestrian/equestrian" trail. The previous 1979 General Plan properly showed the Pioneer Express Trail and all of the historic mileposts. There are many existing sign posts in the Folsom Lake SRA which declare this. Did no consultant even walk the trail?

Additionally the California Registered Historical Landmark #585 is not shown on maps within the General Plan. This is a significant cartographic error to omit a legal, historic monument from the maps. It is also a violation of CEQA Guidelines to eclipse a historic landmark to the Pioneer Express Trail. 224-4

Why is there no policy statement about trail maintenance and the budget for trail maintenance in the draft General Plan? The entire draft General Plan lacks future budget projections in response to the anticipated heavy public use in the next 10 to 20 years. Money is vital to the entire working of Folsom Lake SRA (ranger staff and maintenance staff). The new draft General Plan should properly set the policy for an adequate maintenance budget for trails. 224-5

These are just a few of the glaring omissions which I have found in the new draft General Plan. I trust that these omissions, as well as the other public comments which you have received from the many trail user organizations, will be reviewed and the needed changes incorporated into the new draft General Plan.

I consider the Folsom Lake Trail System one of the jewels of the Sacramento area. I believe that compromises can be found for the new draft General Plan which take into account all users of the Folsom Lake Trail System.

Sincerely,  
Natalie Fenner

224-4: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

224-5: Please see Master Response TR-3 (Section 3.7.3).

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## Letter 225

Financial analysis for Folsom Lake SRA General Plan implementation Page 1 of 1

**From:** Mike Finta [mafinta1@yahoo.com] 225  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 4:28 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim; Nakaji, Scott  
**Cc:** Roger Niello; Rob Olmstead; Ron Briggs; Rusty Dupray; Stephen Hammond; Brian Jagger; Tynan, Dan; Mike Applegarth; Coleman, Ruth; John Doolittle; Vanessa McCarthy; David Plag  
**Subject:** Financial analysis for Folsom Lake SRA General Plan implementation

Hello Jim,

Please consider this email as a formal comment regarding the proposed Folsom Lake SRA General Plan.

In reviewing the document I find no discussion regarding the funding mechanisms required to implement any aspects of the General Plan. While each of the 3 alternatives presented in the General Plan differs in the amount of improvements or operating changes proposed for the future operation of Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, each alternative has its own associated implementation and operating costs. Nowhere in the document is a comparative cost analysis provided for the three alternatives! 225-1

Without such a financial analysis, which considers the availability and timing of funding sources to implement the General Plan, it simply becomes a glorified "wish list" for the park. My specific questions are:

1. Where is the financial support to implement the proposed General Plan coming from?
2. What would the time-phased implementation plan be, based on various levels of funding?
3. Where is the cost analysis for the maintenance and the enforcement of the operating changes proposed in the Preferred Alternative?
4. What staffing changes are required to successfully support each of the three proposed alternatives?
5. How do the three proposed alternatives affect potential revenues generated by the park, which in turn could help support future time phased improvements?

Such a cost analysis should at least be provided for the preferred alternative, if not for all 3 of the alternatives. This plan, without a financial analysis or budget is incomplete.

I know I am stating the obvious, but when the State Parks Commission members eventually approve the General Plan, THIS PLAN WILL BE OF LITTLE USE WITHOUT THE NECESSARY FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT IT!

Thank you for reviewing this comment. I look forward to seeing it addressed in the State Park's response to public comments.

Sincerely,  
Mike Finta

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225-1: Comment noted. It is not the purpose of a general plan to identify the specific costs or funding sources required to develop the proposed facilities in the plan or to implement the broad goals and guidelines articulated in the Preliminary GP/RMP. However, the Preliminary GP/RMP, is more than a "wish list" of potential projects and facilities, it is broad direction and guidance on how the SRA will be developed, used, protected and managed in the future. The Preliminary GP/RMP is not intended to provide a specific budget and hard timetable for implementing all elements of the Preliminary GP/RMP. The Preliminary GP/RMP provides some prioritization for implementation of the Preliminary GP/RMP goals and guidelines. State Parks will consider adding potential funding sources, where known, to the Implementation and Monitoring Table.

There is no specific funding source to implement the Preliminary GP/RMP. Some of the management actions can be implemented within the existing operational budget for the SRA. The proposed new facilities proposed in the Preliminary GP/RMP will require additional funding above the existing operational budget. There are many potential funding sources for specific projects and funding sources can vary annually depending on many factors outside the scope of the Preliminary GP/RMP. New funding sources continually arise. The cost of operating and maintaining new facilities, including staffing, will factor into the prioritization and timing of the development of specific new facilities proposed in the Preliminary GP/RMP.

Existing park revenues only generate about half the amount of funding required to operate and maintain the SRA. The new facilities proposed in the Preliminary GP/RMP, and any revenues generated from these new facilities, will not substantially alter this situation.

## Letter 226

Folsom's Hybrid Plan, comments and input to State Parks Page 1 of 1

**From:** Mike Finta [mfainta1@yahoo.com] 226  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 12:59 AM  
**To:** Jerry Bernau; Micheaels, Jim; Nakaji, Scott  
**Cc:** Mike Applegarth; Rusty Dupray; Tynan, Dan  
**Subject:** Folsom's Hybrid Plan, comments and input to State Parks

Hi Jerry,

Thank you for sending me a copy of the City of Folsom's proposed "Hybrid Plan" being submitted to State Parks and Recreation. I fully support all the recommendations, with the exception of changing the designation of the Upper South Fork aquatic zone from "Conservation" to "Recreation-Medium Intensity". 226-1

Also, although I have no problem with the opening of the Monte Vista area for day use camping, picnicking, etc., I know that some of the other nearby homeowners don't think this is such a good idea. I think it can be made to work, but only if State Parks will provide the necessary full-time on-site personnel to oversee day-use activities, and if the necessary facility improvements called for in the plan are provided.

Folsom's suggested "Recreation-Medium Intensity" designation for the aquatic zone will subject this portion of the lake to even more boat noise and loud "boom box" music blasting from the boats than we are currently exposed to today. I think this relatively small area of the lake is ideally suited for fishing and kayaking activities, and should be left as proposed in the General Plan Alternative #2, as a "Conservation Zone".

I have observed (and even heard) too many unfriendly exchanges between "quiet users" (fisherman & kayakers) and careless wake boaters, and I think this unique area should be made available for the enjoyment of boaters seeking a more natural type water experience. This is an ideal "transition zone" between the American River raft take-out area, and the more intense recreation part of the lake used by high speed water craft.

The proposed General Plan's "Conservation" designation for the Upper South Fork Aquatic Zone allows water users to have a unique experience not available elsewhere on Folsom Lake, and it is in an ideal location with a mostly natural shoreline setting. The surrounding upland area also provides ideal habitat for park wildlife. I think this small zone, between Monte Vista point and Salmon Falls bridge is an ideal water and land setting for park visitors who desire a more natural experience when visiting the Folsom Lake SRA. This "Conservation" designation would dovetail nicely with the proposed Sweetwater and Falcon Crest trail and trailhead improvements for equestrians and hikers using the trails in this area.

I am sending these comments to you, as well as to State Parks for them to consider as public input, since the public will not have a chance to see the plan submitted by the City of Folsom on behalf of the various governmental agencies they are partnering with.

Overall, I think the City of Folsom has done a great job putting together this "hybrid plan" which provides far greater recreational opportunities for the public to enjoy Folsom Lake SRA than are contained in the proposed General Plan Alternative #2.

Best regards,  
Mike Finta

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226-1: Please see Master Response ALT-3 (Section 3.2.3).

## Letter 227

Folsom Lake trail closures for equestrians Page 1 of 2

**From:** Dorothy Foster [hitech@sunset.net] 227  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 10:00 AM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** RE: Folsom Lake trail closures for equestrians  
 Jim,

I feel a little foolish for writing to you the first time without at least a cursory glance at the proposed plan. After looking at it, although briefly, I do have a question: With reference to Chapter II p. 59, how were the "visitors" selected for the Folsom Lake SRA Visitor Survey selected? It doesn't sound as though any equestrians could have been included in the survey. 227-1

I know that equestrians are a rather small group compared to the general population, but they are generally repeat visitors who depend on the SRA trails for the enjoyment of their sport in a unique way. People who trail ride cannot do so just anywhere. Unpaved riding areas are fast becoming difficult to find and the Folsom and Auburn SRA's are a Mecca for equestrians because of their trail systems and trailer parking access. 227-2

After reading Chapter III Guidelines VISIT 34 - 65, I felt much better about the plan. The only things that still bother me are the lack of overnight camping facilities for equestrians and the proposal of using alternating days for bikers and equestrians for some trails. The Lake Croville SRA tried that in the Loafer Creek area, and it was a total failure. 227-3

Thank you again for your attention.

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**Bob & Dorothy Foster**

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**From:** Micheaels, Jim [mailto:JMICHE@parks.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2008 2:50 PM  
**To:** Dorothy Foster  
**Cc:** Nakaji, Scott; Tynan, Dan  
**Subject:** RE: Folsom Lake trail closures for equestrians

Dorothy -

I don't know where you received the information that trails are being closed – but that is incorrect. State Parks and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation are completing a new General Plan/Resource Management Plan for Folsom Lake SRA. There are no trail closures proposed in the Plan. The Plan provides broad direction for trails. If you want to get correct information about the Plan and planning process – please check out the web page devoted to the plan at the following internet address:

[http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=22322](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=22322)

The entire plan can be viewed and downloaded from this site. It's not too late to provide comments on the document – the comment period deadline is April 8, 2008.

If after reviewing the web site and plan you have further questions feel free to contact me.

A completely separate project is the Folsom Dam Safety/Flood Protection Join Federal Project which is constructing a new spillway at Folsom Dam and Reservoir and improving the safety of many of the dikes around the reservoir. This project will involve some temporary closures of the trails across the tops of the dikes while construction activities are occurring. Alternate trail detours will be made available while trails are temporarily closed. The lead agencies for this project are the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Thanks, JM.

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227-1: Please see Master Responses EC-2 and PP-2 (Section 3.1.2).

