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**From:** Kate & Bruce Kirby [lazykranch12@frontiernet.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:33 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Equestrian Use of Trails

Please as a frequent user of the trail systems I request that you not forget the equestrians when planning for the future. I believe that hikers, bikers and equestrians can co-exist on trails. In any future planning I request that you include equestrians. Thank You Kate Kirby Equestrian

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275-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** Kate.Kirby@kp.org  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2008 9:00 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom State Rec Area

Dear Sir, I am writing as an equestrian that frequents the trails at Folsom Lake. I hope that in your future planning you will include the equestrians. As a member of South County Horsemen's Assoc, I have participated in clearing the section of trail that takes you up to Rattlesnake Bar yearly. These trails are desperately needed now and in the future. As a horsewoman I have learned to share trails with hikers and bikers and feel that we need to continue to cooperate with each other so that we all can enjoy the beauty of this park. Thank you for your consideration. Kate Kirby

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276-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** Knauss [kknauss@surewest.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 01, 2008 9:02 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake SRA

Hello Jim:

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 Will you have copies of the Plan for Folsom Lake SRA at the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at Cavit Junior High? I intend to go to the meeting after a little event at my son's elementary school. The plan looks very thorough and comprehensive from what I have read on the web site. We live next to the lake and use the facilities all the time: swimming, hiking, biking, etc. One of my concerns is erosion on the multi-use trails. Erosion, primarily from mountain bikes that we ride, can have profound effects on the preservation and conservation the area's resources. It looks like the plan touched on many of those issues.

Thanks for your time.

Kevin Knauss  
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277-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-3 (Section 3.7.3).

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**From:** sssprinkler1@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2008 11:23 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** FW: Folsom SRA Cavitt Meeting

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**From:** sssprinkler1@earthlink.net [mailto:sssprinkler1@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2008 11:21 AM  
**To:** 'jmiche@parks.ca.gov.'  
**Subject:** Folsom SRA Cavitt Meeting

Hello Jim: Good meeting and plan description and discussion last evening.

First, I wanted to mention that I the draft plan for the Folsom SRA is very thorough and comprehensive. The overall details of the draft plan show that the planning staff really tried to look at all aspects of the area from conservation to current recreation issues. While I did not agree with the animus towards the Parks Dept. of some of the participants at last night's meeting, many of them expressed a perspective on recreation use that I had not considered. One gentleman from Folsom made the observation that the plan was heavier on maximum conservation versus maximum recreation.

I must admit that my viewpoint is biased towards maximum conservation as it relates to my uses of the area: hiking, swimming and biking. However, my concern is that planning for maximum conservation will fail as a growing population base over uses the areas amenities; trails, boat ramps, picnic tables, camp sites, etc. Demand for the limited recreational facilities at Folsom will only increase. The demand will only decrease when the facilities decline in quality and experience value. In other words, people are going to use the SRA until they destroy it unless we plan for heavy usage.

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The plan draft may very well discuss the issue of heavy recreation use and incorporate such observations in the text. However, that is not obviously conveyed while reading through the document.

Perhaps the only background information I would have liked to have seen in the plan was a census of users entering the park and their planned activities. While it is easy to count boats going through the gate, how many users enter at other points to hike, swim, ride or bike? While those folks do not necessarily generate revenue for the park, they are consumers of a limited resource and may not be proportionally represented during the plan writing.

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Finally a plan is just a plan until it is implemented with dollars. There is nothing wrong with recognizing certain recreational elements (i.e. equestrian) and the goal of maximizing those recreational opportunities while trying to conserve the resource (i.e. trails) for the future. Sometimes simply acknowledging the concerns of certain stake holder helps create a bridge for future positive input.

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Thank you for your time and energy.

I am willing to volunteer for various duties to help you out in the Folsom SRA area.

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278-1: Please see Master Response ALT-3 (Section 3.2.3).

278-2: Please see Master Response EC-2 (Section 3.3.2).

278-3: Please see Master Response EC-3.

278-4: Please see Master Response TR-8 (Section 3.7.8).

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**From:** John LaCamera [jlacamera5@wildblue.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2008 9:08 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Cc:** VikiLaCamera@wildblue.net; Marisa Long; Lynnette Love; Gil Maines; Don & Barbara Snell; Ann Maines

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Jim,

I'm writing this letter to you because of correspondence I've received from the California Horsemen's Association. I'm a local, living in the Placerville area. My wife, friends and I frequently use the equestrian trails in Folsom. The exclusionary language, not referencing equestrian use of the trails in your 30 year plan, is a major concern for all equestrians, not only in the local area, but in other areas of the State and the US. Friends from as far away as Kansas bring their horses to ride the Folsom trails with us.

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Please be aware that we do want trails to include equestrian and hiking trails. We do want horse camps, staging areas, water, picnic tables, paved parking, water troughs for our horses, hitching posts and a warm-up/round pen would be great. Hikers, runners and equestrians can and do share the trails respectfully towards each other currently. We have never encountered a problem regarding the shared use issue in 40 years of using the Folsom Park trails.

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If there is any way we can help you, please let us know. I'm hoping the exclusion was an oversight that will be correct in the final plan.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Your support is greatly appreciated.

John and Viki LaCamera

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279-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

279-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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**From:** JENNIFER LANE [jenslucy@sbeglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2008 8:00 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Lake Natoma  
Mr. Michaels, May 24, 2008

280-1

After reading an email from Dan Winkleman regarding FEDcorp and its position, I feel obligated to respond. I have lived in the historic district of Folsom for over 30 years and use Lake Natoma often. I concur with Dan's observation regarding an overload for the area. I would love to see this area left as it is. It is accessible for those who want to go out of their way to travel along the dirt trail either with their bikes or walking. I was kyaking at the lake this past weekend and the parking lot was full of boaters. It was good to see the use ,but it felt like an era was at its end. My conclusion was that we all are growing to love this lake and that is good. I believe we are the stewards of the land or lake and will step up to take care of it if it is endangered in any way. Somehow, developing the shores may lead to careless participants leaving trash or just taking the pristine feeling away. I believe that we should use the lake but not over develop its use for commercial gain. Let's be prudent and keep this natural resource just that, natural.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Lane  
Resident of Folsom  
Board member of Hist. Folsom Residents Assoc.  
Teacher Folsom Cordova Unified School Dist.  
Friend of Lake Natoma

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280-1: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

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<b>From:</b> Jim Larimer [robiepk@foothill.net] <b>Sent:</b> Wednesday, April 30, 2008 5:21 PM <b>To:</b> Micheals, Jim <b>Subject:</b> Folsom Plan Jim Micheals Calif. State parks, Gold Field District 7806 Auburn Folsom Rd. Folsom, CA. 95630	281
Ref: Preliminary General Plan for Folsom/Auburn area	4/11/2008
Dear Mr. Micheals	
<p>My Wife and I have lived in the Foresthill, Cool &amp; Auburn areas for over fifty years and have hiked and ridden our horses over most trails within your district many times. We have loved our experiences and hope to have many more. We have been directors and participants of the WSTRF, WSRF, Wendell &amp; Inez Robie Foundation, Drucilla Barner Foundation and many more for over forty years. WE are well aware of the changes in use, trail changes and access issues of the trails in your district. No doubt some changes are in order.</p> <p>Our primary concerns are for safety based on the condition of the trails, safety of trail users, all groups included and of course the trail designation. It is no big secret that many of the trails are in major disrepair and continue to get worse each year. If not for the thousands of hours from volunteers each year they would be unusable. During the last 25 years the many groups that we have worked with has funded over 1 million cash for trail repair, trail construction and staging area acquisition/improvements. This type of investment helps but know it is only a drop in the bucket in the overall scheme. It is our opinion the General Plan should focus on bringing all trails up to safe standards then consider new facilities for all users</p> <p>Trail use designation is a very big issue and we find the current designations as acceptable but we all know of the continuing conflicts that happen in the park. I personally lost a horse when 5 mountain bikers were riding a single tract trail signed "No Bikes" on a blind turn below Auburn Lake Trails. The recent dog attack on a horse is another example of not following the rules. Without enforcement these incidents will continue. Simply changing the use of even /odd days will never work if you can't enforce current rules. "It Makes No Sense".</p> <p>There is one more group that should have consideration in your plan and that is the Senior Citizens. We often see hiking groups of 10 or more on the Foresthill Loop and wonder how they fair. A month ago my wife and I were hiking the trail between Butcher Ranch &amp; Divers Flat. We were literally run off the trail by a speeding cyclist who could not stop going down hill and had we not jumped off the trail we would have been hit. Fortunately we reacted quickly. What would have happened to the older group?</p>	281-1
Thank You For Your Consideration	281-2
Jim & Cena Larimer, PO Box 714 Foresthill, CA 95631	
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281-1: Please see Master Responses TR-3 and TR-8 (Sections 3.7.3 and 3.7.8).

281-2: Please see Master Responses TR-1, TR-7 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.7).

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From: L M [rockierider@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 11:41 PM

To: Micheals, Jim

Hi,

I am replying to the e-mial about how you think Folsom should have equestrian facilities in the future. I totally agree with the statement. i am 14 years old and have been riding for eight years, and i have my own horse, which i got two years ago. Folsom is a place where i can go on trail rides with my instructor, and really get my horse used to trails. Riding there is so much fun, it has obstacles, the water, tons of trails to choose from and friendly people of all ages. Folsom is important to me because it is the first place i think of that i can feel safe on a trail. I know some of the trails, and i know what to expect there. It is just so much fun! In the future i still plan to go on trails to Folsom with my horse, even after 15 years there will probably be trails that i haven't been on. It is just a wonderful place to explore and experience, i hope that feeling will still be present in years to come. Folsom is a place to learn, and appreciate the amenities that it has now. I am hoping it will be more developed in the future for horses. There are so many people that just love to go to Folsom to ride with their new trail horse, or a horse that loves to go on trails. Folsom is the number one trail place to go with a horse of any age. I saw in the e-mail that they want to put up an arena, and horse camps and other cool stuff, i would love it if that happened. It would be a great thing for the summer. I just hope that you read through this e-mail and listen to what i have to say. Keep the horse stuff a Folsom, so people can enjoy it and love it in the future as much as i am!

Thanks,

Lauren

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<b>From:</b> ljlarent2@netzero.net <b>Sent:</b> Tuesday, March 11, 2008 7:40 PM <b>To:</b> Micheals, Jim <b>Subject:</b> Folsom Reservoir Update Plan	283
In re State Parks Update of the Folsom Reservoir Plan, I believe the primary purpose of this reservoir is for flood protection and secondarily, the provision of water for humans, flora, and fauna.	
In my opinion it is wrong to allow gasoline driven vehicles on the water because gasoline and oil are spilled and pollute these critically important waters. MTBE is added to our drinking water for the benefit of a tiny percentage of the people who have to race on water as well as land.	283-1
I believe there is NO reason to provide more places for people to camp cheaply, to park (rather than bike or walk to the water) on asphalt for "an outdoor experience."	283-2
I believe the park lands are earning a reputation as being places for breaking the law more easily, whether it is getting drunk, dealing substances, or browbeating others.	283-3
There are those who want to see the Folsom Recreation area become an urban jungle for millions more visits per year, with the primary benefit being seen as nearby merchants and developers visiting.	283-4
I believe this critical resource must be preserved and protected for us and for future generations.	
Laurette J> Laurent Folsom resident 916 985-4488	
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283-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-2 (Section 3.5.2).

283-2: Please see Master Responses CAMP-1 and ALT-3 (Section 3.6.1).

283-3: Please see Master Response TR-1 (Section 3.7.1).

283-4: Please see response to Comment 165-1 and Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

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**From:** ljlarent2@netzero.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2008 11:31 AM  
**To:** ThePreserve@yahooogroups.com  
**Cc:** sara5204@pacbell.net  
**Subject:** Re: [ThePreserve]Comments until 5/30/08 - Folsom Lake SRA General Plan:

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Dan,

the written notice I received cites May 30, 2008. "Comments must now be received or postmarked by May 30, 2008."

I hope every one of neighbors will comment on this clouded issue.

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Whatever Fedcorp is, and whatever its relationship to Bernau Development Corp., we need to be informed regarding the health of the Folsom SRA.

Everyone in Lake Natoma Shores Subdivision is directly affected by the usages and development around the American River.

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I'd like to remind folks that if developers are given free-rein to put in more sewer connections than the Folsom Blvd. 27" sanitary sewer trunk line can handle, it is our homes and our river which will receive the raw sewage which backs up from that line. Don't forget, that line is surcharging now in all weather conditions.

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Recent Engineering Studies have found and warned that limited capacity in the Folsom Blvd. line is a problem, and it will back up into homes and other lateral connections, and pump stations. Don't forget, the city sealed all the manhole covers, so the sewage cannot relieve itself into them any longer.

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As for the other adverse impacts of more roads, more roads, more parking, more pavement, more moorings, dredging out a marina, more campsites, and a four-story hotel with all amenities,

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our neighborhood will pay a price for it, as will the American River and its environs.

Thanks for sharing your knowledge and expertise about park systems.  
My knowledge is unfortunately focused on the more underground aspects of too much growth.

LJ

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<p><b>From:</b> ljlarent2@netzero.net  <b>Sent:</b> Monday, May 12, 2008 2:16 PM  <b>To:</b> Micheals, Jim  <b>Subject:</b> Draft EIS Folsom SRA - comment during extended commentary period</p> <p>Private Proposals or City-Private proposals:</p> <p>Bernau Development is proposing and/or currently planning a four story hotel and marina on the 19 acres of the Folsom Corporation Yard and the American River at Lake Natoma. A road abutting the river is included. No doubt the luxury hotel would have pools, spas, huge convention facilities, restaurants, food services, laundry, etc., as well boat facilities.</p> <p>State of California Proposals:</p> <p>Last month, California Dept of Corrections informed Folsom it was considering new construction at the State Prisons land in Folsom. The city told them the sanitary sewer trunk line was inadequate for their plans. (Although new construction continues apace in North Folsom and pre 1992 Folsom, which feed into this line in Folsom Blvd.)</p> <p>City cleaning up dumps:</p> <p>Yet the city is now emptying the old dumps in the Corp Yard so that the four story hotel plans can proceed, just as Bernau Development has been given land to build a 3 story commercial/residential and 2 story commercial building on the Railroad Block land at Sutter St.</p> <p>City residents must pay the gigantic bill for cleaning the dumps so the future can bring</p> <p>"unrestricted construction" on the Corp Yard site adjacent to the Federal lands/water.</p> <p>The real limitation is the 27" sanitary sewer line serving all prisons, all North Folsom, and</p> <p>all Pre 1992 Folsom city.</p> <p>The point is, the SS system trunk line in Folsom Blvd. is currently surcharging in all weather conditions, according to numerous studies and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Any changes in uses at the American River at Lake Natoma will impact the Sanitary Sewer Collection system -- which immediately impacts the American River because it is parallel and above it. All current and future Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) have no place to go except the American River.</p> <p>All exfiltration from the SS lines will eventually reach the river unless they are cleaned up on city streets. But the city has SEALED all the manholes so this cannot occur. The city even pressurized the lowest manhole along Folsom Blvd., originally they did so without even reinforcing the ordinary manhole.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Is there more evidence of contamination from city SS system?</p> <p>file:///P:/Folsom (WRT230)/RTC/WRT230 Letters/Email Public Comments on GPE-Mails/L. Lau... 9/16/2008</p>	<p>Page 1 of 2</p> <p>285</p> <p>285-1</p>
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Quote from Riverwatch 2008 Spring edition:

"E Coli found in Lake Natoma by Alan Wade, Immediate Past Pres of Save the American River Association.

SARA has once more found e-coli in the waters of Lake Natoma, this time at the point where Alder Creek enters the river. Results of a sample collected on February 25, 2008, showed results equivalent to 1500 E. coli/100 mi, > four times the acceptable limit for recreational waters. We notified Folsom city officials of our findings, and were informed they had no knowledge of reported SSOs (sanitary sewer overflows) during the preceding rainy weekend. Another sample, taken two days later at the same spot, indicated the presence of 500 E. coli/100 mi, substantially less but still cause for concern."

Current RWQCB rescinded the protective Permit on SS collection system:

I have substantial research materials detailing the condition and operation of the Folsom SS collection system. It is terrible that the current Regional Water Quality Control Board eliminated the NPDES Permit on the Folsom SS collection system. The limiting factor on the usages abutting the American River must take into account the impacted SScollection system which can only spill, exfiltrate, or overflow into the American River (or into our private homes, and then on to the River.)

I am very concerned about the attacks made by Fedcorp and Mr Bernau upon the State Parks operation of the Folsom SRA, and the update. This is another subject.

I believe State Parks has a rational, scientific basis for reducing the pollution exposure of this critical resource -- the American River waters and Federal lands.

LJ Laurent

Folsom Resident

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## Letter 286

Fwd: Folsom Lk Recreation Plan Update

**From:** Laura Caballero [lcaballero@mp.usbr.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 09, 2008 5:49 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Fwd: Folsom Lk Recreation Plan Update

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>>> "ljlarent2@netzero.net" <ljlarent2@netzero.net> 3/13/2008 2:06 PM  
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Comment 1.  
Folsom Reservoir and the surrounding lands are primarily intended for flood control NOT recreation.  
2.  
Folsom Reservoir is a CRITICAL water source for millions. It is an outrage that vehicles owned by a tiny number of boaters, skidoers, etc.  
spew oil, gasoline, MTBE and other carcinogens into this precious water which sustains the lives of millions.  
3. FEDCORP mouthpieces  
The absurd comments of Folsom Economic Development Corporation persons at the meetings (namely Jerry Bernau, Robt Holderness) should be almost totally disregarded because of their conflict of interest in the matter of commerce versus the welfare of the State Parks and the USBR land at the reservoir. The State Parks should NOT be operated for the benefit of a few developers and business owners. 286-1  
4.  
The mission of the State Parks should be CONSISTENT with the welfare of the American River, the surrounding land, the flora & fauna residing there. 286-2  
5. Overcrowding and uncontrollable crowds  
The number of users exceeds the ability of the current State Park Rangers and other law-enforcement and emergency agencies to protect the general health, safety, and welfare. 286-3  
6. Illegal activities increasing  
Alcohol use is increasing with the crowds and boaters. There are not sufficient funds to keep all the unregulated drunks from creating terrible problems.  
7. Passive is appropriate  
This is land belonging to the Federal Government. It should not be operated as an urban playground nor as a generator of economic advantage for a tiny group of business people.  
Summary: I believe it is crazy to endanger this Federal asset for the benefit of a few self-serving and vocal carpetbaggers.  
Keep the plan as friendly to nature as possible.  
And don't provide more opportunities for pollution of the American River.  
Laurette J. Laurent Folsom, 916 985-4488

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286-1: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

286-2: Comment noted. The mission statement of California State Parks can be found on page III-4 of the Preliminary GP/RMP.

286-3: Please see Master Response TR-1 (Section 3.7.1).

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**From:** jacke leo [jlsummerbreeze@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2008 7:34 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Regarding:** General Plan for Folsom Lake trails of Auburn trails. It is our understanding that hiking and horseback riding is not mentioned in the 30 year plan for that area.

My friends and myself have ridden our horses in that area for many years. Motorcycles are included in your plan, which make it dangerous for horseback riders, to be comforted by a motorcycle while quietly enjoying the beauty of that trail is not an enjoyable experience.

Please consider the horseback riders and hikers while your making your 30 year plans for the trails of Folsom Lake and Auburn. Horses are still used by many individuals in Sacramento County, Placer County and points beyond.

If you have any questions please email immediately.

Thank you

Jacklyn Leo

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287-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

287-2: Please see Master Response TR-15 (Section 3.7.15).

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Fwd: Folsom Lake Recreation

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From: Laura Caballero [lcaballero@mp.usbr.gov]

Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 5:52 PM

To: Micheals, Jim

Subject: Fwd: Folsom Lake Recreation

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>>> <Wachipi@aol.com> 3/22/2008 3:55 PM >>>  
To Whom it May Concern;

I am dismayed at the information I have received regarding the possible closure of Shadow Glen Stables in Orangevale, CA. While I do not currently live in the Sacramento area, having lived there for nearly 15 years prior to moving, I had used the equestrian trails extensively, along with many of other people. The staging area at Shadow Glen is a great meeting place to plan a ride from. I have even sent people to Shadow Glen to rent a horse for a trail ride. There aren't very many places left for someone to take a horseback ride out on a trail anymore without owning one.

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Please reconsider any plans that would limit accessibility for equestrian recreation.

Shara Llewellyn and Lee Roy Moss  
Dancing Winds Arabians  
Oroville, CA

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(<http://home.aol.com/diy/home-improvement-eric-stromer?video=15?ncid=aolhom0003000000001>)

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288-1: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

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**From:** Sloman101@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 3:57 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Regarding Equestrian riding in parks

Hi, My wife and I love to ride horse in the parks. Please Keep these open for everyone. This brings in a lot of tax dollars into the area and provides recreation for everyone. Equestrians also work hard at keeping the trails open at NO COST to the government. Thanks for your listening ear. Daryl Lossing, 366 Buchon St., San Luis Obispo, Ca. 93401

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289-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** Lucinda [lucinda\_h@pacbell.net]**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2008 3:45 PM**To:** Micheals, Jim**Subject:** loss of equestrian limited use trails at Folsom Lake

As a horseowner from Orangevale, I have enjoyed hours of horsebackriding around Folsom Lake & Lake Natoma. It is unfortunate that the new general plan will be changing the limited use equestrian trails into shared use dirt trails. Hikers and horses can mix without problem on dirt trails, however bicycles spook many horses. It can be potentially very dangerous when bicycles come up quickly behind horses. I do not feel that the alternating times plan for the shared use dirt trails will work. Limited use equestrian trail signs are ignored by some bicyclist now.

I am also sorry to learn of the proposed closure of Shadow Glen Riding Stables. It is the only place locally where the public can rent horses. Right adjacent to the stable is a parking area that accomodates horse trailers that many horseman use to access the trails around Lake Natoma. It is too dangerous to ride on Orangevale streets to Lake Natoma trails.

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290-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

290-2: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

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From: Bob Lundin [bob@psyber.com]      B.Lundin.txt  
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 11:25 AM  
To: MicheaelS, Jim  
Subject: Folsom Lake General Plan

Hello Jim,  
Thank you for the meeting last week on the general plan. My only issue is the 5 mph line on the North Fork and its location. We use our kayaks on the lake and it is quite scary to have a jet skier or fast ski boat come close to us. It is also a safety issue.  
My recommendation is to put the 5 mph line at the Rattlesnake Bar boat ramp so upstream is quite for us kayakers and sail boats while down stream is open to the fast boats. This would be on page 217 under Guidelines and Operations.  
Thank you,  
Bob Lundin  
PO Box 1345  
Loomis CA. 95650-1345

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291-1:    Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

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**From:** Stacey Magee [stacey-robert@sbeglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2008 11:04 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Equestrian Trails - Draft Plan for Development  
 Jim Micheals  
 California State Parks  
 Gold Fields District  
 7806 Folsom-auburn Road  
 Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Mr. Micheals,

Please consider my plea as just one voice of many equestrians who enjoy the beautiful, relaxing and truly therapeutic ride around Folsom Lake.


It's my understanding the CA State Parks Department has released a Draft "General Plan" for the Folsom State Recreation Area and the plan may not include horseback riding. I truly hope this was just an over-site and the plan will include horseback riding and possibly even other amenities like hitching posts, water troughs, horse camp areas and maybe even an arena. I think I can speak for most of the local equestrians in that we would use the area even more and cherish the beauty the area brings.

Thank you for considering my request to include horseback riding in the plans to develop and improve the Folsom Lake area - the addition of horse camping would truly be my dream come true since there is not a local horse camping state park.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Stacey Magee  
 Shingle Springs, CA  
 916-792-8071  
 Equestrian and Registered Nurse

[The Magee Family](#)



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292-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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**From:** Michael Olin [Molin@sf.wrtdesign.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 03, 2008 9:18 AM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim; Steve Hammond  
**Subject:** FW: [Junk released by User action] Equestrian Usage in Folsom and various areas  
[FYI... sent to the Folsom e-mail address.](#)

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-Michael

Michael E. Olin  
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<http://www.wrtdesign.com>

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**From:** carol malcolm [mailto:joeandcarol@internet49.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 02, 2008 1:13 AM  
**To:** Michael Olin  
**Subject:** [Junk released by User action] Equestrian Usage in Folsom and various areas

To Whom it may concern I wish to inform you the use in areas scheduled for upgrading, etc., is wonderful and must be done to preserve our natural environments for our children's future. One of the main concerns is for endangered species and surrounding habitat. However, these are prime areas for equine usage as well as biking and must also be considered in your overall scheduled planning. Many a rider has ridden in this area for years and has kept the trails clean for other riders. This is our way of saying thank you for this beautiful riding area. I urge you to please consider the equine usage and do not preclude us from your improvements. Again, thank you. Carol Malcolm

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293-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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<b>From:</b> Shelley Mathews [shelleymathews@sbcglobal.net] <b>Sent:</b> Tuesday, April 08, 2008 12:03 PM <b>To:</b> Micheals, Jim <b>Cc:</b> Ruth A. Elliott; Jessica Booth; Denise; George; Alicia Abels <b>Subject:</b> comments on the General Plan Jim:	294
We attended the public meeting on March 11th in Folsom. The turn-out was impressive. It is obvious the unveiling of the plan draft raised many concerns. I follow the local news very closely and I had not heard of the plan revision until just a few days before that public meeting. I have a feeling many people have been caught off-guard by such short notice. You did say that the process had stakeholder input. Had I known about that I would have hoped to be a part of that process as I work with a multitude of stakeholders in this northern part of the area as the Watershed Coordinator for the American River Watershed Group.	294-1
I am a homeowner in Fair Oaks and live on the bluffs above Shadow Glen Stables. Of special concern is the possible eradication of the stables and also the consideration of fencing the state property where it meets up with private residences. The stables provide recreation and enjoyment for hundreds of users and surrounding residents. It would be a shame to not preserve what is a unique opportunity and open-space environment in the middle of an urban surrounding that is in constant danger of development. The same applies to fencing the state property. The sense of openness in our communities is dwindling by acres. Members of the special community that backs up to the state property (where I live) take great pride in being stewards of the land that our properties back up to. Putting a fence up would create a sense of separation between the residents and agency responsibility. Would the state be willing to maintain the vegetation that grows right up to our properties to reduce the fuel load?	294-2 294-3
Thank you for extending the time for public comment. I would suggest that you open the plan to more stakeholder input and allow more time for comment.	
Shelley Mathews 9138 River Look Lane Fair Oaks, CA 95628	
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294-1: Please see Master Response PP-2 (Section 3.1.2).

294-2: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

294-3: Please see Master Response TR-13 (Section 3.7.13).