227-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

227-3: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

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**From:** cf317@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 7:36 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Cc:** Robert.Olmstead@sen.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Multi-use trails at Folsom Lake

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**I would like to comment on the general plan for Folsom Lake SRA.** 228-1

**I have been a long time user of the area for running and cycling. I support the development of more multi-use trails in the area, and specifically endorse any plan that increases access to mountain bikers. I feel it is important to have a local venue to ride 'off road'. The fact that Folsom SRA is located so close to an urban setting, as well as light rail encourages people to not only exercise, but to get to the area without contributing to carbon emissions.**

**Others have recommended an odd/even designation for the trail system (e.g., hikers and equestrians on even days/ bikes on odd days). Although not ideal for me, I think this is a compromise that could work.** 228-2

**Mountain biking in general is a low impact sport on existing trails. Local involvement for trail maintenance has proven we are committed and responsible users.**

**In making your final decision please remember that while mountain biking is a means of recreation that is available to many, equestrian use has become a small but vocal minority.**

**Curtis Fowler**

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228-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

228-2: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

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**From:** Tracey Fremd [t.fremd@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 8:05 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom 5 MPH  
Dear Jim,

I am OPPOSED to the changes proposed for the 5 MPH buoy demarcation on Lake Folsom. There has been so much micro-manipulation of access to Folsom these past few years. Let us continue to access the forks at speeds safe as determined by traffic and water hazards only.

Regards,  
Tracey Fremd, NP  
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916-673-3193 Fax  
916-220-6620 Cell/ Main

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229-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

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**From:** helen.gallagher [heleng111@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 26, 2008 1:09 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** kayakers on Folsom Lake  
Jim Micheaels  
Gold Fields District  
California State Parks  
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
Folsom, CA 95630

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Re: Folsom Lake SRA General Plan Update

Dear Jim,

I am writing with respect to the draft General Plan and EIR for this project. I am [NAME], a paddler who uses the waters of our region [OR BE MORE SPECIFIC]. I believe that limiting use of the Rattlesnake Bar aquatic area to quiet users, would enhance my use of the area and effectively mitigate the negative impacts of motorboat noise, air quality and safety on all paddlers. The new river access at China Bar makes the potential for motorboat/paddler conflict even greater.

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230-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

We are among the groups most severely impacted by the effects of motorboat access to the Rattlesnake Bar aquatic area. We share the surface of the water with motorboats and the inherent conflicts of that sharing are immediate, severe and completely disproportionate. Even one motorboat creates noise, air pollution and safety hazards to all quiet craft in the area. There is NO comparable portion of the lake accessible to quiet kayakers, canoers and rowers. Lake Natoma-while magnificent-is not a quiet rural experience and that experience is one of the true highlights of paddling. If use of the Rattlesnake Bar aquatic area was limited to quiet users we would have one tiny piece of lake on which we could paddle quietly. I sincerely ask that you limit use of the Rattlesnake Bar aquatic areas to quiet users.

Helen Gallagher  
8963 Gullipoint Way  
Sacramento CA 95826

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**From:** jennifer garcia [roxythewonderdog2003@yahoo.com] 231  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 10:20 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Recreation Plan

Greetings!  
Please don't forget to include equestrian areas for the Folsom area plan! 231-1  
thanks

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231-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** Katie Garfinkel [jumpanoak@email.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 7:54 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
 Hello,

My name is Katie Garfinkel and I run a riding stable in Plymouth, CA. My husband is a equine veterinarian so we are in contact with limitless amounts of equestrians. We are very concerned your general plan does not mention horse trails. Folsom lake trails are one of the main places people can go in this area to enjoy their horses. PLEASE include us in your plans. Trails everywhere are being closed to equestrians because of additional building etc. and we need these trails. Equestrians are typically very environmentally friendly people who clean up after themselves and conduct themselves in a safe manner. Additionally, we would like to see more horse camping areas, with pens, wash racks, and tie areas.

Thank you,

Katie  
 209-245-4485

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232-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

232-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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**From:** Ruthgerson@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 29, 2008 4:50 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Cc:** Musillami, Steve; Romero, Paul  
**Subject:** FOLSOM STATE REC AREA

**Attachments:** FolsomRecAreaMar2008Letr.doc

**RECREATION & EQUESTRIAN COALITION**  
P.O. Box 245 Agoura, CA 91376 818-991-1236

March 31, 2008

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[jmiche@parks.ca.gov](mailto:jmiche@parks.ca.gov)

Re: Draft General Plan for Folsom State Recreation Area

Dear Mr. Michaels:

We strongly urge State Parks to review the General Plan and make the necessary revisions to correct the deficiency that excluded Horseback Riding, Running and Hiking as recreational activities. It is common knowledge that Horseback Riding, Running and Hiking are very popular recreational activities in that area. 233-1

The trails have always been enjoyed by these 3 groups and to exclude them would be a travesty. In fact, more equestrian facilities are really needed such as improved trailhead/staging areas, water access, hitching rails, and picnic tables. 233-2

Hikers and equestrians have shared the trails forever. They are both slower users of the trails as compared with mountain bikers who go fast. While biking has become a popular challenge over the past 15 years, and while there may be more bikers than equestrians in some areas, nevertheless, State Parks should still ensure that equestrians and hikers enjoy a quality recreational experience. In that regard, narrow trails should be limited to hikers and equestrians. Separate trails for bikers could allow for faster traveling speeds regardless of blind curves, steep drop-offs and other trail users who go slow. Some of the bikers seem to relish displacing other users, since a shared trail always becomes a bike trail as other users lose a quality experience. Alternate days of trail use only works if everyone knows which days are for which users; that is only for a dream world as users from out the area come to enjoy the trails without knowing the system. In addition, various trail users will always be out every day. State Parks cannot afford any enforcement of such a plan either with staff or with funds. 233-3

If you allow the displacement of hikers/equestrians on narrow trails, then you also support economic losses for the various businesses that these users frequent. California equestrians contribute \$6 billion to the national economy. 233-4

Surely State Parks can ensure that equestrians and hikers have a quality experience whenever they are on the trails. There is a major safety issue for trail users when a mixture of vehicles and hiker/horse users are allowed on narrow trails. That scenario envisions the picture of non-bikers dodging bikers in order to "share" the trails.

My riding experiences are over the past 60 years, and include trail riding, packing in the Sierra, endurance riding, taking blind children riding and teaching riding. The irreplaceable relationships and bonding with horses are values that equestrians cherish, values that we teach our children and our grandchildren as we take them riding on the trails to enjoy quality outdoor experiences. It is earnestly hoped that State Parks will keep in the forefront of the planning process that hikers/equestrians need quality experiences on the trails. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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233-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

233-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

233-3: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

233-4: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

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**From:** Doc Graybill [armor1@hughes.net] 234  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:01 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Recreation Area

I am one of the many equestrians who have for many years enjoyed riding in the Folsom Lake Recreation Area. I understand that a master plan is in works for the area. Please 234-1 give consideration to providing for continued equestrian enjoyment of the beautiful area. Thank You.

D. A. (Doc) Graybill  
[armor1@hughes.net](mailto:armor1@hughes.net)  
( Age 84 and still riding )

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234-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.11).

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**From:** trlryder [trlryder@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 7:06 AM  
**To:** Micheels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom SRA General Plan

**Attachments:** FolsomLakeHybridAlternative\_7doc.rtf  
Dear Mr Michaels,

Attached is a summary of the list of considerations for the ongoing improvement of the Folsom Lake Recreation Area.  
As a Local having grown up and played, walked, rode, swam, picnicked, and bike riding in the Folsom area since 1950's I am concerned that not enough attention was paid to the writing of the current draft. Please consider the items mentioned in the attachment.  
As a long time user and now a grandparent, I look forward to introducing my grandchildren to the natural area that is in our back yard.  
And look forward to many more years of safe use of the park.

Thank you,  
Randy Hackbarth  
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530-626-0571



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**FOLSOM LAKE SRA GENERAL PLAN/RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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| <b>235-1</b>  | 1. Increase the Recreation land use designation acreage in this Plan to correlate with the Hybrid Preferred Plan to FLSRA PGP/RMP, drafted on May 23, 2008, by the City of Folsom, the Counties of Placer, El Dorado, and Sacramento. This will address year around recreational land use, as well as provide greater latitude for future Park administrations to meet the visitor's needs in this RECREATION AREA. ***Amend General Plan to reflect the corrections of the errors and omissions noted by the already submitted public comments.   | 235-1: Please see Master Response ALT-3 (Section 3.2.3).                        |
| <b>235-2</b>  | 2. Safety is the primary issue for equestrians. Will a goal that explicitly calls for trail safety, i.e., "The word 'Safety' be added to the first goal in the Trail Goals section III, pg. 79, so that it states " A trail system that provides a broad public benefit by safely accommodating diverse trail uses and abilities? Ensuring public safety is a primary consideration in design, construction, and maintenance of all Park facilities and improvements, including trails.  | 235-2: Please see Master Response TR-7 (Section 3.7.7).                         |
| <b>235-3</b>  | 3. Draft General Plan that contains a specific mechanism for park management to be in closer communication with professional organizations and homeowner's associations that are adjacent to Folsom Lake SRA.  | 235-3: Please see response to Comment 29-14.                                    |
| <b>235-4</b>  | 4. Support the establishment of the multiple discipline trail advisors committee.  | 235-4: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).        |
| <b>235-5</b>  | 5. Institute a collaborative effort between Parks and local law enforcement. This collaborative effort is needed to improve response times, and to accommodate the large physical area of Folsom Lake SRA. Since Folsom Lake SRA's trail system is one of their largest recreational facilities, will providing a full time on the trail Park Ranger or Rangers be addressed in the General Plan?  | 235-5: Please see response to Comment 171-6.                                    |
| <b>235-6</b>  | 6. Will the Plan recognize "per capita ownership of horses in the region is among the highest in the state" ?  | 235-6: Comment noted.   |
| <b>235-7</b>  | 7. California Historical Landmark #585 to be shown on maps within the General Plan. The full text of the brass plaque should be written into the text of the General Plan.   | 235-7: Please see Master Responses EC-1 and EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).               |
| <b>235-8</b>  | 8. The General Plan should properly set the policy for an adequate trail maintenance budget.   | 235-8: Please see Master Response TR-3 (Section 3.7.3).                         |
| <b>235-9</b>  | 9. All dogs on leash. No loose dogs. Post signs throughout the Park.   | 235-9: Please see Master Response TR-2 (Section 3.7.2).                         |
| <b>235-10</b> | 10. Keep the Folsom Lake SRA concessionaire of Shadow Glen Stables and boarding facilities located at Mississippi Bar. The concessionaire's contract should be reflective of all other Folsom Lake SRA's concessionaires, i.e., length of contract. Expand stables and riding facilities to include covered arena, stables, upgrade office, and restroom. Retain as limited use trails: equestrian/hiking trails of Shady Trail, Middle Trail, Snowberry Creek Trail, and Pioneer Express Trail. Since these trails are an integral part of this Folsom Lake SRA concessionaire's business, will the General Plan include the Folsom Lake SRA's enforcement policies regarding maintaining trail designation use for their | 235-10: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).                       |
| <b>235-11</b> |  | 235-11: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12). |

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concessionaire?