## Letter 295

Re: State Parks - More multi-use trails at Folsom Lake	Page 1 of 1
<b>From:</b> John Matoba [jmatoba@cityofsacramento.org]	295
<b>Sent:</b> Wednesday, May 28, 2008 1:57 PM	
<b>To:</b> Micheals, Jim	
<b>Cc:</b> Robert.Olmstead@sen.ca.gov	
<b>Subject:</b> Re: State Parks - More multi-use trails at Folsom Lake	
Hi Mike,	
I enjoy mountain biking in the Folsom Lake area. I fully support the addition of more multi-use trails.	
I support increased trail heads and multi-use trails (which allow a greater number of entry areas for bikes and clean trails for cycling) because of the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is important to develop and support recreation that is "green". Providing mountain/cycle-cross 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.</li><li>• 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 (no poop, well hopefully).</li><li>• Mountain bicyclists contribute thousands of volunteer hours on public trail maintenance and public education campaigns annually.</li><li>• Mountain biking promotes good health. Good health translates into lower health care costs and greater productivity.</li><li>• 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.</li></ul>	295-1
To perhaps better respond to concerns of all users of the trail the following rules could be instituted:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I think that Folsom Lake SRA should all dirt trails to an odd/even designation. 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. Or a similar ruling.</li></ul>	295-2
John Matoba Carmichael, CA	
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295-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

295-2: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

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Megan Heileman

From: Michelle Matoba [MSKhal@cityofsacramento.org]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2008 1:34 PM  
To: Micheaels, Jim  
Cc: Robert.Olmstead@sen.ca.gov  
Subject: State Parks - More multi-use trails at Folsom Lake

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I support increased trail heads and multi-use trails (which allow a greater number of entry areas for bikes and clean trails for cycling) because of the following:

- It is important to develop and support recreation that is "green". Providing mountain/cycle-cross 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 (no poop, well hopefully).
- Mountain bicyclists contribute thousands of volunteer hours on public trail maintenance and public education campaigns annually.
- Mountain biking promotes good health. Good health translates into lower health care costs and greater productivity.
- The vast majority of Sacramento area 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.

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To perhaps better respond to concerns of all users of the trail the following rules could be instituted:

- I think that Folsom Lake SRA should all dirt trails to an odd/even designation. 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. Or a similar ruling.

If you have any questions or concerns about my suggestions, please e-mail me. The area around Folsom Lake is where I first learned how to truly mountain bike, and cycle-cross and as such think that it would benefit many people to have more information available about mountain biking in the Folsom Lake SRA, and having trail access that would benefit riders of all levels.

Sincerely,

Michelle Matoba

6/6/2008

296-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

296-2: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

## Letter 297

Fwd: Folsom Lake preliminary management plan SUGGESTIONS		Page 1 of 1
<b>From:</b> Laura Caballero [lcaballero@mp.usbr.gov] <b>Sent:</b> Monday, June 09, 2008 5:52 PM <b>To:</b> Micheals, Jim <b>Subject:</b> Fwd: Folsom Lake preliminary management plan SUGGESTIONS		297
>>> "Terry McCoy" <tlmccoy@surewest.net> 3/22/2008 10:01 AM >>> Laura Caballero,		
297-1	<p>I am writing this letter in an effort to emphasize the need to continue equestrian and hiker access to the Folsom Lake trail system. Many of the current trails were built and maintained by the equestrian community in the form of the Folsom Lake trail patrol along with other users. To be squeezed out of their trail access now would be a great injustice. The joggers, bike riders and runners have thousands of locations in the community to enjoy their sports and they do have use of the park's wider trails, but the hikers and equestrians have very few places to enjoy their more leisurely and quiet enjoyment of our parks. The narrow single path trails are much more suited to the leisurely pace of equestrians joggers and hikers.</p> <p>For years my wife and I have ridden Folsom Lake trails on horseback and have gone to great extremes to greet the other users and share our enjoyment with ALL other users on the trail. Children (and adults too) love the horses and it is a pleasure to enhance their trail experience. Interaction with bikers and runners on these narrow trails, in general, has been without problem as we all know and abide by the trail etiquette rules. The few exceptions have been mountain bikers who were using the trails with a competitive or extreme sport type of speed. I submit that this kind of use is not only dangerous to themselves and others, but it is also comparatively hard on the trails themselves.</p> <p>As a compromise solution, the park could dedicate a one way loop trail for that type of speed use and all trail users would be much safer. The quiet single track trail use by family hikers, joggers, runners and equestrians would be and should be preserved.</p> <p>Terry L McCoy 6505 Arabian Circle Granite Bay, CA 95746</p> <p>916 784-6505</p> <p>file:///P:/Folsom (WRT230)/RTC/WRT230 Letters/Email Public Comments on GP/T. McCoy.htm 9/16/2008</p>	

297-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3, TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

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**From:** Vince&Linda McDonald [mcdonald.l@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2008 10:57 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Hi Jim

Jim,

It was nice to see you last night at the meeting. I don't really enjoy what the public tends to do at these meetings, but you guys did a great job being professional and patiently listening.

I really like what is in store for the Overlook, Mississippi Bar and for the entire trails program. These are the parts I reviewed in detail because I'm most interested in them.

I wanted to mention that when I walk around the Mississippi Bar area, I often think of how perfect it would be to do some reforestation/habitat restoration using funding from the cap and trade system of trading carbon "credits". I don't know a lot about where the State is in implementing the system, but it seems to me that it would be great to plant air scrubbing (native) trees to help mitigate air pollution right in an area where it builds up at the foothills. As I read the plan, there's nothing to preclude this type of thing.

Please let me know if I can volunteer to do anything for Gold Fields. I would love to be more involved in trails, especially. I told Scott that I'd like a PI job, but I'm also interested volunteering.

Bye for now,  
Linda McDonald

P.S. I don't intend for you to respond to my comments about the plan, unless you want to informally.

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298-1: Comment noted. The Preliminary GP/RMP calls for restoration of portions of Mississippi Bar, however not specifically for the purpose of mitigating air pollution. See page III-132 of the Preliminary GP/RMP.

298-2: Please see Master Response TR-8.

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**From:** dncatsmeow@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 6:02 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** HORSES AT FOLSOM LAKE

Dear Sirs ,

As a horse woman i find it very hard to believe that after this many years you could or would not have stated that horses have been used and ridden in this park area since its founding and truly before for with out the horse where would any of us? be on the east coast i believe. don,t you think its time to mention that riders are allowed in the state parks here in califomia and do so by rights that were in place even before the parks them selves. please put in the truth and put horses back in the state park system we have after all been riding there since well before you had been born, at least some of us have.

sincerely yours catherine m. mckeand  
owner rider granite bay ,ca 95746

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299-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** Michelle McKenzie [michellemckenzie@hughes.net]**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 4:51 PM**To:** Arnold, John; Micheaels, Jim; Nastro, Louis**Subject:** FOLSOM LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA PRELIMINARY DRAFT PLAN

Hello,

I was riding the trails at Folsom this past Sunday, with other equestrians, and am angry about the SRA Plan.

**300-1** According to the Plan's Project Manager, Jim Micheaels, the survey that was used to create the plan "is not statistically valid."

Hikers and equestrians are the people who most use the park on a 365-day a year basis. Yet, we have been marginalized and deliberately ignored in The Plan.

The existing Folsom Lake SRA plan is filled with errors and omissions, is based on a survey that is not statistically valid, ignores demographics, is deliberately vague, and was created in a vacuum without public input for over four years.

**300-2** ALL equestrian staging areas and trails need to be listed in the plan, not just a few.

**300-3** Hiking and equestrian trails need to be maintained and expanded.

**300-4** Mountain bike users need more of their own speed and technical trails.

**300-5** Street bike users need more paved paths.

**300-6** I am firmly against more multi-use trails in the Folsom Lake SRA. The current management admits they cannot maintain multi-use trails to safe standards, cannot enforce bike speed limits, and agree they have no budget to do so in the future. Currently there are unsafe trails and constant conflict. This will only increase if multi-use trails are expanded.

**300-7** IF there are to be some multi-use trails, they need to be built to safe multi-use standards and a 5 MPH speed limit must be enforced.

The baby boomer population who hike, bird watch, ride and want a quiet, natural experience in the state parks is DOUBLING in the next ten years. There was no mention of this important demographic which comprises the largest user of the park.

The horse industry in California generates a direct economic impact of \$6.1 billion annually, and is growing every year.

**300-8** It is my position that we retain the 1979 Plan for now, fire Jim Micheaels--who was responsible for this mess-- contract a new and statistically valid survey, and then, with constant public input and oversight **CREATE A PLAN THAT SERVES ALL USERS.**

THIS IS OUR PARK!

Many thanks,

Michelle McKenzie  
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[www.mckenziebookworks.com](http://www.mckenziebookworks.com)

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300-1: Please see Master Response EC-2 and response to Comment 20-11.

300-2: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

300-3: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

300-4: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

300-5: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

300-6: Please see Master Responses TR-1 and TR-5 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.5).

300-7: Please see Master Responses TR-1 and TR-5 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.5).

300-8: Please see Master Response EC-2 (Section 3.3.2).

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**From:** CSHAre33TT@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:50 AM  
**To:** Michaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom State Recreation Area  
To Whom it May Concern:

301

I am addressing the lack of mention of equestrian use in the Folsom State Recreation Area Draft General Plan as a primary recreation use of this fabulous resource. I have been using the trails around and near Folsom for over 35 years on horseback and feel the omission of equestrian use in the plan must be an oversight.

301-1

Please include equestrian use as a primary recreational activity in the General Plan, I know there are tens of thousands of hours ridden on these trails and would encourage more amenities for equestrian use rather than ignoring our existence.

Thank you  
Diane Medlock  
41929 County Road 27  
Woodland, California

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301-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 and TR-11 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.11).

## Letter 302

Equestrians belong at Folsom Lake (please!) Page 1 of 1

**From:** J. Forsberg Meyer [jfmeyer3@earthlink.net] 302  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 10:16 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Equestrians belong at Folsom Lake (please!)  
Jim Michaels of the Gold Fields District of the California State Parks...

Please keep the Folsom State Recreation Area open to horseback riders! I rode there as a young adult; I'm now middle-aged, and one of my lifetime goals is to get back there on a good horse to trail ride again. Please keep equestrians (and hikers and runners) in the General Plan for this area; as they represent "non-mechanized" forms of recreation, they most certainly deserve a place at the table, as it were. 302-1

Thank you for your consideration. Please don't let us down.

~Jennifer Forsberg Meyer  
Editorial Director, *Horse&Rider* magazine  
Latrobe, California

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302-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** Obie Miller [obie@greystone-llc.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2008 10:59 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
 Jim Micheals  
 Gold Fields District  
 California State Parks  
 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
 Folsom, CA 95630

March 31, 2008

Dear Jim,

Thank you for all the hard work and effort regarding the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan. My family is active users of the entire Folsom area's trail system and outdoor recreation "network". Having good outdoor recreation is so important to people like us who don't have videogame consoles and haven't been to the 16plex movie theater lately. My wife is a marathon runner, her mother has 5 horses, and I am a competitive cyclist.


303-1 I heard about the new general plan and a possible new trail master plan and wanted to make sure that Regular Joe" active user gets his voice heard. We love our trails, we use our trails, and we cautiously approach change. Hopefully the new plans won't try to outsmart what we already have. "Growth" has its drawbacks. We don't need more accessible trails. We don't need ADA trails. We don't need a bunch of attention brought to a big project that ruins a nice, simple network of single track that wraps its way around a very popular recreation area.

If I was in charge (!), there are really only a few changes I would suggest:

- 303-2 - All trails are multi-use (I mean really, let's all grow up and be big kids now. There are lots of people and lots of modes of transportation. Just yield, be courteous, and move along).
- 303-3 - Allow 24 hours trail use (Currently it is closed after dark. As a winter trail user, I have to break the law to get a workout).
- 303-4 - Complete a multi-use trail that circumnavigates the entire Folsom Lake.
- 303-5 - Create a 1 or 2 new, remote access trails (possibly near North and/or South Forks).

Thanks for your time considering my thoughts,

Obie Miller  
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303-1: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).

303-2: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

303-3: Please see Master Response TR-9 (Section 3.7.9).

303-4: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

303-5: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

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**From:** Jeff Mitchell [jefflmitch@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 11:00 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake SRA  
**I would like to comment on the general plan for Folsom Lake SRA.**

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.

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.

Jeff Mitchell

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304-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

304-2: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

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**From:** Diana Mittelberger [xtboys@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 7:33 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Equestrian use of Folsom State Recreation Area  
Please do not forget to include the equestrian needs for Folsom State Recreation Area. The horse riders are actually out there, enjoying the locations today. Please don't leave us out in the next planning sessions.

Thank you

Diana Mittelberger  
5920 French Creek Road  
Shingle Springs, CA 95682

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305-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** John and Carla Monday [jcdent@wwdb.org]

**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2008 9:13 AM

**To:** Micheals, Jim

**Subject:** Folsom State Recreation Area Plan

I am a concerned equestrian user of trails in the greater Sacramento area. I belong to a horsemen's association and we ride most weekends with good weather. One of our favorite places that is close in is Folsom Lake. We do not see mention in your draft plan, which will effect us for the next 30 years, that much, if any, is in the plan for equestrian use, which often share trails with bicycle riders. In the wide use of trails in this area, it is our experience that many horse riders are sharing them with us. In fact, we see more horse riders than we do bike riders on the trails. It would seem justified, then, that equestrian use would get some consideration in this new Plan.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Carla Monday

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306-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** Charhorseranch@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2008 2:05 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** FOLSOM General Plan  
Hello,

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I'm emailing to request that I be placed on the notification list for issues concerning Folsom State Recreation Area equestrian use. 307-1

I'm a long time Sac. County resident and have spent many hours and miles on horseback at the FSRA conditioning my horses for endurance rides and just plain trail riding for recreation.

I truly enjoy these trails, some of the best anywhere that I've ridden.

I'm very concerned about the comments I've been seeing in my in box with regards to the new "plan".

I didn't know about any of the meetings and I would like to attend future meetings that affect the equestrian uses at Folsom State Rec. Area.

Please let me know how I can contribute to the process.

Charles R. Moore  
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Elverta, CA 95626  
[Charhorseranch@aol.com](mailto:Charhorseranch@aol.com)

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307-1: Comment noted.

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April 16, 2008

Jim Michaels  
Folsom Lake SRA  
7806 Folsom-Auburn Blvd.  
Folsom CA 95630

I would like to thank the Folsom Lake SRA for spurring on the equestrian community for allowing us to develop a strong advocacy group. We will be heard and we will be heard loud and clear. Equestrians tend to be singular in our activities however, we are banded together on this important Park plan. Folsom and Auburn SRA will not omit equestrian needs from the General Plan. Safety of all users must be paramount. That means that the speed of the mountain bikers on the trails must come down and be controlled. The Park trails are NOT mountain bike race courses. Degradation of the trails and defacing of the trails has occurred by this population who feels their rights are tantamount to anyone else's. The Park has failed to control or monitor these activities. How long do you think the trails will remain in tact with the present abuse( example- Center Trail destruction and subsequent repair by the Park). If the bikers want a racing course, then let the Park build one for them...not on every trail they ride.

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308-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3, TR-1 and TR-7 (Sections 3.3.3, 3.7.1 and 3.7.7).

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I am not anti-bike trail use. On appropriate trails with slow speed and line of sight, we can share the trails. The Olmstead/Knickerbocker Loop is a prime example of user groups being able to share trail. Why? Because the trails are wide enough, line of sight sufficient and the mountain bikers are courteous to other users. The Pioneer Express Trail is not this type of trail and MUST be maintained as Equestrian/Pedestrian use only. I am mandating that the Park start immediately monitoring this trail for inappropriate use. It is UNSAFE for multi-use. Bikes must stay off this narrow, single track, rocky and precarious trail. Does a death have to happen before the Park responds?

308-2: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

308-3

The excuse I have heard is the same one I have heard for years...we do not have the staff ( Park Rangers) to monitor trail use. I say that the time and money spent on the General Plan is, I am sure, in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Had that money been put into I would like to thank the Folsom Lake SRA for spurring on the equestrian community the facilities, maintenance and Ranger support staff, the problems were encountered could have been handled.

308-3: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

308-4

The trail designations are embarrassingly lacking. Each trailhead must be marked for appropriate use. Look at the trails in Coe Park, Mt Diablo State Park and Pt Reyes. The trail designations are clear. Vandalizing by certain user groups who do not agree with the trail designations, must be banned from the Park since the Park is unable to control them. Enforcement must be improved, no matter what the cost. It is my feeling that the Park has given up on enforcement. What a shame for the safety of the Park users. Vigilante justice has no place in the Park but equestrians are frustrated with the lack of enforcement by the Park. Get the Rangers out on the trails on horseback and see for yourself. I will be happy to lead them.

308-4: Please see Master Responses TR-4 and TR-7 (Sections 3.7.4 and 3.7.7).

308-5

These Parks are too valuable a resource to ruin or fight over. That being said, equestrians are now coming forward as one, cohesive unit and we are many and mighty. We will not be disregarded.

308-5: Please see Master Response TR-1 (Section 3.7.1).

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Murphy  
916.719.6265

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**From:** Jan Nahas [jnahas@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 9:59 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** FW: Horse Trails

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**From:** Jan Nahas [mailto:jnahas@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 12:00 PM  
**To:** 'jmiche@paks.ca.gov'  
**Subject:** Horse Trails

Dear Sirs,  
Please reconsider the plan to limit horse riding on your trails. Surely there is another way to share trail access with horse bike and walking enthusiasts. All of these people enjoy the great outdoors. It is such a shame to discourage horse activities throughout our great state and country. This is part of our heritage and opportunities are closing at many levels. Thanks for your attention, Jan Nahas, Alamo, Ca

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309-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

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Comments need to be sent to:

Jim Micheals  
Gold Fields District  
California State Parks  
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
Folsom, CA 95630  
916/988-0513  
jmiche@parks.ca.gov

Points of Concern regarding proposed General Plan

- 310-1** Add boat ramps for the lower lake levels. (Why? It is not safe for ski/wakeboarding boats to be on the water at Lower lake levels do to the uneven bottom)
- 310-2** Quiet days on the lake. (No motor boats on the water on certain days. Fall and Winter and low lake levels already provide quiet days.)
- 310-3** Expand 5 mile per hour zones on the lake. (most 5 mile per hour zones are in the coves where the best wake boarding is. These zones are rarely full and do not need expanding)
- 310-4** Expand the Browns Ravine Marina by 30% (There has been problems with keeping the boats on the water because the lake levels are already too low to support the boats that Browns Ravine already has.)
- 310-5** First and foremost please extend the review and comment period to 180 days after the last public meeting presenting the proposed plan. This proposal is huge and no one can adequately review the document and intelligently respond with comments in a 30 day period. There is no reason this cannot be extended as there is no legal binding to 30 days for review and it is up to the State Parks to determine the review period. The state park has the power to extend.
- 310-6** Regarding the comment that there is NO mention of equestrian staging at Rat Bar or Negro Bar-- Per the March 5th meeting Negro Bar and Rat Bar equestrian staging areas were left out in error.
- 310-7** The original upgrades planned for Rat Bar equestrian staging area have never been completed (i.e water, picnic tables, paved parking, water troughs, hitching posts). Ask that this be included in the new plan.
- 310-8** Chapter III p. 77 Camping -- Ask that horse camping areas be included in the plan (i.e. Rat Bar).
- 310-9** There is NO mention of equestrian trails from Negro to Granite Bay. Ask that this be added.
- 310-10** Ask that Sterling Point Equestrian staging area be added to the map.
- 310-11** There is nothing in the plan defining the history of the State Budget used or the estimated future budgets to support trails for

- 310-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-3 (Section 3.5.3).
- 310-2: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).
- 310-3: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).
- 310-4: Please see Master Response MUF-1 (Section 3.8.1).
- 310-5: Please see Master Response PP-1 (Section 3.2.1).
- 310-6: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).
- 310-7: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).
- 310-8: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).
- 310-9: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).
- 310-10: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).
- 310-11: Please see response to Comment 29-3.

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operations and maintenance. Ask that this be transparent and added.

**310-12** There is continual reference to bike usage and limited mention of equestrian usage on Pioneer Express. – Per the March 5th meeting it was stated the plan defines the intent of a Trail Management Plan. See Chapter III – p 78. Ask who will be involved in this and when? Ask that the equestrian community be involved. Ask if the discussions and solutions drawn up from the past trail stakeholder meetings are to be continued. Ask what budget is defined for this trail management plan including trail enforcement and education. Define the budget history and estimate in the plan.

**310-13** Chapter III p 82 Trail Designation section lists one type of trail being a Shared Use Dirt trail with Alternate Time/Date sharing. Ask what research has been done to prove this to be a viable safe option to be listed? What is the estimated impact on park resources time and money required to enforce such a trail to sure the public's safety at all times? Why is the Corridor Trail option not listed (parallel bike/equestrian trails)?

**310-14** There is NO mention of fixing the problem at the tunnel near HQR's on Folsom-Auburn Rd. It is NOT safe for equestrian traffic. – Per the March 5th meeting it was defined that the creation of this tunnel was under the Folsom Dam project. This is a prime example that the State Park is not keeping in close communication with the Folsom Dam project. This example resulted in a very unsafe situation. It was stated that the City of Folsom was looking into how to support safe equestrian trails around this tunnel. Ask that the State also look into how to support a safe solution and that the public be included so we can give input to ensure it accommodates safety of all parties without further damaging the surrounding area more than the Dam project has done.

**310-15** Mississippi Bar and Shadow Glen – The proposed plan defines phasing out the boarding aspect of Shadow Glen. The plan does not define why they are going this route. In the alternatives notes (second document) it defines they want to improve Shadow Glen to enhance aesthetic quality and resource protection. What exactly does this entail? In another alternative they define expanding SG by adding covered stables and riding ring etc. This is confusing and needs clarification in the plan. SG points in their favor. The owner rents land from the state park and this money goes to the state park. Currently the park has not renewed the contract with Shadow Glen and they are on a month to month basis but the owner would like to remain which benefits the park income. Shadow Glen also pays their own insurance fees and is not a burden financially on the state park. They offer a family oriented, safe, affordable service for those in the community that cannot afford horses or horse property but want to enjoy equestrian activities on the state park trails. In our community this facility provides a rare commodity for a much needed function.

**310-16** Surveys - Surveys were used to determine the community use of the state park. These surveys were done a long time ago and are out of date to support the future planning. Many at the meeting felt that these surveys may not have adequately represented the populace

310-12: Please see Master Responses EC-1, EC-3 and TR-10 (Sections 3.3.1 and 3.7.10).

310-13: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

310-14: Please see Master Response TR-14 (Section 3.7.14).

310-15: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

310-16: Please see Master Response EC-2 (Section 3.3.2).

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comments. Per our request at the meeting the surveys are to be placed on the website for the public to review. Review these surveys and comment.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Manda Ness [wigmom@sbeglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 1:47 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Lake Natoma

Although I do not know him- I agree with Mr Dan Winkelman's comment regarding proposed changes at the park. We have so little park land left, it is imperative that we protect it. Please leave Lake Natoma undeveloped and peaceful. Thank you.

manda ness  
carmichael, ca

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311-1: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

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**From:** Nunez, Kimberly S. [KNunez2@DMV.CA.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 4:37 PM  
**To:** Michaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Michaels:

I am writing in response to the Proposed New Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan and how it will affect me as an equestrian trail user. I need to voice my concern of feeling "squeezed or forced out" of the trail system and the New General Plan because I ride a horse. I have lived in the Sacramento area for most of my life, and I have purchased many annual passes for boat use and trail use (hiking, biking, and equestrian). All of my family (parents, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and cousins) and many friends have enjoyed the use of the Folsom Lake State Recreation area and its many uses for over 50 years. However, I am saddened to hear that as an avid equestrian I am being left out of the survey portion of the plan as well as there being no mention of a parallel trail concept.

I ride two to three days a week at Folsom Lake and use much of the trail system starting at Negro Bar, Granite Bay, Sterling Point, Dyke 8, etc. and ride all the way to Auburn or Salmon Falls. I live to ride, and I ride in harmony with nature, it is my "church" so to speak, and I refuse to be left out of the planning stages that will not only affect me and my friends, but also our children who will continue in our path with our beloved equines. Please hear my voice, the voice of my friends, and the hundreds of other equestrians who live to ride in our beautiful area.

Please don't exclude us from the master plan, the parks are for all of California residents to use at any given time and not for just a few. In addition, the allowance of bikes on the equestrian trails is unadvisable due to the extreme danger to the equestrian user as bikes are fast and silent. Many times, and just recently in fact, bikes come flying out of nowhere causing our horses to bolt and whirl at a great speed. The biker I encountered, seen I was in trouble with my horse and continued peddling at a break neck speed directly at me causing my horse to continue to try and "get away." Separate trails for bikes and horses are the safest route for all who use them.

In conclusion, I want to express my appreciation for all of your help in keeping our recreation areas available for all users. I am sure is an overwhelming task, but I believe an injustice will be done if the exclusion of one of the biggest economic contributors to the State of California is allowed.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration; and please feel free to direct any public notice to me as I am a member of several equestrian groups such as the American Endurance Riders Conference, Gold Country Horseman and El dorado Trail Club.

Sincerely,

Kim Nunez  
916-983-0135

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312-1: Please see Master Responses PP-2 and EC-3 (Sections 3.1.2 and 3.3.3).

312-2: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

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**From:** Steve Offerman [steve.offerman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2008 9:16 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Cc:** Robert.Olmstead@sen.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Multi-use trails for American River Parkway  
To whom it may concern-

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As a resident of Sacramento and a frequent user of the American River Parkway (I cycle on the trail 4-6 days per week) I am writing to voice my support for the opening of trails along the Parkway to off-road bicycling. I believe that the odd/even days proposal is more than reasonable. The American River Parkway is truly a jewel of Sacramento - in fact one of the main features that keeps living here!! I know many in the cycling community that will enjoy and benefit from the opening of trails along the river. Let me attest to the fact that there are many, many more cyclists that utilize the American River Parkway than equestrians. On a typical day of riding I pass probably a hundred cyclists, but rarely see any horses on the trails adjacent to the bikeway. Many of the cyclists I pass are on mountain bikes already. I know that many of us would be extremely happy about the opportunity to ride trails along the river on occasion. It is well documented that mountain biking is low impact - in fact much lower than horses are!! The cycling community in general tends to be environmentally concerned and there are many mountain bike groups around the state that volunteer many hours to repair and improve trails on which they ride. I am sure that the Sacramento community will be no different.

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In conclusion, please allow us to mountain bike (and cyclocross!) on the trails adjacent to the parkway!! This is a long time coming! The odd/even proposal is more than fair to all parties involved!!

Thank you,  
Steve Offerman  
(Homeowner in River Park near CSUS)

313-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

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**From:** diane offutt [dianeocr@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2008 1:00 PM  
**To:** folsomlakeplanupdate@sf.wrtdesign.com; Michaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Participation in the General Plan Update of Folsom Lake Rec Area

**Greetings:**  
This email will serve as the official notice that we would like to be active participants in the Updating Process of this important California State Park Equestrian Destination. Although I was unable to attend the two meetings last week due to late notice, I look forward to being involved this this two year process.

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Thank you in advance,

diane offutt  
CSHA Trails Chair

**Participate in the General Plan Update Process**  
The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), in partnership with the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), recently began work on the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan and Resource Management Plan Update.