- 235-12** 11. Add bike technical park in Folsom Lake SRA.
- 235-13** 12. Bike speed on all multi-use be 5 mph when entering a switch back, on passing, and on approaching oncoming multi-use trail users. Post speed per State Park's Vehicle Code for bikes throughout multi-use trail system.
- 235-14** 13. Mountain bikes to be defined as mechanized in the Trail Management Plan. Bureau of Land Management in their Sierra Resource Management Plan in February, 2008, defined mountain bikes as mechanized.
- 235-15** 13. Trail Coordinator position required to have some level of knowledge of equestrian trail issues or with an equestrian consultant agreed upon by local equestrian organizations. The Trail Management Plan will offer opportunities for meaningful public process, and an appeal process. Describe process that will be followed to formulate the Trail Management Plan.
- 235-16** 14. Park to keep comprehensive accident/incident reports. Place signage at the access points with a Park incident report contact numbers.
- 235-17** 15. Visitor's surveys of 2003 are inadequate and not statistically valid, therefore this survey should not inform the future planning for the Folsom Lake SRA, or be referenced in the General Plan. The General Plan needs to be current, based on a reasonable percentage of surveys to population, as well as two focused surveys, one for aquatic, and one for land based recreation.
- 235-18** 16. Remove the Shared Use Dirt Trail-Alternating Day/Time Separation Options concept entirely. By pursuing this Trail Designation the State Parks sets up a system that promotes total disregard for safety, promotes the escalation of users conflicts, and damages sensitive trails in difficult terrain that were not created to sustain the erosion caused by this additional user.
- 235-19** 17. Create a Guideline that specifically includes the Trail Designation of Multi-use Corridor. A corridor designed, developed, and managed to accommodate multiple trails for different users (i.e., pedestrian, bicycles, and equestrians). Uses can be accommodated on a combination of Shared use, Limited use, and Hiking trails that are more or less parallel, but not adjacent to each other.
- 235-20** 18. The historic Pioneer Express Trail to be plotted on all maps within the General Plan. This historic trail of the Pioneer Express Trail is to remain in its entirety as a limited shared use trail of equestrian and hiking. This trail directly connects to the Western States Trail (Tevis) and the Pacific Crest Trail.
- 235-21** 19. Brown's Ravine Trail from marker 5.5 to marker 17.5 continue as limited shared use trail of equestrian and hiking. Additional users to be accommodated by creating a Multi-use Corridor.
- 235-22** 20. A Multi-use Corridor to parallel the Darrington trail and to connect to the Peninsula campground and Pilot Hill/Salmon Falls Road. To accommodate a limited shared use trail of equestrian and hiker.
- 235-23** 21. Build the proposed trail from the Peninsula campground to the Olmstead

235-12: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-10 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.10).

235-13: Please see Master Response TR-7 (Section 3.7.7).

235-14: Please see response to Comment 171-14.

235-15: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).

235-16: Please see response to Comment 171-16.

235-17: Please see Master Response EC-2 (Section 3.3.2).

235-18: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

235-19: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

235-20: Please see Master Responses EC-1 and EC-3 (Sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.3).

235-21: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-10 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.10).

235-22: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

235-23: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

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Loop in Cool. This trail to be a Multi-use Corridor.

235-24

22. Folsom Lake SRA to coordinate and facilitate avenues to allow mountain bikers and equestrians to each fund, to construct, to maintain, and to acknowledge stewardship for separate limited use trails that are parallel, but not adjacent to one another. This approach offers a solution to healthy recreational opportunities in the Park's difficult terrain that addresses our diverse recreational community and their chosen recreational requirements.

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23. Recommend Equestrian/Group camps at Mississippi Bar immediately south of Shadow Glen Stables and boarding, Rattlesnake Bar in the vicinity of the present Equestrian Assembly/Staging Area, in the vicinity of the Peninsula campground, and the Monte Vista abandon campground. Keep in place existing Negro Bar Equestrian Camping and Assembly/Staging Area with added facilities of hitching posts. Locations identified on included maps. Each to have per APPENDIX A: Land Use Designation Description for recreation high to medium intensity the following facilities, picnic areas, flush toilets/showers, developed campgrounds, paved/dirt trails, trailheads, interpretive trails/displays, internal roads, and parking areas. Additional facilities would include potable water, horse water troughs, round pen, and hitching posts/rails.

235-26

24. Support proposed trail staging areas at Twin Rocks, Horseshoe Bar, Peninsula, these each to have Equestrian Assembly/Staging Areas. Support proposed, or enhanced trail staging areas at Los Lagos, Sweetwater Creek, and Sweetwater Creek/Salmon Falls. Propose Equestrian Assembly Areas at Nimbus Flat, Willow Creek, and Folsom Pointe. These each to be enhanced with the facilities of horse water and hitching posts/rails. Enhance Falcon Crest Equestrian Assembly/Staging Area with facilities of picnic area, restroom, interpretive trail/display, and hitching posts. Add to Brown's Ravine Equestrian Assembly/Staging Area the facility of a restroom. Nimbus Overlook Equestrian Assembly/Staging Area to include the facilities of hitching posts, and a water trough. Snowberry Creek Equestrian Assembly/Staging Area to add the facilities of hitching posts and picnic tables. Granite Bay Assembly/Staging Area, relocate ADA mounting ramp to the peripheral area of the parking area. Provide a system for horse manure removal. Install a mounting block. Enlarge parking area to the south, and provide ingress and egress entrances. Exit to the east would rejoin the main Park road. Rattlesnake Bar Assembly/Staging Area to be enhanced with the facilities of potable water, horse trough, hitching posts, picnic tables, retain present bulletin board, install a mounting block, and a restroom.

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25. Build the Auburn to Cool Bridge, preferably in the location of the PCWA Pump Station, in the Auburn SRA. Build the proposed Multi-use crossing at the Salmon Falls Bridge crossing. Open Folsom Dam Road to Equestrian/Pedestrian/Mountain Bike traffic for connectivity or alternative.

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26. Equestrian water trough at Beal's Point on the Pioneer Express Trail.

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27. Specify if or when a "trailhead" includes parking opportunities for equestrians, otherwise clarify use designation.

*All proposed and enhancements of Equestrian/Group Camping and Equestrian Trail Staging Areas are recognized as dependent upon State Park*

235-24: Please see Master Response TR-8 (Section 3.7.8).

235-25: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

235-26: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

235-27: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

235-28: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

235-29: Table EC-5: Day Use Facilities (Preliminary GP/RMP pages II-38 – II 40) differentiates between trail access and equestrian staging areas. Edits have been made to this table to correct omissions. Elsewhere in the Preliminary GP/RMP direction has been added to clarify improvements to equestrian staging areas. It is recognized that different user groups have different needs with regards to trail access and "equestrian staging area" implies certain types of facilities that serve this user group.

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Fwd: Folsom Lake Long Range Planning Process -- needs yourinput!!! Page 1 of 2

**From:** Laura Caballero [lcaballero@mp.usbr.gov] 236  
**Sent:** Monday, June 09, 2008 5:46 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Fwd: Folsom Lake Long Range Planning Process -- needs yourinput!!!

>>> <dbakerhall@aol.com> 3/13/2008 1:52 PM >>>

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Dear Ms. Caballero:

At the urging of friend Crytal Barber, I am forwarding my response to her?"heads up" on the?Folsom Lake Long Range Planning?Meeting held this past Tuesday in Folsom.? As you will read, I did not?open her?e-mail in a timely enough manner to act.? Truthfully, I've been blissfully ignorant of the proceedings, though I consider myself? big supporter of our California State Parks (pay my annual membership fee, etc.)?? At any rate, following is my?response to?Ms. Barber:

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Crystal:? Sorry I didn't open this in time to attend the meeting, though I'm not sure what I would have to add to the conversation except more divisiveness.? I'm simply not interested in the kind of recreation available at Folsom Lake.

While I totally understand the need for outdoor recreation for all people, I've got this?huge bias against motorized outdoor activities including boats, snowmobiles, ATVs, etc. because of the environmental impact of using fossil fuel for nothing but speed, because of the impact on air quality of putting those fumes in the air, because of the contribution to soil compaction and erosion of off-trail activities (in the case of ATVs and snowmobiles),??and a slew of other?"fun-spoiling" opinions.??In other words, if I were queen, Folsom Lake would be attracting fewer or a different kind of recreator all together, so I guess I'd be drawing a lot of dismissive boos.

I'd love to see more campsites at the lake,?boat slips ONLY FOR 236-1  
sailboats or small fishing boats, and improved or maintained?trails for 236-2  
people and horses but, truthfully, I never use Folsom Lake as a 236-3  
recreation area because of the noise of motor boats and the alcohol-fueled (though illegal) boisterousness of the boaters and party-hearty kids who go there.? Just not my thing.

Nonetheless, it does behoove me to be aware of what is happening in my backyard, which is why I am grateful I have you keeping me in the loop!??

?-- Deb

Deborah Hall

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- 236-1: Please see Master Response CAMP-1 (Section 3.6.1).  
236-2: Comment noted.  
236-3: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

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**From:** hannar@comcast.net 237  
**Sent:** Monday, May 26, 2008 9:44 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake SRGeneral Plan Update

This is to urge State Parks to be extremely cautious in developing the Folsom Plan Update to the extent that proposals from the City of Folsom may advocate for development of property on Lake Natoma, particularly as it may include a pier or motorized water craft on Lake Natoma. 237-1

Lake Natoma should be reserved exclusively for paddle craft or oar boats, and exclude motor driven craft. Folsom Lake is the appropriate place for motor boats. It has the area necessary to disperse the fumes and smells from gasoline engines. Lake Natoma is too small to handle the lingering smell of gasoline engines, and the smell of their exhaust lingers long in the air after they pass and is irritating and possibly a health hazard to paddle craft users.

Additionally, the City of Folsom has a blemished record for caring for infrastructure as shown by its periodic discharge or allowing runoffs of contaminants, at least e-coli, into the lake. The last know such runoff was during the current year. Any development having the sanction of the City of Folsom, be it on shore or within the water of Lake Natoma, may be expected to give insufficient care or concern for preserving the quality of the water within Lake Natoma.

Finally, for persons wanting to enter Lake Natoma in authorized water craft, a launching ramp was recently constructed at Negro Bar which is a state of the art facility. This greatly diminishes any need for commercial water craft on Lake Natoma.