This two-year process will update the current plan and the long-range vision for the park. It will also result in a new plan that will guide the protection of natural and cultural resources, provide for and manage recreational opportunities, and outline the future development of public facilities.

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pleasanton, ca 94588-1264

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314-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Response PP-2 (Section 3.1.2).

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**From:** bgotey@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 10, 2008 10:25 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake comments

I recently read that the Folsom Chamber of Commerce is opposing a ban on gasoline engines on Lake Natomas. Stick to your guns on this one. There are far too few areas where we can get away from engine noise and enjoy some peace and quiet. We need this one.

Glen Otey  
428 Williams St.  
Folsom, CA 95630

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315-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-2 (Section 3.5.2).

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**From:** George Palma [gapalma@fastkat.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2008 6:39 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake SRA General Plan

I am writing to comment on the general plan that is currently under development. I am a neighbor and use the trails several times each week. My wife and I ride our mountain bikes on every inch of Folsom Lake's multi-use trails. I ride with friends in groups of 2 to 5 at least once a week too. I can't tell you how blessed I feel to be able to out in nature, turning the cranks, and be only minutes away from my home! On weekends, my wife, daughter, and often dogs, will hike the Western states trail to experience a system we can't on our bikes. I think that the development of more miles of multi-use trails is critical, along with maintenance on the existing trail system. I am a member of FATRAC and IMBA and I know both of these organizations would be very helpful in developing and maintaining any new trails. I dream of the day that I can ride my mountain bike all the way around Folsom Lake on a system of linked trails. I don't know if this is possible, but if the SRA can acquire adjacent private lands for trail development, that would be a real plus. Last weekend, I rode for hours on the Cronan Ranch outside of Pilot Hill - formerly private land along the south fork of the American River that now belongs to the county. Is something like this possible? I know that there are competing interests when developing such a plan, and I want you to know that the mountain biking community relies on Folsom Lake for the outdoors fitness experience we crave.

George Palma  
6560 Casa Vista Drive  
Loomis, CA 95650

PS: If you ride, let me know and I will put you on my MTB email list!

\*\*\* George Palma \*\*\*  
Die trying, not watching ...

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316-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

316-2: Please see Master Response TR-8 (Section 3.7.8).

316-3: Please see Master Responses TR-6, TR-16 and UWO-1 (Sections 3.7.6, 3.7.16 and 3.9.1).

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**From:** Arthur Pancheri [apancheri@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2008 5:46 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan  
Attn: Jim Michaels

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Dear Mr. Michaels:

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I am very much opposed to the extension of a hiking and biking trail right through the heart of the Folsom Powerhouse State Park. The Park is not on the "beaten path" at this time and still suffers from excessive graffiti damage. It may not be a prime location for such a historic example as it presently represents, however, we have more than enough bike paths already when you include all of the street bike lanes. I have waked these dual use paths before but decline to do so now because of the risk to life and limb from bikers. I am amazed that there are not more accidents. I am not against bikes but enough is enough for now.

Best regards, Art Pancheri 242 Winding Canyon Lane, Folsom

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317-1: There is no proposal in the Preliminary GP/RMP to extend a bike trail through the heart of the Folsom Powerhouse SHP. Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

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**From:** stephen parsons [sh\_parsons61@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2008 10:14 AM**To:** Micheals, Jim**Subject:** Folsom State Recreation Area

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my dissatisfaction with the proposed 30 year plan of the Folsom State Recreation Areas omission of Equine Trails. I don't know if this was and accidental omission or on purpose for "special interest groups". As a "Tax Payer" and Equine enthusiast, I respectfully request the plan be modified to include Equine trails so many more of us can enjoy these public lands. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Stephen H. Parsons

3871 Luneman Road

Placerville, CA 95667

(530)621-2676

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318-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** Pavik, Michael [Michael.Pavik@GenCorp.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 29, 2008 4:20 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Lou Place - lake access

Jim,

Thank you for taking my recent phone calls regarding Folsom Lake Recreation Area Plan update which you are participating.

I am a resident of Granite Bay and I am very interested in the Recreation Area Plan update. As we discussed on the phone, my family and I are interested in seeing that the recreation path between Lou Place and Folsom lake gets improved. There is currently a horse gate at the State Property Line at the intersection of Lou Place and Auburn Folsom Road. Residents of this community have used this access for recreational purposes since it was installed decades ago. My family and I have used this gate as access to Folsom Lake for recreational purposes since the mid 1970s. My family and I would like the State of California to consider improvements to this path with the proposed recreational plan update. We would like the path from the state property line to the top of the levee to be paved as a bike path.

During the Notice of Preparation (NOP) comments to the widening of Auburn Folsom Road for Placer County, a local group called "Friends of Auburn Folsom Road" of which I was a member, requested many times that access to the lake be continued and that plans to improve this access be granted. Discussions about having a signalized crossing at Lou Place were brought to the attention of Placer County for many reasons. The main reason being that Lou Place via Troy Way and Purdy Way and Buckeye serve as a feeder for recreational (bicycle, running, and walking) access from the local communities to the state park, and to the mountain bike trails and the American River Bike Trail located at Folsom Lake. Many of us felt that, to date, Placer County has ignored our requests, and they have summed up any safety improvements to this access as being too expensive. Rather than taking the high road and supporting the long standing access to this park, Placer County has abandoned their focus on recreational amenities, and has taken the easy way out and blamed it on the budget.

The residents of Granite Bay, especially those in walking, or bike riding distance of Folsom Lake, perceive Folsom Lake Recreational facility as a great amenity for the area and want to make sure that the long standing access to this park are preserved and improved where possible for those residents who have come to enjoy this opportunity over the last five decades. In an era of trying to take cars off of the road, the residents of Granite bay are being slowly required to abandon their bikes and hiking sticks and are being forced to get into their cars and drive to Folsom Lake to enjoy its beauty.

We greatly appreciate the work that you are doing to preserve this great recreational facility, and look forward to enjoying it for years to come. Please help us in our continued desire to enjoy this state park, and please help us to preserve the access which we have come to rely upon.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts in making this a great community to live.

**Michael T Pavik PE**  
9400 Troy Way  
Granite Bay, CA 95746  
(916) 351-8547  
[Michael.Pavik@GenCorp.com](mailto:Michael.Pavik@GenCorp.com)

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319-1: Comment noted. Some of these specific trail issues would be best addressed in the Trail Management Plan. Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-10 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.10).

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**From:** Cheri Painter [cd\_painter@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2008 4:26 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Trails

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Jim Micheals  
Gold Fields District  
California State Parks

State Parks set a review time of 30 days for the proposed Folsom Lake trails access plan. Please extend comment and review period to 180 days after the last public meeting presenting the proposed plan. This would allow reasonable time for informed input from those of us who enjoy using all the trails in the park. 320-1

My daughter and I have been riding these trails for the past 12 years. Not that long. She's turning 18 soon. We have so many memories of days spent together on different trails around the lake and up river in the canyons.

The only problem we have ever had involved a cyclist on a winding single track trail who rode up behind us at speed and luckily was able to lay the bike down in time to avoid a collision. Both of us were able to settle the horses without anyone getting hurt.

To us the issue of multi use and the safety of all users is incredibly important. Please allow more time on such an important matter.

Thank You

Cheri Painter

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320-1: Please see Master Responses PP-1 (Section 3.1.1), TR-5 and TR-7.

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**From:** Gerry Peterson [gerpet@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2008 11:55 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Fw: FW: SHA: Folsom Lake Equestrian Trails, Search and Rescue Clinic, and more!

**Attachments:** FW: SHA: Folsom Lake Equestrian Trails, Search and Rescue Clinic, and more!  
 DEAR DEPARTMENT OF STATE PARKS:

PLEASE INCLUDE TRAIL DEVELOPEMENT FOR EQUESTRIANS!  
 OFF-RODE MOTORCYCLING DESTROYS THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF NATURE!!!!

Geraldine Peterson  
 Placerville

----- Forwarded Message -----  
**From:** KKStroth <kkstroth@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** Gerry Peterson <gerpet@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2008 10:08:10 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: FW: SHA: Folsom Lake Equestrian Trails, Search and Rescue Clinic, and more!

Hi Ger, This looks important... please forward to all your horse contacts also.  
 Thanks, Karen

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** Cathy Hamilton  
**To:** Sue Atkinson ; Cassie ; Jennifer Chan ; Annamie Cummings ; Justine Donnelly ; Debbie Dunn ; Cheryl Hill ; June Juvet ; rachele kelly ; Kelsie Kennicutt ; Stacey Magee ; Jessica Pantages ; Sarah ; Barbara Siminsma ; Lori Spivey ; Rachel Melissa Stratton ; Karen Stroth ; Wanda ; Walter Winward ; Sandy Winward ; Alex Wood ; Rochelle Wood  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2008 8:34 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: SHA: Folsom Lake Equestrian Trails, Search and Rescue Clinic, and more!

Please take a few minutes and write a letter to save the trails.  
 Thanks,  
 Cathy

Note: forwarded message attached.  
 If you have a moment, please send a letter as stated below.

Thanks ~  
 Sonia

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**From:** Dagmar@surewest.net  
**To:** Dagmar@surewest.net  
**Subject:** SHA: Folsom Lake Equestrian Trails, Search and Rescue Clinic, and more!  
**Date:** Thu, 20 Mar 2008 07:16:33 -0700

Dear SHA Members and Friends:

The CA State Parks Department has released their 'Draft General Plan' for the Folsom State Recreation Area. 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

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321-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.11).

321-2: Please see Master Response TR-15 (Section 3.7.15).

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**From:** Pat Peterson [petersp@surewest.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 9:51 PM  
**To:** Michaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom State Park update Plan Comments

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**Folsom State Park Update Plan Comment:**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

Thank you so much for putting so much effort and thought into a general plan update for Folsom State Park. We really appreciate all the work the rangers do to ensure the maintenance and security of the park. We understand that the park is woefully under funded and that the rangers do the best they can with the available funds.

I feel the updated plan has restricted or ignored the availability of facilities for some users (hikers, runners, and equestrians), while by all appearances, expanding the unlimited use of the park for the bicyclists.

Here are my comments. Thank you for your attention.

High Priority:

322-1

 1. A bridge across the American River at Auburn strong enough for horses.

322-2

 2. Purchase the property behind Placer Canyon subdivision, between the 40 mile mark and 41 mile mark on the Pioneer Express trail. (In addition to more trails, this property would be a good place for the park animals to live, once Folsom Dam is raised.)

322-3

 3. More trails. There are too many users concentrated on too few trails. The conflicts between users are escalating into extreme "trail rage".

**Funding:**

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322-1: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

322-2: Please see Master Response UWO-1 (Section 3.9.1).

322-3: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-10 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.10).

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- 322-4** 1. Have all park users pay fees to use the park. A yearly pass could be purchased, that would be a metal disk (like a rabies dog tag) that can be worn around the neck. Different colors would be used each year. The Park could have varied check points to see if users have paid (like DUI check points). Non-payers would fill out a form to be sent a bill for fees, or be sent a fine.
- 322-5** 2. Raise the entrance fees. We get what we pay for and Folsom State Park is too important to be allowed to deteriorate due to lack of funding.

**322-6****Enforcement:**

I did not see anything in plan update that addresses enforcement of the rules. Users are essentially unrestricted. Some users of the park are very dangerous. I do feel that lack of funds is no excuse to allow lawless behavior to continue. The park does have an obligation to try to control some of these people. I understand that the rangers have to chose between chasing people who are gun toting in the park, while ignoring bicyclists on the horse trail (which happen one day when I was in the park); however the bicyclists do need to be controlled.

1. People that camp in Folsom Park, go potty on the trails and then throw their tissue on the trail. It would be nice if this disgusting habit could be halted.
2. While 85% of the bicyclists are horse and hiker savvy, the remaining 15% are rude, moving too fast on the trails and creating very dangerous situations. Some bicyclists will not slow down for anybody or anything. It would be nice if all bicyclists had a large number, easy to read, on their bicycles so that egregious, dangerous violators could be reported.
3. Paint the speed limit and the "yield to" rules for bicyclists on the "new bike trail" between mile 31 and 31.5.

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322-4: Please see Master Response UWO-2 (Section 3.9.2).

322-5: Please see Master Response UWO-2 (Section 3.9.2).

322-6: Please see Master Responses TR-1 and TR-7 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.7).

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4. Charge the local bicycle organizations for the vandalism done to the "no bicycles" signs on the trail. It is not the runners or equestrians who are taking down those signs. I do not know why they bother to rip the signs down as they just ignore these signs anyway.
5. Post the speed limit for bicyclists on the trails.
6. Conduct random speed check points with a radar gun and fine violators.

Thank you for your time.

Pat Peterson, 7050 Morningside Dr., Granite Bay. 916-791-0895  
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**From:** CHARLES PIKE [charliepike@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 09, 2008 9:19 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Re: Folsom Lake SRA General Plan Update  
Hello Jim Michaels

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Where (what URL) may the current draft of the Folsom Lake SRA General Plan Update be viewed. 

323-1

I am a Newcastle resident that uses the North Fork arm, paddles the south fork Am River and looks forward to paddling the North Fork Am River through the Auburn Dam site.

Thank you for your assistance.

**Charlie Pike**  
Water Resources Consultant and  
Author "Paddling Northern California"

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323-1: The Preliminary GP/RMP may be viewed at:  
[http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=22322](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=22322)

Letter 324- Duplicate letter. Please see Letter 8.

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From: Gary.B.Preston@healthnet.com

Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 12:49 PM

To: Micheals, Jim

Cc: gary\_karen\_preston@compuserve.com

Subject: Folsom Lake SRA General Plan comments

Dear Mr. Micheals:

You and your team have done an outstanding job with the Preliminary General Plan & Resource Management Plan for Folsom Lake State Recreation Area. As a sailing enthusiast, and a member of two local boating clubs, I have the following comments for your consideration:

Expansion of Speed Limit Zone  
(Reference VISIT-12, SOUTHFORK/MID-1,2)

I strongly urge expanding the 5 MPH speed limit zone in the South Fork Arm, to include the entire South Fork. There have been a number of incidents and close encounters involving motorized boats vs. sailing and paddle boats. Establishing one fork for non-motorized activities (sailing, kayaking, fishing, etc.), and leaving the other fork for motorized activities (water skiing, wake boarding, jet skiing, etc.), is a clear and easy way to prevent the inherent conflict. The South Fork is closer to the marina and preferred launching for non-motorized craft, without having to make their way across the lake to the North Fork.

Multi-Use Facility  
(Reference MULTI-USE-2, BROWNS-7, FOLSOMPOINT-3)

I strongly urge limiting the potential site for the proposed Multi-Use Facility to only the Brown's Ravine location, and not at Folsom Point. The marina already established at Brown's Ravine creates a natural affinity for related activities that would use the Multi-Use Facility. The two clubs of which I am a member, as well as other boating groups that I have observed, already use the facilities at Brown's Ravine, and it would be a hardship to split their activities between two locations.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my comments.

Gary Preston

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325-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

325-2: Please see Master Response MUF-1 (Section 3.8.1).

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**From:** CPPWT@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 18, 2008 12:23 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** General Plan Folsom Lake SRA  
Dear Mr. Micheals:

It is with great concern that I am writing to you after reading FedCorp's document of March 11, 2008, addressing the General Plan Folsom Lake SRA. Their viewpoint is narrow and criticism self-serving. It seems they perceive all natural resources as assets to be exploited and developed, when the area is in great peril and in need of protection and conservation.

To respond to their litany of concerns about 'negative consequences' and 'comprehensive overview identifying some major shortfalls', would be academic. A plan is simply a plan. As often happens with a business plan, or any plan for that matter, changes occur as conditions or economic issues arise.

It is vitally important that public lands stay in public hands, not given to a group focusing strictly on economic development. It would seem that the best interest of this resource would be best served within the State Parks System.

Sincerely,

Courtney Puffer  
Business owner in the Historic District of Folsom (Pacific Western Traders)  
Board member Heritage Preservation League  
Cofounder Folsom Cultural Recourses Conservancy  
Member of Folsom Historical Society & Folsom Historic District Association

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326-1: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

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From: PWTfolsom@aol.com  
Sent: Saturday, May 17, 2008 4:03 PM  
To: Micheals, Jim  
Subject: Folsom Lake SRA General Plan  
Dear Mr Micheals:

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Dear Mr. Micheals:

The criticism by the Folsom Economic Development Corp. (FEDCorp) of the proposed General Plan revision is unwarranted and self-serving. This organization is composed of individuals focused on an agenda of commercial development for the area inconsistent with conservation of our precious little existing open-space, which at this late date must be of primary concern to protect. The assumption in FEDCorp's remarks that because all the elements contained in the 1979 General Plan have not been realized, State Park control should be abandoned, is a specious argument, as any real assessment of the facts will demonstrate. In fact, it can be considered fortuitous that they were not allowed to come to fruition. Every effort needs to be made to insure that this priceless Preserve be protected from development and remains under State direction.

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Sincerely,

Herbert C. Puffer  
Folsom business owner (Pacific Western Traders)  
Member: Folsom Chamber of Commerce, Calif. Hist. Soc., Sierra Club, CNPS

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327-1: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

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**From:** gopaladeru@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2008 9:19 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake  
Dear Mr. Micheals:

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I just want you to know how much my family and I love to ride around Folsom Lake. I've been trail riding for over twenty years. Folsom is my favorite local place to go. I appreciate that some of the trails are exclusively for riders, walkers and hikers. The only bad experience I ever had at Folsom was when two young "men" were using their minaturized motorcycles on the horse trails. We avoided a bad wreck, but it was scary.

328-1

Please do continue the horse friendly policies into the future plan for this wonderful place.

Thank you,  
Meredith Reinhart

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Planning your summer road trip? Check out [AOL Travel Guides](#).

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328-1: 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:** Walt Reno [wreno@softcom.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2008 3:29 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** trails  
From: "Walt Reno" <wreno@softcom.net>  
To: <jmiche@parks.ca.gov>  
Subject: Folsom trails no bikes  
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 2:06 PM

I have been riding the Folsom Lake trails for 32 years. The number of riders compared to bikes on the trail in areas where both are accepted is still 6 to 1 for the horse riders. Folsom Lake trails between Granite Bay and Auburn are quite dangerous. Bikes going any speed are going to cause more accidents to themselves and cause a strain on our minimal park service to rescue them. The trails are too remote for easy rescue and too many cliffs.  
The horse staging areas are full on weekends year round and 2/3 s full on weekdays. Hopefully we can co exist with bikes, but with the speed bikes go, I don't see how. Can't we make separate trails?  
Lonni Reno 916 652-9102 Loomis, CA

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329-1: Please see Master Responses TR-10 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.10 and 3.7.12).

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From: Anita Reyes [areyes1969@sbcglobal.net]  
 Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 10:01 AM  
 To: lcaballero@mp.usbr.gov; Micheals, Jim  
 Subject: Folsom Lake EIR - Comments regarding equestrians  
 Dear Mr. Micheals and Ms. Caballero:

330

I am writing to you today regarding the proposed plan to close the trails at Folsom Lake Recreation Area to equestrians every other day.

Having lived in Loomis for now 33 years I have ridden my horses since age 8 and as recently as Sunday at Folsom Lake. There was a time that I could ride my horse from my home on Horseshoe Bar Road to the lake without any problems. Today I can barely pull out of the private road I live on with my horse trailer. These days I'm riding alongside my daughter who has been hitting the trails with me for the last two or so years. She's 9 now - and having a place like Folsom Lake for her and I to explore together is so important. This area is horse country. And why would you deprive a majority of the community from enjoying PUBLIC trail system?

330-1

I've only have two encounters on the trail with bike riders that were less than pleasant. One was on the Horse ONLY trail - and the bike rider was wearing headphones and did not hear us coming (at a walk) he on the other hand was riding very fast. He had to go off trail to avoid hitting us. The other time was on the multi-use trail and it was younger kids who thought it would be funny to try to spook my horse by riding very close to her at a high rate of speed. It didn't work in their favor.

Anytime I meet up with bikes on a trail I always pull my horse to the side to let them go by, as do all of those that I ride with. We are not taking over the trails, nor do we go off trail and tear up the area. I see more hikers and mountain bikers leaving the trail to get more adventuresome. I would never ride my horse in an area that was unknown. A hoof into a hole and we are done for.

I really want to understand the reason or the desired end result you are looking for when you propose to close these trails to equestrians every other day. Does that mean on those days that it is open to horses, no bikes or hikers are allowed? If there is a Search and Rescue effort needed and it happens to fall on a "no horse day" what will you do? Will you ban Jet Skis on days that you allow boats only? Will you have people who only want to sun bathe come on Mondays and those who want to swim come on Tuesdays?

Your proposal is at the very least discriminating. Horse riders on the trail at Folsom have been helpful in many situations and continue a tradition of how this area was founded.

Take the horses away you'll take away tradition, history and the future of this area and the lake.

Enforce the rules that are already in existence. Have more people out making sure the trails are used correctly. Offer literature on proper etiquette for everyone visiting. Create more space for equestrians in the parking area - we have to compete with everyone else for a space - and sometimes the public who do not have trailers park in our area and on more than one occasion I've had to wait until the driver arrived before I could load my horse into the trailer due to them parking on the side that my doors open.

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Folsom Lake is a public park. It's a place that I want to be able to visit any day of the year, a place that I want to be able to spend time with my daughter on the trails. It's a place that I pay for with my entrance fee and the taxes I pay every year. But now you are trying to take it away from me, my daughter and our horse riding friends. I think you should rethink your proposal and realize what you'll be losing.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Anita & Peyton Reyes  
 Loomis Residents and Equestrians

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330-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

330-2: Please see Master Response TR-1 (Section 3.7.1).

330-3: Please see response to Comment 235-29.

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<b>From:</b> Carolyn Riolo [Carolyn@rtf-cpa.com] <b>Sent:</b> Friday, March 21, 2008 8:34 AM <b>To:</b> Micheals, Jim <b>Subject:</b> Folsom Lake Trails Jim Micheals	331
Please note on the blueprint for the trail system at Folsom Lake, that equestrians have been using the trail system since the Folsom Dam was built. As a rider I can vouch for the number of friends, clients and family who use the trails each year. We can easily use the trails with all except the motorized mountain bikes. Areas for horse camps, water troughs, tie stations would be a nice addition to the trail system.	331-1
<i>Carolyn J. Riolo, CPA Riolo, Roberts &amp; Freddi, LLP 1227 Pleasant Grove Blvd., Ste 100 Roseville, CA 95678 916-771-4134 Fax 916-771-4010 email: carolyn@rtf-cpa.com</i>	331-2
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331-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

331-2: Please see Master Responses TR-11 and TR-15 (Section 3.7.11).

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<b>From:</b> Robinsons [mtn_bus@pacbell.net] <b>Sent:</b> Friday, April 04, 2008 11:58 AM <b>To:</b> Michaels, Jim <b>Subject:</b> Folsom Lake SRA General Plan Update - comment	332
<p>Jim Michaels          Gold Fields District          California State Parks          7806 Folsom-Auburn Road          Folsom, CA 95630  <a href="mailto:jmiche@parks.ca.gov">jmiche@parks.ca.gov</a></p> <p>Re: Folsom Lake SRA General Plan Update</p> <p>Dear Jim,</p> <p>This memo reflects my thoughts on Folsom Lake operations based on the initiative originally taken by neighbor and fellow kayaker Sharon Roseme. Hence it does not copy the form letter, offers a different perspective and possible compromises.</p> <p>I agree with other neighbors that the State Recreational Area plan should consider changes to operations at the Folsom Lake Rattlesnake Bar aquatic area. I am both a power-boater/skier/wakeboarder and a kayaker/canoelist. I think there are operational scenarios that can satisfy both groups of users.</p> <p>My thinking is that the area upstream or north of the Rattlesnake Bar boat ramp should be made a 5mph-max/no-wake zone which merely moves the current no-wake barrier up a half mile or so. This will benefit both user groups and is an alternative to outright ban of all power boats in this area (North Fork American River branch of Folsom Lake). Per other input from kayakers and canoeists, this change would open a calm, safe paddling area for non-power users. While that newly-restricted section can now be a good strip for power-boating, it is incredibly dangerous on peak weekends: too many ski boats and personal watercraft tearing around in too small an area with too many drivers not watching where they're going. It would be good for both power boaters and paddles to close this section off to wake-speed traffic.</p> <p>I'd find this compromise perfectly acceptable as both a paddler and a power boater.</p> <p>The real issue is enforcement. A key argument against banning all power boats north of Rattlesnake Bar is that from the fisherman community. There are many good fishing spots north of the boat ramp, and these guys are mostly power boaters. It would be just fine with paddlers if the fishermen would comply with the 5mph/no-wake limit, but, unfortunately this is not the case. A sizable portion of the fishing community are the worst abusers of the 5mph restriction. I would be in favor of letting them use the northern stretch of the North Fork American channel of Folsom Lake if they obeyed the law and we could adequately fund law enforcement efforts. If we cannot force the 5mph limit, then perhaps the total restriction of powerboats north of Rattlesnake Bar deserves more attention.</p> <p>Thanks for your time and consideration,</p> <p>Kurt Robinson</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Robinsons - mtn_bus@pacbell.net</p> <p>2216 Navas Lane</p> <p>Newcastle, Ca. 95658</p> <p>Phone: (916) 663-3944</p> <p>Marilyn: 712-6980</p> <p>Kurt: 769-6620</p> <p>FAX: 663-4810</p> <p>file:///P:/Folsom (WRT230)/RTC/WRT230 Letters/Email Public Comments on GP/K. Robinson.htm 9/16/2008</p>	


332-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

332-2: Please see response to Comment 149-4.

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Mr. Jim Micheals  
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 California State Parks  
 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
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Dear Mr. Micheals:

333-1 SUMMARY: Please extend the comment period of the Park Plan and consider the needs of the equestrian community.

333-2 When I moved to Sacramento 4 years ago, there were few horse boarding stables with immediate trail riding access available. Shadow Glenn was my third choice. Shadow Glenn did not provide adequate support service for my needs, because I am a working professional and cannot visit my horse daily. Nonetheless, Shadow Glenn is a very important resource for our community and must be supported by State Parks.

I recommend the State Park system provide a long term lease for the property for a robust equestrian facility. The state should encourage the tenant (perhaps the current family) to provide service upgrades such as are available at the Sacramento Horseman's Association facility leased from the City of Sacramento--daily feeding, turn out services, paddocks, arenas, stall cleaning, arena care, on site residence, barn, tack rooms, horse related events. The infrastructure for these services will require an investment that must be recovered by the tenant over a long term. Only a long term lease will allow for this.

333-3 I also recommend the State ask Ms. Donna Jones to sit on the governing board for this park on behalf of the State on a long term appointment. Donna works at State Parks in the Headquarters office and is an equestrian. She is also a former park Ranger.

333-4 I also recommend the State develop a "friend of the park" advisory committee for this park which shall include a permanent seat representing the interests of equestrians. This process will help State planners consider complicated equestrian issues in its planning.

333-1: Please see Master Response PP-1 (Section 3.1.1).

333-2: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

333-3: Comment noted. There is no governing board specific to Folsom Lake SRA. The California Parks and Recreation Commission is a system-wide California State Parks governing body with specific responsibilities and authorities.