Bob Hanna  
 Coordinator,  
 American River Parkway Safety Coalition

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237-1: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

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**From:** Steve Hansen [shansen@surewest.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2008 4:23 PM  
**To:** Michaels, Jim  
**Subject:** FW: General Plan/Resource Management Plan  
 jim,

After reading the General Plan for Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma, here are my concerns. Some of this is about how the Park is managed and off the topic of the General Plan, but I feel goes hand and hand with any improvements. Perhaps you could forward this to Scott Nakaji. I couldn't find his e-mail address on the park site.

My biggest concern is lack of law enforcement. I use the park regularly and feel Rangers are rarely visible to promote law enforcement or report problems to. Rangers dedicated to busy areas would really help. Here's my wish list:

- More patrolling of park by Rangers with less time spent by Rangers driving to and from units.
- More patrolling on foot and bike- it's better public relations and the stealth approach may work better in many cases.
- More patrolling on the water-targeting speeding, alcohol and partying in the north fork 5 mph zone.
- Post more Park regulations signs.
- Ticket speeding drivers at Granite Bay Unit.
- Enforce dog leash laws with tickets and possibly create an off-leash area in the off season at the Granite Bay Unit.
- Outlaw 'cigarette' boats for noise and speeding reasons at Folsom Lake.
- Outlaw two-stroke engines for pollution and noise reasons at Folsom Lake.

General Plan Recommendations:

- More camp sites- but not RV hook ups.
- More basic amenities – SHOWERS, picnic tables and covered shelters. Encourage people to camp without R.V.'s.
- Separate R.V.'s and others with generators from tent campers.
- Alleviate entrance back ups on busy Holidays. Create a pass holder express lane. Better signage at entrances.
- Parallel but separate trails for mtn.bikers, runners and equestrians where possible. ( Give trail users ownership, let them build the trails)
- Encourage low impact use of park by building more trails-complete the trail system around Folsom Lake.
- Promote limited access/walk-in areas. Get people out of their cars.
- Security cameras at remote trailheads.
- Extend quiet zone on North Fork of Folsom Lake down close to Rattlesnake Bar.
- Resurface Granite Bay Unit roads-they are unsafe due to potholes, cracks and broken shoulders.
- Increase park fees for motor boat use- they create the heaviest impact on park services.
- Retain Shadow Glen Riding Stables-it's a unique experience for kids and one that encourages kids to get out in nature.
- Provide more boat launching facilities and amenities on the El Dorado county side of Folsom Lake to relieve congestion at Granite Bay Unit.
- Avoid too much commercialization. To some extent the more we develop a park, the more it loses the very qualities that we seek in a park. A park like Folsom Lake should be a respite from urban life, not an extension of it. Any increase in parking and boating capacity should be weighted against how much is too much ?

Sincerely,  
 Steve Hansen  
 8497 East Hidden Lakes Dr.  
 Granite Bay, Ca. 95746

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- 238-1: Comment noted. State Park rangers at Folsom Lake SRA focus on the most heavily used areas. Alcohol is prohibited at Folsom Lake SRA, with a few exceptions. However, State Parks does not have the authority to regulate the possession and use of alcohol on boats. The possession and use of alcohol on boats is governed by the Harbors and Navigation portion of the Public Resources Code and is under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Boating and Waterways. Please see Master Response TR-1 (Section 3.7.1).
- 238-2: Please see Master Response CAMP-1 (Section 3.6.1).
- 238-3: Comment noted.
- 238-4: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).
- 238-5: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).
- 238-6: Please see Master Response TR-16 (Section 3.7.16).
- 238-7: Comment noted.
- 238-8: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).
- 238-9: Comment noted.
- 238-10: Comment noted.
- 238-11: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).
- 238-12: Please see Master Response BOAT-3 (Section 3.5.3).
- 238-13: Comment noted.

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**From:** Scott Hanson [shanson@money matters.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2008 2:50 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake - mountain bike trails

Dear Mr. Micheals:

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to help the Folsom Lake Recreation Area continue to be a beautiful place for us all to enjoy. I use the park for boating, running, biking and mountainbike riding and I believe it is a jewel of our area.

The purpose of this letter is to address the trails that are dedicated to horses and bicycles. As a cyclist, I am fully supportive of horse riders and their desire to have trails that are free of bicycles. Currently, there are miles of trails that can only be ridden on horses and not on bikes (and vice versa). What I would hope you would consider is this: Having some days designated for horses and some days for bicycles. For example, odd days could be for horses and even days for bikes. Or, perhaps at least have one day per week when bikes could ride horse trails, such as Wednesdays or Thursdays.

I know many cyclists who ignore the rules and ride the horse trails anyway. I believe that if those riders could access the trails on a limited basis, they would respect the laws on the other days, thereby providing days when horse riders could enjoy the trails without having to worry about coming upon illegal cyclists.

Thanks in advance for taking my thoughts into consideration.

Regards,  
Scott Hanson

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239-1: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

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**From:** Susan Harrer [bobegs@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2008 10:31 AM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim

Mr. Micheaels and all those concerned. Please please consider the many equestrian enthusiast when confirming the 30 year plan. I as a senior ride our beautiful trails weekly. I ride over 30 Miles a week. Most bicycle riders are very considerate of the horses, hikers also the only problem with other out door partakers is motorized vehicles. Obviously they need places to enjoy also but not in conjunction with the other users. A good example for multi. use is Cronon Ranch or Cool area. Thank you Susan Harrer Shingle Springs Ca.

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240-1: Please see Master Response TR-15 (Section 3.7.15).

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**From:** Harris, Tim [tim.harris@cal-lighting.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 8:05 PM  
**To:** Micheels, Jim  
**Subject:** FW: [rhe] Folsom Lake extended 5 mph no wake plan  
 I am curious to the exact location of the new proposed 5 MPH zone(s). How do we get this information? Is there another public hearing since we missed the 3-11-08 date?

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thank you .

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**From:** Pete Chapman [mailto:petechapman@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 2:13 PM  
**To:** Harris, Tim  
**Subject:** FW: [rhe] Folsom Lake extended 5 mph no wake plan

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> To: rhe@yahogroups.com  
 > From: mark@markferry.com  
 > Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2008 11:41:09 -0700  
 > Subject: [rhe] Folsom Lake extended 5 mph no wake plan  
 >  
 > This is the long term plan for Folsom Lake Recreation Area. One of the  
 > proposed plans is to permanently expand the 5 mph, no wake zones. The  
 > article specifically mentions the North Fork from Mormon Ravine south to  
 > Rattlesnake Bar. As you know some mornings, the only areas not effected by  
 > the wind is deep into the forks. I'm very much opposed to any expanded 5  
 > mph zones. There is a public hearing tonight at Folsom Middle School at  
 > 7:00 in the auditorium. Please see below if you would like to attend. You  
 > can send an e-mail for more information or to voice your comments to Jim  
 > Micheels listed below. Comments must be received by March 24 before the  
 > general plan is submitted for approval to the State Parks and Recreation  
 > Commission.  
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 > The Folsom Lake State Recreation Area Preliminary Plan, including the Draft  
 > Environmental Impact Report and Draft Environmental Impact Statement has  
 > been released for public comment. They are available on-line at:  
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 > The 45 day public comment period will run through March 24, 2008. Comments  
 > must be received or postmarked by that date. There are two public meetings  
 > scheduled:  
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241-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

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**Megan Heileman**

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**From:** Meiry Hayes [meiry@poolmaster.net] 242  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2008 9:12 AM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Re: Folsom Lake Management Plan

Jim Micheaels  
 Gold Fields District  
 California State Parks  
 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
 Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Jim,

I really appreciate all your efforts toward the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan.

242-1 Born and raised in Folsom, I have enjoyed the beauty of the lake and surrounding parklands for over 40 years. I support the efforts to preserve and protect the nature beauty of the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA). As local resident, hiker, and mountain biker, I support the continued development of multi-use trails within the SRA. The Granite Bay multi-use trail is evidence that multi-use trails work effectively. As a mountain biker, I have come across many horseback riders and hikers on the various trails I ride. Several commonly shared trails where we, horseback riders, hikers, and mountain bikers, all work well together are the Pioneer Trail off of HWY 49, the Sly Park Trail around Jenkinson Lake a short distance off of HWY 50 and of course Granite Bay at Folsom Lake. When all parties know the other could be on the trail, the awareness level seems to rise, at least with the groups that I have experienced. When one group passes the other, people from hikers, to horseback riders, to mountain bikers the people from the different groups have always seemed to exchange common respect and are friendly to each other.

As a mountain biker, I give hikers and horseback riders the right of way because I know the system. Sometimes either of those groups yield their right of way to me because they trained their horse to be calm with mountain bikers near and want to work with the horse further by letting a mountain biker ride by while the horse waits, or hikers would rather have me ride by and gesture for me to proceed. Other horseback riders prefer me to walk my bike past them, while others prefer to have me stand still and off to the side of the trail, so they can pass. Usually those horseback riders have horses that are not trained as much or are just more nervous by nature, at least that is what the horseback rider has communicated to me. All ways of figuring out how to pass each other on the trail works for me. My point is, I communicate to the other parties and visa versa, and we work it out without incident and usually a big smile and greeting to our fellow outdoor enthusiasts, regardless of their means of transportation. Bottom line is we all just want to get outdoors for exercise, beauty of nature, and fresh air.

I walk with my 4 & 5 year old niece and nephew, who live in Folsom. We are training them to properly respond when bikes, joggers, or horses are near. My brother and sister-in-law are also teaching them how to ride their bikes, and they love it! I have fun taking that next generation out onto the trails. My 16 year old niece enjoys hopping on her bike and riding to the lake trails with her friends. It's just good, wholesome fun.

It is so important to me to exercise. I have minor nerve damage to my right foot, and mountain biking allows me to access the trails without as much pain and further nerve damage that I get when I go on a long hike. I use to run cross-country but found that Mountain biking allows me to get in a long, sustained exercise period without pounding my knees.

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242-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

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I also like to ride at night, especially in the winter, when it gets dark so early.

**242-2** I support the concept of a linked trail system that allows mountain biking around the entire perimeter of the lake. The creation of more multi-use trails will allow mountain bike access from additional trailheads, thereby minimizing the impact of car-based trips to the SRA.

**242-3** I encourage the further development and implementation of a Trails Master Plan as quickly as possible. I encourage the planning agencies to work closely with local mountain biking organizations, such as IMBA and FATRAC, which have a strong track record of trail planning and construction with land managers. These mountain bike organizations and members have consistently donated their time and effort to build and maintain trails for the entire user community. I would like to be notified of all future public events relating to the SRA General Plan and Trails Master Plan.