333-4: Please see response to Comment 29-13.

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**333-5** The goal for the park should include equestrian facilities with ready access to trails in order to avoid the need to trailer horses on a regular basis. This will help reduce our dependence on foreign oil while offering a trail experience for equestrians. Most barns in the Sacramento area do not have immediate access to trails. Those trails that are adjacent to barns typically are short.

**333-6** I also recommend the State consider making available for a long term equestrian lease other land adjacent to the American River Parkway trail. We need more equestrian facilities to make use of the equestrian trails along the American River without the need to trailer horses. State Parks should support the option to own and ride a trail horse without the need to drive a long distance, haul a horse, or own horse property.

**333-7** In summary, the Folsom State Park should take steps to allow a private company to provide an equestrian facility on a long term basis with upgrades to accommodate the needs of working equestrians who do not or choose not to own horse property and who enjoy trail riding. My home phone number is 916-978-9632 if you have any questions.

In addition, I share the concerns of representatives of the Sacramento Horseman's Association noted below.

**333-8** 1. First and foremost please extend the review and comment period to 180 days after the last public meeting presenting the proposed plan. This proposal is huge and no one can adequately review the document and intelligently respond with comments in a 30 day period. There is no reason this cannot be extended as there is no legal binding to 30 days for review and it is up to the State Parks to determine the review period. The state park has the power to extend.

**333-9** 2. Regarding the comment that there is NO mention of equestrian staging at Rat Bar or Negro Bar – Per the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting Negro Bar and Rat Bar equestrian staging areas were left out in error. This is to be added in but our comments need to reflect this omission to ensure it really does get added back in.

**333-10** 3. The original upgrades planned for Rat Bar equestrian staging area have never been completed (i.e water, picnic tables, paved parking, water troughs, hitching posts). Ask that this be included in the new plan.

**333-11** 4. Chapter III p. 77 Camping – Ask that horse camping areas be included in the plan (ie. Rat Bar).

**333-12** 5. There is NO mention of equestrian trails from Negro to Granite Bay. Ask that this be added.

**333-13** 6. Ask that Sterling Point Equestrian staging area be added to the map.

**333-14** 7. There is nothing in the plan defining the history of the State Budget used or the estimated future budgets to support trails for operations and maintenance. Ask that this be transparent and added.

**333-15** 8. There is continual reference to bike usage and limited mention of equestrian usage on Pioneer Express. – Per the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting it was stated the plan defines the intent of a Trail Management Plan. See Chapter III – p 78 Ask who will be

333-5: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

333-6: Comment noted.

333-7: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

333-8: Please see Master Response PP-1 (Section 3.1.1).

333-9: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

333-10: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

333-11: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

333-12: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

333-13: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

333-14: Please see response to Comment 29-3.

333-15: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).

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involved in this and when? Ask that the equestrian community be involved. Ask if the discussions and solutions drawn up from the past trail stakeholder meetings are to be continued. Ask what budget is defined for this trail management plan including trail enforcement and education. Define the budget history and estimate in the plan.

333-16 9. Chapter III p 82 Trail Designation section lists one type of trail being a Shared Use Dirt trail with Alternate Time/Date sharing. Ask what research has been done to prove this to be a viable **safe** option to be listed? What is the estimated impact on park resources time and money required to enforce such a trail to sure the public's safety at all times? Why is the Corridor Trail option not listed (parallel bike/equestrian trails)?

333-17 10. There is NO mention of fixing the problem at the tunnel near HQR's on Folsom-Auburn Rd. It is NOT safe for equestrian traffic. – Per the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was defined that the creation of this tunnel was under the Folsom Dam project. This is a prime example that the State Park is not keeping in close communication with the Folsom Dam project. This example resulted in a very unsafe situation. It was stated that the City of Folsom was looking into how to support safe equestrian trails around this tunnel. Ask that the State also look into how to support a safe solution and that the public be included so we can give input to ensure it accommodates safety of all parties without further damaging the surrounding area more than the Dam project has done.

333-18 11. Mississippi Bar and Shadow Glen – The proposed plan defines phasing out the boarding aspect of Shadow Glen. The plan does not define why they are going this route. In the alternatives notes (second document) it defines they want to improve Shadow Glen to enhance aesthetic quality and resource protection. What exactly does this entail? In another alternative they define expanding SG by adding covered stables and riding ring etc. This is confusing and needs clarification in the plan. SG points in their favor: The owner rents land from the state park and this money goes to the state park. Currently the park has not renewed the contract with Shadow Glen and they are on a month to month basis but the owner would like to remain which benefits the park income. Shadow Glen also pays their own insurance fees and is not a burden financially on the state park. They offer a family oriented, safe, affordable service for those in the community that cannot afford horses or horse property but want to enjoy equestrian activities on the state park trails. In our community this facility provides a rare commodity for a much needed function.

333-19 12. Surveys - Surveys were used to determine the community use of the state park. These surveys were done a long time ago and are out of date to support the future planning. Many at the meeting felt that these surveys may not have adequately represented the populace comments. Per our request at the meeting the surveys are to be placed on the website for the public to review. Review these surveys and comment.

333-20 13. Quiet Days - Plan proposed instead of instituting quite days to apply a 5 mile zone on the north fork. This seems a drastic permanent measure when much of the Fall and Winter already provide a great deal of quiet days.

333-16: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

333-17: Please see Master Response TR-14 (Section 3.7.14).

333-18: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

333-19: Please see Master Response EC-2 (Section 3.3.2).

333-20: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

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**From:** Don Rose [derose95864@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2008 10:42 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** New General Plan  
 Dear Mr. Micheals:

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As an avid mountain biker, it was great to see the new draft general plan and the potential for new trails.  
 Thanks for all of your work.

I'm the organizer of Sacramento Dirt Mountain Bike Meetup (<http://mountainbikes.meetup.com/79/>)

We are a local mountain biking club with over 100 members.  
 We support the efforts to preserve and protect the natural beauty of  
 the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA) and 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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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. I will also recruit members from my own group to help with trail  
 planing and construction

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

Also, 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

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Thanks again for all of your hard work.

Don Rose

You rock. That's why Blockbuster's offering you [one month of Blockbuster Total Access](#), No Cost.

334-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

334-2: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

334-3: Please see Master Response TR-10 (Section 3.7.10).

334-4: Please see Master Responses TR-8 and TR-10 (Sections 3.7.8 and 3.7.10).

334-5: Please see Master Response UWO-1 (Section 3.9.1).

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Folsom Lake SRA General Plan Update-'79 Plan

**From:** Sharon Roseme [sroseme@garlic.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2008 8:48 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake SRA General Plan Update-'79 Plan

VIA EMAIL  
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May 30, 2008

Dear Jim,

I am writing to you about the draft updated General Plan and EIR for the Folsom Lake State Recreational Area (the "Plan Update" hereafter) and the comments in the Fedcorp letter dated March 11, 2008 (the "79 Plan letter hereafter"). The 79 Plan letter presents only one point of view. I believe that it does not and should not represent the "official" position of the members Fedcorp, the Folsom Chamber of Commerce or the Folsom Travel Bureau (collectively the "business groups" hereafter) with respect to the Plan Update. I've been told that Fedcorp does not intend to submit the '79 Plan letter as a comment to the EIR prior to the May 30 comment deadline, but I am also aware that it has been widely circulated.

The major gist of the 79 Plan letter advocates implementation of the policies and a full build out of construction in the 1979 Plan for the Folsom Lake SRA without taking into account the many radical changes to the Folsom Lake area over the past 29 years. In addition, the 79 Plan letter does not address many of the interests of the diverse groups who use and enjoy the park-most of whom are customers, clients and employees of the business groups. I sincerely doubt that no member of the business groups would run its company under a business plan from nearly 30 years ago. Why should our park be run that way?

The 1979 Plan assumed facts which simply put have not and will not occur. The Auburn Dam will not be built in the foreseeable future, meaning that Folsom Lake will remain the primary source for flood control for our entire and extremely vulnerable region. As a result the levels of the lake will continue to fluctuate radically, making the permanent shoreline development in the 1979 Plan wholly unfeasible. The 1979 Plan contemplated new and expanded access points to the lake-including one north of the Douglas Blvd/Granite Bay access which would run near or through through what is now Los Lagos and its neighboring developments. I leave it to you to judge that likelihood.

The Plan Update itself has been in progress for over 5 years. The consultants and lead agencies (California Department of Parks and Recreation and The US Dept of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation) have done a masterful job of gathering facts, assertively seeking public input from all park users and responding to those facts and input. As co-chairperson of the Horseshoe Bar MAC, a member of many of the stakeholder groups and as a member of the public I have followed the process closely. The planners have responded promptly and substantively to every phone call, email, letter and meeting from me and all other participants of whom I am aware. No one who desired to participate has been shut out of the process.

As the business groups saw when the 1979 Plan letter was described to them by the letter's authors-the Plan Update itself is lengthy. It is also comprehensive and nuanced. Much of its length is the result of its attempt-mostly successful-to balance the interests of all park users including, as noted above-the business group's customers, clients and employees. In addition the Plan Update takes into consideration the improvement and the preservation of the land and lake-making sure that this incredibly beautiful resource which we are so lucky to have in our region will be here for our children and our children's children.

I urge you the business groups to take another look at the Plan Update and to carefully consider the changes to our region since 1979, the new

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335-1: Please see Master Response ALT-2 (Section 3.2.2).

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and more diverse park users and the effect of those changes and diversity on the best possible management of the park for the benefit of all of us.

I would be happy to discuss all or any of the issues discussed above with you. Thank you for your attention.

Sharon Roseme

P.S. My role here is as a citizen. I have used the park for over 50 years, as a hiker, boater, fisherman, equestrian, runner, water skier, open water swimmer, paddler, beach rat, Girl Scout leader, volunteer for running, equestrian and triathlon races, my daughter's participation in the Junior Lifeguard program at Granite Bay and the aquatic camps at Lake Natoma and my simple pleasure in the beauty of the lake.

As a commercial real estate attorney in our region for the past 30 years, I have represented many of the most prominent developers and businesses in our region. I believe that I have understood and helped in achieving their goals-both with respect to profits and development success-and to preserving the quality of life which makes our region so attractive to business and residents.

I have participated in the planning process as the information member of the Horseshoe Bar MAC, as a member of many of the interest groups involved and as a citizen with respect to the Rattlesnake Bar Area. However, this letter is not intended to serve as advocacy for any specific issue or point of view but to ensure that you are aware that, contrary to the views expressed in the '79 Plan letter there are very good reasons NOT to build out the 1979 Plan.

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<b>From:</b> Sharon Roseme [sroseme@garlic.com] <b>Sent:</b> Friday, May 30, 2008 8:57 AM <b>To:</b> Micheals, Jim <b>Cc:</b> Marilyn Jasper; Kathy Dombrowski <b>Subject:</b> Folsom Lake SRA General Plan Update-Rattlesnake Bar		336
<b>Attachments:</b> IM000122.JPG; IM000125.JPG; IM000126.JPG; IM000127.JPG; ATT1605005.txt		
VIA EMAIL Jim Micheals Gold Fields District California State Parks 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road Folsom, CA 95630 jmiche@parks.ca.gov		
Dear Jim,		
336-1	<p>I did an informal and unscientific survey at the Rattlesnake Bar parking lot and ramp on Memorial Day-Monday May 26-from noon to 2. There were approximately 30 vehicles in the parking lot, 11 with boat trailers. There was plenty of additional parking for both vehicles with and without trailers. I ran the trail from Rattlesnake Bar to Avery's Pond and also paddled to Mormon's Ravine in a canoe. There were at least 12 motorboats and at least 3 jet-skis using the area before the 5-mph zone and 5 in the 5-mph zone. The motor noise and music from them was present EVERY INCH of the trail, sometimes loud enough to discern the lyrics. Many of the boaters were yelling and screaming. I saw at least 4 boats with people drinking beer.</p> <p>On the water, the water-skiers were all making multiple trips up and down the channel. Their wake, noise, music, screaming and fumes made the paddle a nightmare and impacted EVERY SQUARE FOOT of the water. 2 of the jet-skis were violating the 5-mph zone speed limit and one (obviously inebriated) came dangerously close to my canoe to "say hello". Even above the 5-mph zone, the motor-boaters partying there were loud in both screaming and music. One group made rude comments about me and my canoe.</p> <p>NONE of the hikers, runners, fisherman, equestrians and paddlers I encountered were drinking, playing music, screaming or creating noxious fumes. One equestrian told me her horse had been spooked by a sudden blast of music. A fisherman told me hadn't even bothered to try to fish. All of the trail's quiet users were VERY aware of and disturbed by the boater noise and the paddlers were VERY aware of and negatively impacted by the danger, noise, fumes and wake.</p> <p>The conflicts between the groups of users was obvious and compelling. The impact of the motor-boaters was FAR disproportionate to their numbers, especially because each made multiple passes up and down the river canyon. I realize that no plan can compel courtesy or even compliance with laws and regulations. With the exception of the speeders and drinkers, all of the motorboats and jet-skis were following the law. Even so, their impact on the quiet users was grossly negative. It is simply NOT FAIR to have the entire lake accessible to these users without reserving at least one or more areas for quiet users.</p> <p>I also ran the trail on Tuesday the 27th. Only 3 vehicles with boat trailers were in the parking lot and only one motorboat was using the channel. That LONE boat made at least 6 round trips at high speed. Thus it passed me 12 times. It could be heard the entire length of the trail. I didn't paddle that day, but if I had, the boat would have passed 12 times, creating fumes, noise and wake on each pass.</p> <p>The detrimental effects of noise on quiet users is becoming more known and efforts are being made to mitigate it. As an example, Cathedral Grove in Muir Woods Muir Woods is set to become a permanent noises-off retreat (see Sacramento Bee Travel section, Muir Reflection March 2, 2008) because, "One of our biggest problems is sound volume. It detracts</p>	
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336-1: Comment noted. See Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1). The direction in the Preliminary GP/RMP with regards to the North Fork Arm of Folsom Lake is unchanged. The Preliminary GP/RMP proposes to shift the 5 mph speed limit downstream approximately 1 mile to a location near the Rattlesnake Bar Boat Launch, thus creating a modest additional area for slow speed uses of this portion of Folsom Lake and enabling non-motorized users to access the North Fork Arm above Rattlesnake Bar without encountering high speed motorized use.