Please make efforts to acquire additional lands from willing sellers and to work with local land trusts to acquire lands next to the park so that the park will be more than a narrow strip of land around a lot of water.

Folsom Lake and the recreational opportunities around it are very important to me and I encourage you to develop those opportunities.

Thanks for your consideration

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meiry@poolmaster.net  
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Carmichael, CA 95608

Wrk. (916) 567-9800, ext. 120

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242-2: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

242-3: Please see Master Responses UWO-1 and TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).

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**From:** Vince Hayes [vhayes@mpengr.com] 243  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 4:24 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Management Plan

Jim

Thank you for all the hard work and effort that has gone into the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan. I support the efforts to preserve and protect the nature beauty of the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA). As local resident and mountain biker, I support the continued development of multi-use trails within the SRA. The Granite Bay multi-use trail is evidence that multi-use trails work effectively. I support the concept of a linked trail system that allows mountain biking around the entire perimeter of the lake. The creation of more multi-use trails will allow mountain bike access from additional trailheads, thereby minimizing the impact of car-based trips to the SRA. I encourage the further development and implementation of a Trails Master Plan as quickly as possible. I encourage the planning agencies to work closely with local mountain biking organizations, such as IMBA and FATRAC, which have a strong track record of trail planning and construction with land managers. These mountain bike organizations and members have consistently donated their time and effort to build and maintain trails for the entire user community. I would like to be notified of all future public events relating to the SRA General Plan and Trails Master Plan. 243-1

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Thanks for your consideration 243-4

Vince Hayes, P.E.  
 Direct: (916) 563-6708 243-5

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- 243-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).
- 243-2: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).
- 243-3: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).
- 243-4: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).
- 243-5: Please see Master Response UWO-1 (Section 3.9.1).

## Letter 244

244

G. Heitzler.txt

From: secrty@directcon.net  
 Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 10:43 AM  
 To: Micheals, Jim  
 Cc: secrty@directcon.net  
 Subject: "Draft General Plan" for the Folsom State Recreation Area.

Jim Micheals  
 California State Parks  
 Gold Fields District  
 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
 Folsom, CA 95630

Mr. Micheals:  
 I just heard that the CA State Parks Department has released their "Draft General Plan" for the Folsom State Recreation Area.

Is it true that the plan describes the primary recreation activities in the Auburn SRA as swimming, boating, fishing, camping, mountain biking, gold panning, off-highway motorcycle riding and white water rafting but DOES NOT mention hikers, runners, or horseback riders?

I am an avid hiker, runner, and horseback rider and have used the Folsom State Rec area as well as Auburn SRA for all of these activities over the past 25+ years.

244-1 For what it is worth, it is my opinion that hikers, runners, and even mountain bikes for the most part, are compatible with horseback riders sharing the same trail, but motorcycles do not mix well with the others. Motorized travel on trails needs to be restricted to a separate area to avoid dangerous situations. In the case of

244-2 mountain bikes, some trails do not lend themselves to safe sharing of use with horses and mountain bikes for downhill blind corners. I am sure there are other considerations such as erosion, etc. to be factored in when wheels are involved.

It is my hope that hikers, runners, or horseback riders will be considered as a priority use with respect to trails and given appropriate consideration for right of way with respect to sharing the trails with other users. It is also my desire to see those trails designated as for non-motorized use. Any trail open to motorized travel needs to be well marked for that use and needs to be separate from trails used by non-motorized users.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Gerald Heitzler  
 Shingle Springs,  
 CA

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244-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-15 (Section 3.7.15).

244-2: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

## Letter 245

245

L. Herr.txt  
 From: louise herr [lpmh8101@yahoo.com]  
 Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 9:26 PM  
 To: Micheals, Jim  
 Subject: Re: Folsom Lake Recreational Use

245-1 Gentlemen:  
 This email is intended to bring Equestrian Issues to the table when a 30 year plan is being discussed. As you may or may not know the Folsom Lake Recreational areas are within easy reach of the Equestrian communities surrounding the lake and Orangevale. We also have Twin Lakes Riding Club in Orangevale. My daughter and friends have been riding in Orangevale and Folsom Lake area for the past 10 yrs. We are members of the Twin Lakes Riding Club and we have all been active in gaining and keeping access to local riding areas throughout this area. It has taken years and many hours in local planning meetings to keep Equestrian access open in this area. Twin Lake Riding Club hosts monthly trail rides for its members and guests. Folsom Lake trails are a regular rotation of riding areas. Please take a look around the Lake and in Orangevale. Please notice how many horses there are. While every horse owner does not ride at Folsom Lake on a daily basis, I am sure you will see the need for equestrian access.

245-2 Additionally, my husband is a runner. He loves to run cross country. As this area is challenged by developers who seem intent on putting concrete on every available surface it seems that Folsom Lake should be intent on serving ALL needs of the community and not just the water use needs. For both cross country running and horseback riding we need to keep multi-use trails in natural areas dedicated for non motorized use. There are precious few areas left. If we want to keep Folsom Lake as an attraction, let's be fair and consider ALL activities. Thank you for your consideration of horses and runners in the long term plan.  
 L.Herr  
 Orangevale

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245-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

245-2: Comment noted. Please see response to Comment 165-1 and Master Responses TR-5 and TR-15 (Section 3.7.15).

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**From:** Valeri Heer [valerih@innercite.com] 246  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 10:59 AM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** General Plan  
 Dear Mr. Micheaels:

I am a resident of El Dorado County and an avid user of the park systems. It has come to my attention that there is a proposal to eliminate equestrians from some trails. I would vehemently oppose this. We equestrians are a quiet, well behaved section of the population that lives in CA and pays substantial taxes (horses are expensive) to the state for the privilege of using our lovely park trails. In particular I have concerns about the plan for the Auburn SRA which currently doesn't include equestrians. 246-1

These trails are currently being used by equestrians and we see no reason for the proposed exclusion. In fact we need additional facilities (horse camps, staging areas, water, picnic tables, paved parking, water troughs, hitching posts, riding arena, etc.). Some groups (hikers and equestrians) can share the trails, but not motorized mountain bikers. Anything with a motor should be designated its own trails for safety sake. 246-2  
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Please don't exclude the equestrians.

Sincerely,  
 Valeri Heer  
 500 Avenue Chateau  
 Kelsey, CA 95667  
 530 622-3303

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246-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

246-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

246-3: Please see Master Responses TR-5, TR-12 and TR-15 (Sections 3.7.5, 3.7.12 and 3.7.15).

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**From:** Maureen Henderson [mmhenderson@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 5:38 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom State Recreation Area  
 Dear Mr. Michaels:

I am writing in support of equestrian trails included in the draft General Plan for the Folsom State Recreation Area. It is my understanding that the park is proposing to close equestrian trails in the park on alternate days to coordinate with mountain bikes.

It has been my experience that there is heavy trail use by equestrians, hikers, runners, and mountain bikers 365 days a year. Many of the multi-use trails are suitable for all of these activities, i.e., the Olmstead Loop. As an equestrian, I believe the plan should include additional facilities for equestrians. I have not seen any contemplated by this plan. I am sure the Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association together with others, would be more than pleased to meet with you to discuss suitable equestrian facilities.

Equestrians support a huge economic infrastructure in Placer County and other adjoining rural areas. Horses require substantial feed, farriers, veterinarians, tack. People who have horses spend substantial dollars in our community to support the activity they love. And, they spend this money day in and day out, every single month!

It is not like a bike which is purchased, ridden a few days during the week, on nice days, and then is put away. The mountain bikes probably aren't ridden as much during the winter months either, especially on muddy trails. There is very little economic impact on the community once the bike has been purchased.

Because Placer County has such a great number of horses and equestrians, there are probably as many or maybe even more equestrians than mountain bikers. Equestrians deserve to have a substantial piece of the pie, especially when they are such large source of revenue to the community. As mentioned above, we support many feed stores and tack shops in the community as well as vets and farriers.

Single track trails are appropriate for runners, hikers, and equestrians. They are not appropriate for mountain biking. I don't believe that closing these trails is the solution to the problem. We have a wonderful park system and many multi-use trails for everyone to use. Mountain bikes should be forbidden from using the single track trails and enforcement is a key element. The equestrians shouldn't have to give up trails they use every day for mountain bikers. With all the multi-use trails, the mountain bikers should be able to find other sufficient trails to ride their bikes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Maureen Henderson  
 9375 Rancho Vista Lane  
 Newcastle, CA 95658

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247-1: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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247-2: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

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**248**

**From:** Willy Henderson [willbartrav@surewest.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2008 4:38 PM  
**To:** Mischeals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake General Plan comment  
Jim Mischeals  
CA State Parks

Dear Sir,

**248-1** Thank you for your efforts concerning the General Plan for the Folsom Lake SRA. My husband and I enjoy using the area for hiking, mountain biking and kayaking. We appreciate the beauty, and are grateful for having this wonderful resource so close to our home. Please continue to support the growth of our trail systems for multi-use. As members of FATRAC, we have seen an incredible job of trail building and care with this organization, and we have been trail maintenance volunteers ourselves in connection with them for projects in the Folsom Lake Rec. Area. Our local IMBA reps are very interested in this support, and are always working hard on this cause, too. I think we all would like to some day see a trail around the perimeter of the lake.

Thanks again for your interest and hard work,

Will, Barb and Travis Henderson  
willbartrav@surewest.net

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248-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-6 (Section 3.7.5).

## Letter 249

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R.Hermstxt.txt  
From: Richard Herms [rich\_herms@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 6:38 PM  
To: Micheals, Jim  
Subject: Comments for Folsom Lake Plan

Dear Mr Micheals,

Being a resident of Loomis and an employee in Folsom, I get to use and enjoy the Folsom Lake SRA on a weekly basis.

As the general plan is updated, I would like to offer the following suggestions:

249-1

1. I often ride my bike to work and like to avoid the vehicle traffic of Auburn-Folsom Road. Currently, I can ride along the lake from Folsom north to Granite Bay. It would be great if the multi-use trail along the lake would extend further north, preferably all the way to Auburn. I would like to see this section changed from a horse/pedestrian only trail to a multi-use trail.

2. Making the the trail multi-use and extending it from Granite Bay to the Foresthill Divide Loop trails in Auburn is consistent with the plans stated goal of increasing trail access and providing a complete trail network around the lake.

Thank you,

Richard Herms  
4600 Monte Sereno Dr  
Loomis CA

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249-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-6 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.6).

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re: Folsom Lake Recreation Area Page 1 of 1

**From:** Douglas Herr [telyt@earthlink.net] 250

**Sent:** Saturday, March 29, 2008 3:02 PM

**To:** Micheaels, Jim

**Subject:** re: Folsom Lake Recreation Area

Dear Mr. Micheaels:

I have sent a previous email and would like to add to my concerns about the updated plan proposals to Folsom Lake area. I want to see multi use trails being created and current ones maintained that would serve equestrian, cyclists and runners needs. I have just learned that the Shadow Glen stables may be closed. That would be a poor move for the community. There are no other public areas for riding in our community. Development is pressing down upon our area from all sides. The semi rural community that was here twenty years ago is being threatened on a daily basis. That semi rural atmosphere is why we moved here. Our family wants to see it preserved. Folsom Lake area is large enough to support many activities. Please be aware that equestrians need trails that are free of motorized vehicles to enjoy the outdoors. So do the the cyclists and runners. Along we need to maintain areas for horse trailers and trucks to bring the horses in. Another huge concern is trail access through the nearby areas for ride in traffic. We need to have Folsom Lake trails connect to other access trails. I have also read about the Pioneer Express Trail will have no open access to equestrians. Riders need to have surface trails, not tunnels to travel through. I'm not sure if the planners are aware, but, small enclosed tunnels are not safe for anyone to travel through. They are especially unsafe for equestrians. Most horses do not like to be surrounded by barriers and riders would be hard pressed to be able to see oncoming traffic, particularly cyclists. Please keep in mind that all the horse owners I know want their tax dollars to go to communities that keep their needs at the forefront when considering changes to the community.

Thank you for your attention to this concern

L. Herr  
lpmh8101@yahoo.com

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250-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

250-2: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

250-3: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-16 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.16).

250-4: Please see Master Response TR-14 (Section 3.7.14).

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**From:** Jared [jaredhockenberry@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2008 9:02 PM  
**To:** Michaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake SRA Management Plan  
Jim,

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I recently moved to the Folsom area from Florida and have really enjoyed the excellent mountain biking in the area. I joined the FATRAC club and have received information from them as well as IMBA about the General Plan update for the Folsom Lake SRA. I agree with the club's thoughts on the following:

1. Thank you for all the hard work and effort that has gone into the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan.
- 251-1 2. As local residents and mountain bikers, we support the continued development of multi-use trails within the SRA. We support the concept of a linked trail system that allows mountain biking around the entire perimeter of the lake. The creation of more multi-use trails will allow mountain bike access from additional trailheads, thereby minimizing the impact of car-based trips to the SRA.
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- 251-3 3. We encourage the further development and implementation of a Trails Master Plan as quickly as possible. We encourage the planning agencies to work closely with local mountain biking organizations, such as IMBA and FATRAC, which have a strong track record of trail planning and construction with land managers. These mountain bike organizations and members have consistently donated their time and effort to build and maintain trails for the entire user community.
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- 251-5 4. Use of the park at night is important as a way to get exercise and stay healthy year round.

Thanks again for listening to our concerns.

Jared Hockenberry  
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251-2: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

251-3: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).

251-4: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).

251-5: Please see Master Response TR-9 (Section 3.7.9).

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**From:** Kevin Hoffman [kevin@hoffmantech.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 2:56 PM

**To:** Michaels, Jim

**Subject:** Mountain Bike Access at Folsom Lake State Park

As former State of CA lifeguard at the Folsom State Park I became familiar with a vast majority of the area. I used to ride my bike around the park on the roads. I have also hiked many of the trails. I now live in Loomis and visit the park frequently in the summer time. I own a boat and launch from Rattlesnake often. I also purchase an annual season pass.

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252-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

Over the years I have seen many horses on different trails. Never have I had any issue with the riders or their animals. Most if not all are friendly and accommodating. When hiking on trails and I come in contact with horse riders I step to the side of the trail and let them pass. It is never a problem.

I have been mountain biking for over 15 years. I really enjoy heading up to Auburn and utilizing the many trails up by the Confluence. I would like to have the same opportunity to enjoy Folsom.

I am not a horse rider. I do not intend to be. I will however continue to bike. Expanded mountain bike use at Folsom is a good idea. It will open the park to a large group of users that currently do not visit the park due to the strict policies on mountain biking. I believe that coexistence between bikers and riders isn't a problem. As long as a code of ethics is in place to handle encounters (ie bikers step aside or vice versa but probably bikers) most people will follow the rules. Based on my experience people come to enjoy the park not argue over whether bikers or hikers or riders should be on the trails. I can't for see too many issues. The trails are under utilized at best now. Expanded mountain bike use will be good for the park.

Best Regards,

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**From:** mulemom [mulemom@zctabroadband.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:08 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Horse trails at Folsom Lake

Hi, My name is Connie. I have been using the trails at the lake for over 25 years and think that they are great. We are so blessed to have this use right at our back door. I hope that the trails and horse facilities will still be in the plans for the future. Please keep our trails open and the high trail bike free. Thank you, Connie Hooten

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253-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-5 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.5).

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March 12, 2008

Jim Michaels  
Gold Fields District  
California State Parks  
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Jim:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Preliminary General Plan for Folsom Lake State Recreation Area.

Based on what I've read and seen, I support the preferred alternative, #1. It strikes a decent balance between recreation and conservation. If anything, it might emphasize recreation a little too much. As a long-time mountain biker who considers the Salmon Falls trail "home," I know this park pretty well. As an active person who feels strongly about protecting the environment, I am often torn by this apparent dilemma. However, after more than a decade of riding at Darrington, I don't see a lot of environmental impact from our activities.

254-1 One concept which I strongly support is a new multi-use trail from Peninsula to Auburn State Recreation Area. I was glad to see this in the plan. The biking trails in Auburn may already be considered world-class. Linking the Peninsula and the Darrington Trail to Auburn would create, well, solar-system-class? Improvements at the Sweetwater Trailhead, also included in the plan, are badly needed. Pulling out from that little parking lot in my slow, bio-diesel powered car seems dangerous. Also, the trail section from Sweetwater Creek to Old Salmon Falls is in need of a bridge and other repairs.

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254-4 It seems like the chamber-of-commerce-types pine for more parking spaces, more boat slips, more campgrounds. I question how much more is needed. The 1979 study which outlined specific needs along these lines was created in a different world than we find ourselves in today. Oil is now over \$100 a barrel, and could climb much higher. Even the most conservative climate change scenarios show us with a smaller snowpack, meaning less water behind the dams. This is already the case in many places around the West, and at Folsom Lake this year. Powerboating is a noisy, non-sustainable activity which pollutes the air and water and decreases the enjoyment of neighbors and other more peaceful users. On busy days, the lake surface seems to be at or above its capacity for safe or even enjoyable boating. In the future, fewer people will be able to afford powerboats, and I think the existing accommodations for these users are mostly sufficient. Peninsula is a lovely campground; every time I've passed through, there've been no more than a fraction of the available sites in use.

254-5 I consider mountain biking to be a peaceful and sustainable activity. I think the conflicts between equestrians and bikers are mostly overblown. Although there are boneheads in any user group, the people I see on the trails seem to get along. Of all the different user

254-1: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

254-2: Comment noted.

254-3: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-3 (Section 3.7.3).

254-4: Comment noted. See Master Responses ALT-3 and BOAT-3.

254-5: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12.

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groups out there, mountain bikers and equestrians have the most in common in terms of what they want out of a trail experience, and their willingness to work to get it. Multi-use trail "corridors" may mollify all but the shrillest equestrians, and odd-even trail days may satisfy many biking advocates, but multi-use trails will get people talking and working together, which is inherently more powerful.

Sustainability is the key to the future, and we need to find ways to reduce people's dependence on cars to enjoy Folsom Lake SRA, and their dependence on internal combustion engines once there. I hope the general plan will spend adequate time addressing this issue. Prohibiting off-road vehicles and increasing the size of the 5 mph "no wake" zones are small but important steps. Allowing mountain bikes on the Dyke 8 Trail all the way to Old Salmon Falls would allow cyclists to take Light Rail to Folsom and then get a serious dirt fix. Shuttle or even water taxis should be considered in this realm.

Toward that end, I would like to propose an annual "Powerhouse to Peninsula" mountain bike race which would start at the Powerhouse, use the Browns Ravine, New York Creek, Sweetwater and Darrington Trails, and end with a party at Peninsula campground, and then a boat shuttle back to Folsom Point. That would be a 30-mile epic ride. It could be a heck of a fundraiser.

Again, thanks for all your work on this issue.

Sincerely,

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916-452-2834

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**From:** kathy [kathoward@prodigy.net]**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2008 7:26 AM**To:** Micheaels, Jim**Subject:** recreation plan in development stages

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It has been brought to my attention that a plan is at draft stages for the development of the Auburn Recreation District that will be in place and worked on over the next 30 years. I am a regular user of this area from the Auburn Dam Overlook down to the Folsom Dam. I ride my horse all over these trails. It pains me to read this plan and notice there is no mention of the equestrian community or improving areas for equestrian riders of all sorts. I am terribly worried about this and feel I must voice my opinion in the hopes the equestrian community will be heard and perhaps thought of in this draft plan! We are a very

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large group! I hope every horse rider out there sends a letter in hopes to have us recognized as such. I feel there is a need for more equestrian facilities such as horse camps, staging areas, water, picnic tables, paved parking, water troughs, hitching posts, riding arena, etc. There are many folks that use these trails for running walking and riding on a daily basis and those of us that have built our healthy lifestyles around this area. Many people have purchased there homes with access to these trails as a very important factor for buying these said homes! It would be just be plain un fair to not take all of this into consideration when drafting this plan! All recreation owners can and will co exist in this area with all recreation activities addressed! It has been done for years and will be done for another 30 years to come. After all this fabulous gorgeous area is here for us all to respect and enjoy, rite?

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255-1: The Preliminary GP/RMP and DEIR/DEIS being considered are for the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and not the Auburn Recreation District. Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

255-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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**From:** Denise Hume [denishume2003@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 5:31 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom State Recreation Area "General Plan" should include horse back riding in recreation activities

It is important that the Folsom State recreation area be preserved for all recreation activities. This includes the equestrian community. I have ridden on the trails many times with my horse. The general plan needs to include additional facilities such as horse camps, staging areas, water, picnic tables, paved parking, water troughs, hitching posts, riding arena, etc. Some groups (hikers and equestrians) can share the trails, but not mountain bikers. There should be separate trails set aside for mountain bikers that horses can not go on and some trails that bikers can not go on but horse and hikers can. I say this because my friend was riding and she and her horse were run into by a speeding biker. The rider was scraped up and her horse ran off. Since the general plan will be in affect for quite a few years please consider all persons that enjoy the beautiful surrounding and preserve for all enjoy.  
 Thank you.

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256-1: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

256-2: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

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**From:** jason ianziti [ianziti@yahoo.com] 257  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2008 8:25 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake General Plan

Local residents and mountain bikers support the continued 257-1  
development of multi-use trails within the SRA. We support the concept of a linked trail system that allows mountain biking around the entire perimeter of the lake. The creation of more multi-use trails will allow mountain bike access from additional trailheads, thereby minimizing the impact of car-based trips to the SRA. 257-2

As a FATRAC volunteer I appreciate the natural beauty of Folsom Lake and it's surrounding areas. As a "bike friendly" town, Folsom should welcome more multi-use trails and connector trails.

With much appreciation and support,

Jason Ianziti

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257-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

257-2: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

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**From:** Doug Jackson [djh2oskier@sbeglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 11:25 AM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Plan  
Good morning,

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I would like to make a few comments and suggestions regarding the Long term plan for Folsom Lake. I was unable to attend the two public hearings, but I am concerned about one of the plans to expand the 5 mph zones in the forks and bring the buoys out further. I am a water skier and know it can get crowded back in the forks. Any expansion of the 5 mph zones would make the rest of the fork more congested and make less space where we can ski. It usually is not an option to ski in the main part of the lake or the beginning (mouth) of the forks due to the wind and boat wakes. Therefore, we all want the smoothest water possible and usually that can only be found deep into the forks back where the existing 5 mph buoys have always been. I meet my friends out there at 6:00 a.m. to ski when we're pretty much the only boat out there, and again a lot of the times with the morning winds as the sun is rising and warming the air to equalize the pressure, we need to go back deep into the forks where the 5 mph buoys are to find ski-able water. We all want the same thing, smooth water and that includes people on canoes and kayaks. I don't think the people on canoes and kayaks should be the only one's to enjoy calm water. We all should be able to enjoy it. They should use Lake Natoma if they can't learn to share the water. Therefore, I am very much opposed to any expansion of the 5 mph buoys. Thank you for listening and please consider my comments for all water skiers, and I guess wakeboarders would want the same thing.

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Thanks, Sincerely Doug Jackson.

258-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.10.1).

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**From:** reec7727@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 22, 2008 8:46 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Trails  
Hello,

**259-1** I just wanted to let you know, as im sure everyone else has, equestrian riders are still using these trails!!! Durning the summer and almost anytime that is nice durning the winter a friend of mine and myself go out on the trails!! We see tons of different people riding all the time!! I don't like showing my horse, I perfer being on a trail. Please don't take that away from us!!! Horses are what helped build America, why take that away. Equestrian riders are more then happy with sharing these trails so please add us to your plans!!

Thank You,  
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259-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

Letter 260: Duplicate letter. Please see Letter 101.

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From: pjsinkjets@comcast.net P. Jennings.txt  
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 8:58 AM  
To: Micheaels, Jim  
To whom it may concern:

261-1 Please include Horse back riding as part of the trail developments in the Folsom State Recreation area. As a horse owner and a parent I want you to know how important it is for the children to have a nice place to ride. My daughter and I board @ "Craigmont Equestrian Center", home of "Horses, Hope and Healing" in Sacramento. We ride all over the Folsom/Sacramento area's. PLEASE INCLUDE HORSE BACK RIDING AS PART OF THE PLANS.

this keeps our children growing in a positive direction.

thank you,  
Pam Jennings

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261-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** Valrie Jensen [vj@timelessbydesign.org]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2008 12:40 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Cc:** kmiller@folsom.ca.us  
**Subject:** LAKE NATOMA DEVELOPMENT

Hello Mr. Michaels,

In the past I was active on the Folsom Historic District Association Board as Chair of the Promotion Committee. I believe development of Historic Folsom is in the early formative stages particularly with regards to the area surrounding the corporation yard. This section could have such a dramatic impact on all concerns. The potential for future development, especially waterfront amenities and access points, may include facilities that would resolve most of the present concerns.

As this section is already zoned as a resort, any planning efforts up river, just around the bend, should be as flexible as possible.

A recent trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee offered a vision for how a city celebrates and preserves its rich natural, cultural and historical heritage.

The corporation yard area could be the focus for development similar to the section on the Tennessee River in Chattanooga that accommodates public events (steps as amphitheater seating), an aquarium, an IMAX Theater, art/history museum and public art designed to provide an experience of history and culture:  
<http://www.chattanoogaafun.com/arts%2Dhistory%2Dculture/>

Chattanooga also accommodates natural, undeveloped areas (accessed by a walking bridge—former railroad bridge), within view of the bustling city and a nearby auto bridge—very similar to Historic Folsom.

Given the extent of natural and cultural heritage in Historic Folsom, current planning efforts need to be as accommodating as possible with a concern for preservation and responsible use.

We are very fortunate to have so much so close—for everyone to enjoy.

Hopefully the various stakeholders will focus on common goals with an eye towards the broad scope that the future holds.

Thanks for your efforts.

All the best,  
 Valrie Jensen  
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262-1: Please see Master Response ALT-3 (Section 3.2.3).

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**From:** Brian Joder - OUTBOUND Ind. [jimoutbound@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2008 9:33 AM  
**To:** Michaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Comments and suggestions on General Plan - Folsom Lake area

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Hello Mr. Michaels,

First, as an 18 year resident of Folsom, let me applaud you in "stepping out of the box" and trying to find what I take as a more conservative approach of utilizing and saving our local natural resources.

I am a multi type use person of the Folsom Lake area I am a: MT biker, road cyclist, sailboat owner and kayaker and I live within 5 miles of Folsom Lake. It is one of the main reasons I moved to this location.

I would very much support your vision of a complete multi-use trail around the entire lake. I think this is an obvious step in the evolution of the trail system. If funds for building this trail are difficult to come by, I can possibly help in that area as I have contacts of a few thousand fellow trail users who would be interested in volunteering to help build this type of trail.

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263-1: Please see Master Responses TR-6 and TR-8 (Sections 3.7.6 and 3.7.8).

I would also support your proposal to LIMIT motorized boat traffic in certain areas of Folsom Lake... and the more that is off limits to motorized traffic the better in my opinion. I know this view is not shared by the power craft industry who have a lot of money and will probably sue for their "right" to speed up and down the lake, any time day or night at their whim. The ability to have some peace and quite while paddling on Folsom Lake would be a wonderful welcome and I think you would see a lot of new users come out of the woodwork! It would help bring back some NATURAL balance to the area.

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263-2: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

Suggestion: On many lakes I know there is 2-3 (consecutive) days where motorized traffic is not allowed, for instance on Lake Mead near the Boulder Dam, Sundays and Mondays are off limits to motorized traffic... and it is GLORIOUS! If this were to come into place, I would love to do overnight kayak trips on Folsom Lake in these "quite" areas on the quiet days.

As far as the proposal to phase out the horse stable on Lake Natoma (Shadow Glen I believe) I think that is a raw deal for them, and I'm not even that type of user. I just think it is apparent that this is a needed resource in our community and a bit narrow minded to get rid of some of the diversity of the trail users in our area. If this were to happen we'd then have all these trailers being towed to an access point for day use... a waste of other resources (gasoline and time).

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263-3: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

I would also like to see minimal or no growth for camp grounds. Campgrounds where you are in spitting distance (and certainly ear shot) of your neighbor is a waste of habitat. These are just little "weekend cities" reconstructed in a vegetated area so people can feel they are outdoors. I think allowing access, without the need for a bazillion camping areas should be a consideration.

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263-4: Please see Master Response CAMP-1 (Section 3.6.1).

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Thank you for your time and I do not envy your difficult task ahead of you. If I can be of assistance through my contacts in the community please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you,

Brian Joder

Folsom resident and frequent park user.

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**From:** Carolyn Johnson [cmj1219@sbcglobal.net] 264  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 1:38 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Cc:** Amie Ferry  
**Subject:** expanded wake zone  
 Mr. Michaels,

I live at 333 Stage Stop Court in El Dorado Hills, and am a waterskiier. I strongly oppose expanding the no wake zones as the expansion will further limit waterskiing in the only portions of the lake where there is decent water for waterskiing. During Summer months the only decent water for waterskiing is found in the early morning, and located up the forks. Wakeboarding will also be significantly impacted by expanding the no wake zone. 264-1

At the very least, should there be an expansion of the no wake zones, those expanded zones should only be in effect during times of heavy boat traffic, and not when boat traffic is light. I can think of no reasonable basis for expanded wake zones during early or mid mornings when boat traffic is light, or during weekdays before 5:00 p.m. 264-2

Thank You,  
 Douglas Johnson

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264-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

264-2: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

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**From:** Thomas Johnson [tomandsilja@sbcglobal.net]**Sent:** Saturday, April 12, 2008 8:39 AM**To:** Micheals, Jim**Subject:** Folsom Lake trails

Hi,

I am a horse owner . Our house is right next to the Folsom State Park. We use the trails frequently. The trails right by our house are supposed to be used for hiking and horseback riding only , because there are many narrow paths with a severe drop-off on one side. I unfortunately see more mountain bike riders than hikers on this trail which can be a real danger, especially in those tight spots. I am always concerned getting hurt, because even the best train horse can get scared when a mountain bike comes zooming around a corner. I have not yet taken my kids on these trails because of that. The trails I am mainly talking about are the trails between Browns Ravine and Salmon Falls Rd.

I know other trails around the Folsom Lake are wide and safe to share with mountain bikers (and I have used those as well), but some of the trails are unsafe to share.

I would like to see consideration for certain trails to not be shared with bicycles because of the danger they present , but I don't see a problem to share the trails with bikers on trails that are wide and safe enough for both.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Silja Johnson

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265-1: Please see Master Responses TR-1, TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

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**From:** Tom Judy [tjudy@cw.com] 266  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2008 11:06 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Cc:** Jim & Cathy Haagen-Smit  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake SRA General Plan

Thank you for all the hard work and effort that has gone into the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan. 266-1

We support the efforts to preserve and protect the nature beauty of the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA). As local residents and mountain bikers, we support the continued development of multi-use trails within the SRA. We support the concept of a linked trail system that allows mountain biking around the entire perimeter of the lake. The creation of more multi-use trails will allow mountain bike access from additional trailheads, thereby minimizing the impact of car-based trips to the SRA. We encourage the further development and implementation of a Trails Master Plan as quickly as possible. We encourage the planning agencies to work closely with local mountain biking organizations, such as IMBA and FATRAC, which have a strong track record of trail planning and construction with land managers. These mountain bike organizations and members have consistently donated their time and effort to build and maintain trails for the entire user community. 266-2

We would like to be notified of all future public events relating to the SRA General Plan and Trails Master Plan. 266-3

Use of the park at night is important as a way to get exercise and stay healthy year round. 266-4

Tom Judy  
Cool Cycling Club

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- 266-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).
- 266-2: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).
- 266-3: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).
- 266-4: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).
- 266-5: Please see Master Response TR-9 (Section 3.7.9).

## Letter 267

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March 21, 2008

Jim Micheaels  
California State Parks  
Gold Fields District  
7806 Folsom-auburn Road  
Folsom, CA 95630

**RE: "Draft General Plan" for the Folsom State Recreation Area**

Dear Jim:

I am the Owner/Operator of Shambaugh Ranch in Loomis, CA. Shambaugh Ranch is boarding facility with up to 35 horses. Not only am I a part of the Folsom Lake "Equestrian" Patrol Team but I personally use the Folsom Lake trails to ride my horses. I can assure you that many of my clients haul their horses to the lake to trail ride with friends and family. We enjoy riding our horses the trails!!

As you finalize the General Plan for the Folsom State Recreation Area, I ask that you PLEASE 267-1 include both equestrians and hikers to your plan. The days I am not riding the trails by horseback, I am walking them with my children and our dogs. This is a great place to enjoy the outdoors!

As spring time approaches so many equestrians will begin to saddle up and ride. Along with trail riding is a need for more staging areas around the lake. As you may know, horse trailers and trucks take up a lot of space so as more and more equestrians come out to enjoy the lake the parking becomes confined. Please keep in mind; we need a large area designated for our staging areas due to the turning radius required for our trucks and trailers. 267-2

Lastly, as you consider us in your General Plan, please designate some areas for us that like to 267-3 horse camp. Along with trail riding, camping, and staging area's we do need water troughs and hitching posts to tie up our horses when loading and unloading. By the way, we REALLY enjoy picnics so when designing a horse staging area please consider some shaded trees and picnic tables. Thank you kindly for your consideration in this matter. Call me with any questions.

Respectfully,

Sonia K. Junghardt  
Owner/Operator  
Shambaugh Ranch  
5855 Shambaugh Lane  
Loomis, CA 95650  
916-257-1745

267-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

267-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

267-3: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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**From:** quicksnap1@comcast.net 268  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2008 9:05 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Park Plan - comments

Dear Jim and all of the staff working on this project,

Thank you for all the hard work and effort that has gone into the draft Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan. I support the efforts to preserve and protect the natural beauty of the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA).

I have been visiting the park on a very regular basis for the past three years, using the trails for mountain biking and trail running. I purchase an annual pass to the park due to my frequent visits. As a local resident, hiker and mountain biker, I support the continued development of multi-use trails within the SRA. I would very much like to see a linked trail system that allows mountain biking around the entire perimeter of the lake. For example, the creation of more multi-use trails will allow mountain bike access from additional trailheads, thereby minimizing the impact of car-based trips to the SRA. I would also like use of the park at night in an effort to get exercise and stay healthy year round. 268-1

Please try to acquire additional lands from willing sellers and to work with local land trusts to acquire lands next to the park so that the park will be more than a narrow strip of land around a lot of water. In addition to space for recreation we need space for the multitude of wildlife that frequent the area. 268-2  
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I encourage the further development and implementation of a Trails Master Plan as quickly as possible. I encourage the planning agencies to work closely with local mountain biking organizations, such as IMBA 268-4

and FATRAC, which have a strong track record of trail planning and construction with land managers. These mountain bike organizations and members have consistently donated their time and effort to build and 268-5  
maintain trails for the entire user community. 268-6

As part of this planning process legible trail maps need to be developed and made available at the trailheads. This is of utmost importance for trail safety and enjoyment of the park. 268-7

I would like to be notified of all future public events relating to the SRA General Plan and Trails Master Plan.

Thank you,  
Shana Kaplan  
Sacramento, CA

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- 268-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).
- 268-2: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).
- 268-3: Please see Master Response TR-9 (Section 3.7.9).
  
- 268-4: Please see Master Response UWO-1 (Section 3.9.1).
- 268-5: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).
- 268-6: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).
  
- 268-7: Please see Master Response TR-4 (Section 3.7.4).

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**From:** Aaron Karr [a\_karr@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 07, 2008 8:01 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake General Plan - mountain biker support  
 Hi Jim,

I wanted to write you about the Folsom Lake General Plan that was just released. I was very excited to hear about this, as I live in Folsom, and am an avid mountain biker.

For many years I have wished I could ride my bike from my home to easily access the Browns Ravine Trail, then link into Sweetwater and Salmon Falls trails. I hope that this plan is a step towards that dream for me and many other avid mountain bikers who also live in Folsom/EDH and who would support and help maintain access to this trail system (and others around the lake).

My only concern is that I have heard there isn't a trails plan and not even having a firm plan for trails at this point is unacceptable. The planners need to address this immediately.

I will be attending the March 11th meeting, and look forward to hearing more about this plan.

Sincerely,  
 Aaron Karr  
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 Folsom, CA 95630  
 916-548-6577

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269-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-6 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.6).

269-2: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).

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**From:** Cathy Kastner [ckastner@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 3:15 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** folsom Lake recreation area

Hello Jim,  
I would like to inform you that I am in favor of expanding the 5mph no wake zones at Folsom Lake. This lake has become overcrowded and dangerous and this would be a welcome change.  
Thank you,  
Cathy Kastner

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270-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

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**From:** Lucy Kataoka [le\_kataoka@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2008 8:48 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Cc:** snakaj@parks.ca.gov; rcolem@parks.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Opposition to FLSRA Preliminary Draft Plan  
 April 28, 2008

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Jim Micheaels  
 California State Parks, FLSRA Project Manager  
 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road,  
 Folsom, CA 95630-1797  
[jmiche@parks.ca.gov](mailto:jmiche@parks.ca.gov)

Dear Mr. Micheaels,  
 I am writing in regard to the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area Draft Preliminary Plan. For the past 4+ years my husband and I have enjoyed using the equestrian trails at FLSRA on a year round basis..

We have read the Draft Plan carefully, attended public meeting and participated in discussions with representatives from equestrian and running groups, and have found the Plan unacceptable for the following reasons: 1) It is based on a set of inaccurate conditions (Reference Chapter II) which is full of errors and omissions, 2) Equestrians have been underrepresented in the plan due to an inadequate survey and poor community input methods, and 3) The proposed multi-use trails which propose having mountain bikers and equestrians sharing the same trails are dangerously unsafe, especially in light of the admission of the current management that there is no budget to maintain these trails nor enforce bike speed limits now or in the future.

We strongly urge you to discard the current proposed plan and consider adopting one of the following options:  
 A) Halt the current Draft Preliminary Plan. B) Retain the 1979 Plan. C) Re-do Chapter II "Existing Conditions" to accurately reflect current conditions, or D) create a new Draft Plan.

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An enhanced sense of stewardship for the FLSRA trails is waiting among the many volunteer organizations who can help create and maintain trails which would allow for enjoyable and safe use by mountain bikers, pedestrian and equestrian park visitors. There is, in fact, a precedent among some of these groups. We would be happy to participate and contribute to a trails committee to help this come about.

Sincerely,

Keith and Lucy Kataoka  
 4912 Durland Way  
 Fair Oaks, CA 95628  
[le\\_kataoka@yahoo.com](mailto:le_kataoka@yahoo.com)

- 271-1: Please see Master Response ALT-2 (Section 3.2.2).
- 271-2: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).
- 271-3: Please see response to Comment 86-6.
- 271-4: Please see Master Response TR-8 (Section 3.7.8).

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**From:** Kathy & Brian [kathy.n.brian@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2008 11:44 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan.  
Just a quick note to voice our support for continued development of multi-use, or better yet, cycling specific trails in the greater Folsom area. We would love to ride all the way to Auburn some day. The existing multi-use trails around Folsom Lake are great! Keep up the good work!

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272-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-6 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.6).

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**From:** Barry R. Keller [bkeller@rcsis.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2008 8:29 AM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake General Plan update

Hi Jim,

We have corresponded in the past regarding the ongoing resource inventory and plan update. Actually I used to correspond with your predecessor on this same topic! Anyway, it is good to see that a comprehensive plan has been built and is being finalized.

Due to conflicting obligations, we were unable to attend either of the public forums, but I wanted to mention two items that may seem inconsequential, but should be noted. The first is the landmark boulder between dikes 5 and 6 marking the Mormon Immigrant Trail. Due to the upcoming Bureau of Reclamation reskirting work on dike 5, it is highly possible that this boulder and plaque will end up discarded in a heap somewhere. That would be a shame. Also, it's current location is essentially hidden off of the main trail, negating it's purpose to inform the park users of the historic trail. I would suggest that your park crew remove that boulder/plaque before the bulldozing begins and store it at your yard until a better location can be found for it after the dikes are upgraded. Two possible suggestions, one is to install it at Beal's Point simply because of the public traffic, and the other would be at the trailhead of the Cavitt Trail with the north end of dike 4 and the trail leading to Granite Bay Beach. This is the roundabout below Mooney Ridge. This spot also collects quite a number of users who stop there to meet or take a break, and according to the Army Corps map, this is more closely aligned with the actual historical trail. Either way, it would be a shame to see this useful and attractive marker go to waste.

Regards, Barry

*Barry R. Keller*  
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273-1: Comment noted. The Historic Landmark marker will not be impacted by the current work occurring on Dike 5. This marker commemorates the historic route used by miners and settlers along the North Fork of the American River, the Pioneer Express Trail. The specific placement of the marker is not the level of detail appropriate for the Preliminary GP/RMP. However, State Parks will consider this comment. Any move of the marker would require further public involvement and may require coordination with the California Office of Historic Preservation.

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**From:** Desiree K [desireek@directcon.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2008 9:12 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Equestrian Use in the Folsom State Recreation Area General Plan

Dear Jim,

I recently received a memo from California Horsemen's Association regarding the draft for the usage of the trails at Folsom State Recreation Area. I live in Placerville and my husband, friends and I love to ride our horses over on the equestrian trails in Folsom. It has a nice variety of trails and shade that make for an enjoyable experience. We would like to see that not go away. We would also be very appreciative to see horse camps, staging areas, fresh water for horses and humans, hitching posts, picnic tables, paved parking and maybe even a riding arena would be a bonus. I personally have easily shared the trails with runners and bicycle riders on many occasions. Please include usage for all of us to continue to enjoy the Folsom trails. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
 Desiree King  
 6131 Oak Hill Rd  
 Placerville, Ca 95667

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274-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

274-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).