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from the visitor experience and also affects animals."

Setting aside lake areas or times for quiet users is not a new concept. Lake Clementine has been doing it for years. On Lake Berryessa, the Bureau of Reclamation has proposed creation of a non-motorized area on the waters between the Oak Shores public day use area and the Big Island and the day use picnic area. This area gets the most non-motorized watercraft use and is also used by people swimming out to the Island. At present the transit is hazardous for paddlers and almost impossible for swimmers due to the speeds of and wake caused by motorboats. This is the only non-motorized area planned as part of the Lake Berryessa Visitor's Services Plan, and represents only 1% of the lake area.

For all of the reasons stated above and in my prior letter, I strongly believe that the Land Use designation for the Middle North Fork (AQ) area of the Folsom Lake SRA should be changed to Conservation and that use of the area be limited to quiet users. This change would enhance and implement MANY of the Plan goals including noise reduction, air quality, safety, encouraging and effectively serving a wide variety of users and reducing conflicts between different users. The change is cost effective, easily implemented, conserves park resources and is fair to all park users. The change will effectively provide a modicum (though not enough! ) of mitigation of the negative environmental impacts caused by an increase of the number of motorboats on Folsom Lake. It will have NO adverse environmental impact on the lake.

Most importantly, this change will preserve and protect the lake and its shores, providing a unique opportunity for our diverse community to experience, understand and appreciate its natural resources , its fascinating history and its incredible beauty.

Thank you,

Sharon Roseme

PS I am attaching pictures of the view from the trail towards Mormon's Ravine and the 5-mph area, Avery's Pond, the stone watering basin, and a view of the trail.

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**From:** miss\_sara\_sue@tmo.blackberry.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2008 7:32 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Plan

To whom it may concern;

I understand the desire to create camp grounds and more entertainment, using natural resources, but how much building can we do before we completely ruin our natural resources? During the meeting in Folsom, one host said that the city's goal was to use the beautiful view along the river and lake, but shortly after, the hosts introduced the idea of adding a museum, boat access, expanded parking lots, raft rental, restaurants, adding restrooms and showers and creating tolls for trail use. Every single building added to the land will lessen the beautiful view and the atmosphere that joggers, residents, bikers and horseback riders enjoy on a daily basis.

I appreciate the sudden concern for keeping Shadow Glen Stables open, but the plan to keep the stables open seemed to lack sincerity. I recall one of the bullets stating that the stables will only stay open "as long as viable." It seems that the city will be searching for reasons to shut down the stables so that the plan to build the desired business can resume.

As for the trails, additional signs for guidance would be a great addition, but I believe that sharing the trails is a must. Many of the mountain bikers believe that the trails should not be used for horseback riding, but we should all be able to share the trails and give the appropriate right-aways. What makes one person's hobby more important than the other?

Thank you for your time. I hope the city is thinking about what is good for the community rather than what's good for the treasury.

Sincerely,  
Sara Sales

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

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337-1: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

337-2: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

337-3: Please see Master Responses TR-4 and TR-5 (Sections 3.7.4 and 3.7.5).

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**From:** Brian Sharp [brian@sacboats.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2008 4:45 PM  
**To:** Michaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake General Plan

**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Michaels,

As a local business owner in the powersports industry and an avid user of Folsom Lake, we are concerned about some of the proposed changes in the new General Plan.

In particular, our concerns are with the changes to boat ramps, quiet days, and 5 mile an hour zones.

It's widely known in our industry and with the general boating public that Folsom Lake is a great recreational lake because of it's ease of accessibility. It's what we call a commuter lake in that most of the users are local and go there for day use. It provides a great opportunity that few other communities in our state have.

As a result, it can get quite congested, and we are concerned that reduced launch ramps, or ramps put in at lower lake levels combined with increased 5 mile per hour zones will only make it more congested, and overall less safe for boaters of all types. A similar plan was attempted in the 90's at my old hometown lake in Sonoma County, Lake Sonoma, and they had similar negative results. 338-1

As for quiet days on the lake, I think the concept would be great for a small private lake where you have homeowners on the water, but this is a large public lake serving a huge population for all sorts of activities. Most of the waterskiers and wakeboarders use one area, fishermen another, and the sailing boats in another, so just by different needs most of the lake is available at any time for whatever type of activity you want to pursue. A quiet day would only anger the majority of the boaters that use the lake and quite frankly, pay for it. 338-2

I understand the challenge of keeping all parties happy, but I would strongly encourage you to think about my suggestions not only as a business owner in the industry but as a life-long boater and user of this great lake. I would be happy to assist in any way in working with you to discuss alternatives to help reach a mutually beneficial result.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my opinion.

**Brian Sharp**  
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338-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Response BOAT-1 and BOAT-3 (Section 3.5.1).

338-2: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

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**From:** Phyllis Shopbell [classicmrgn@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 12:37 AM  
**To:** Michaels, Jim  
**Cc:** Arnold, John; boxer@senate.gov/contact; feinstein.@senate.gov; gjagger@placer.gov  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Rec Area Prelim Plan - EQUESTRIANS UNDER-REPRESENTED!  
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Dear Mr. Michaels:

I am writing in regard to the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area Draft Preliminary Plan. For the past 26+ years I have lived in Granite Bay with my husband, a son, and a daughter. We have made frequent visits to FLSRA for picnicking, hiking, and camping. I also ride my horse on the trails 2-4 hours each week. FLSRA is one of the main reasons we chose to live in the Granite Bay Area.

I have read the Draft Plan, 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 preexisting conditions (Reference Chapter II) which are full of errors and omissions.
- 2) EQUESTRIANS HAVE BEEN UNDER-REPRESENTED in the plan due to an inadequate survey and poor community input methods, and
- 3) The proposed multi-use trails which would have mountain bikers and equestrians using 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 nor in the future.

Please consider the following:

- A) Halt the current Draft Preliminary Plan.
- B) Retain the 1979 Plan.
- C) Re-do Chapter II "Existing Conditions" to correctly reflect all the existing conditions
- D) create a new Draft Plan.

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 but **SEPARATE USE** by mountain bikers and the pedestrian, equestrian park visitors

Sincerely,  
 Phyllis Shopbell

Cc: Scott Nakaji, Supervisor, Gold Fields District, California State Parks  
 Ruth Coleman, Director of California Parks  
 Barbara Boxer (D-Ca), U.S. Senate  
 Diane Feinstein (D-Ca), U.S. Senate  
 John Doolittle, U.S. House of Representatives, District 4  
 Dave Cox, California State Senate, District 1  
 Kirk Uhler, Placer County Supervisor, District 4

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339-1: Please see Master Response EC-2.

339-2: Please see Master Response TR-5 and TR-12.

339-3: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

339-4: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

339-5: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

339-6: Please see response to Comment 86-6.

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**From:** Donald E. Staniszewski [dstaniszewski@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:15 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan

Dear Jim:

I am very interested in Folsom Lake development, particularly since I have been sharing the trails there with the hikers, runners, horses, and fellow mountain bikers the last 7 years. This is a beautiful park, and we take care not to ruin it or damage the trails. The relationships between mountain bikers and horse riders has improved tremendously at this park over the years, to a point where it is not an issue, and there is a mutual respect for both activities and participants. I ride these trails at least twice per week now, and would love to see them expanded!

Please consider more mountain bike/horse trail development in your plans! I live about one mile from the park, and would take care, like my fellow mountain bikers, to ensure that these trails are well cared for – they certainly will see enormous recreation use from these activity participants!

**Donald E. Staniszewski**  
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340-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 and TR-6 (Section 3.7.5).

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**From:** Louise Stevenson [lou@oldhorseranch.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 5:58 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom State Rec Area

I have received information that the General plan for this recreation area does not allow the use for jogging ,running and equines. I object greatly to the exclusion of these activities and hope you correct your oversight. You need to include water troughs, staging areas allowing space for larger trucks with trailers. All public rec areas should be accessible for teh varied lifestyles of all Californians. EI runners joggers, horse back riding, etc. There should be enough waste facilities, trash cans, outhouses, drinking water, animal waterers etc. Parking is a major concern also.

Please reconsider your general plan. Thank you. Louise Stevenson 12020 Pioneer Dr Bakersfield Ca 93307

PS: the west was won on horseback. Do not destroy our heritage and allow us the open trails.

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- 341-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).
- 341-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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<b>From:</b> yezin taha [yezintaha@yahoo.com] <b>Sent:</b> Wednesday, May 28, 2008 3:48 PM <b>To:</b> Micheals, Jim; Robert.Olmstead@sen.ca.gov <b>Subject:</b> Trails at Folsom Lake	342
I read the document on talking points for the possible trail expansions/use restrictions at Folsom Lake, and I would like to express my opinion.	
I am a mountainbiker, and have enjoyed riding on the trails around Folsom Lake. It is hard to find decent trails this close to Sacramento. Most trails require driving in a car to get to them. The trails in Folsom offer a different/greener solution. I can ride the train up to Folsom (from downtown Sac), ride for a few hours, then cruise back down the trail to get home. Trail use restrictions reduce my ability to use those trails in Folsom as I have very few days that I can take off for mountainbiking (making it harder to coordinate for a ride close to home). This means I will have to spend money and burn fuel to get where I want to go, which just adds further to our emissions issues in the valley.	342-1
Another point I would like to discuss is limitation of equestrian activity on the trails. I have noticed that horses create an incredible amount of erosion on the trails, leave dung scattered all over (including the paved cycling trail), and are a nuisance and safety issue if they are skittish. For the sake of safety, I would like to see restrictions on trail use for horses to ensure that I can mountainbike/run/hike in safety without worrying about coming upon a skittish horse.	342-2
I appreciate your time, and hope my comments are of some value.	
Regards, Yezin Taha 916-416-7447	
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342-1: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

342-2: Please see Master Responses TR-5 TR-7 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

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**From:** Candace Taylor [ranchre@sbeglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 11:12 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Please include horseback riding in General Plan  
**RE: Draft General Plan for the Folsom State Recreation Area**

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I am the 1st Vice President for the Sacramento Horsemen's Association (SHA), a nonprofit horseman's group with more than 350 active members in the 4-County Area. SHA was established in 1942. Horseback riding is a vital component in the area, linking us to our heritage and becoming a fast growing sport in California ([www.americanhorsecouncil.com](http://www.americanhorsecouncil.com)). Riders are from all walks of life, and enjoy the Folsom State Recreation Area, just like walkers, boaters, runners, bicyclists, etc.

Many of our members, including our **Sacramento Search and Rescue Unit**, utilize the Folsom Lake Trails on a regular basis. On behalf of 350 members, please include the horse trails and horseback riding to this 30 year plan! 343-1

Call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Candace Taylor,  
Sacramento, CA 95821  
1st Vice President  
Sacramento Horsemen's Association  
3200 Longview Drive  
(916) 747-4426

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343-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.11).

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**From:** Patti [potpigs@d-web.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 8:04 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** trails  
Department of State Parks,

We equestrians have noticed that the proposed plans for the trails for the next 30 years does not mention/include equestrian use. Hopefully this is an oversight and not intentional.

For many years my family and friends have used and accessed the equestrian trails. It has always been available to us.

We are asking that the trails, staging, troughs, camping etc..... not be taken away from us. We are actively using the trails to our pleasure.

While the trails may be shared with walkers and joggers, we ask that the trails not be used for motorized vehicles.

Please take into account our rights as equestrians to use the trails.

Patricia Terrell  
530-622-3331

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344-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.11).

344-2: Please see Master Response TR-15 (Section 3.7.15).

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**From:** Info [info@api4animals.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2008 9:09 AM  
**To:** Michaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Shadow Glen Riding Stables - Orangevale, California  
Dear Sir or Madam:

I learned that plans are in the works to demolish these stables and use the land for other purposes. God forbid that it will be sold to "developers" who will greedily plant as many houses as they can on the land.

I'm a lifelong animal lover and longtime horsewoman. I presently am the guardian of two Arabian horses. Though I don't get much time to ride anymore, I love horseback riding and miss it a lot. Riding the river trails is one of my fondest pastimes.

My purpose in writing is to urge you to re-consider any plans to destroy these stables. In a time when human encroachment is rapidly devouring open space and farmland, etc., the opportunity to actually ride a horse along one of the most beautiful trails in all of Sacramento is a rare indeed. I understand that the owners may be retiring and want to sell the property. I'm sure their hopes are that it continues to remain as a riding stable with access to wonderful trails and nature.

Please do not let this one remaining stable close and be lost for good. I learned recently that efforts were underway to refurbish and remodel the famous Golden Gate Park stables. We should do all we can to preserve this facility and possibly have its ownership and operation taken over by the parks system. There are many folks in our growing community that desire respite from the frenzied world of computers, cell phones, I-Pods and other "tech" toys. They are now discovering that there is much more to our life than what we experience behind a desk, the wheel of a car or in the board room. To sit astride a gentle, surefooted horse, to reach out and touch a soft, silky neck and listen to the rhythmic padding of hooves on Mother earth, to breath in clean air, gaze at vast areas of beautiful flora and watch a magnificent hawk effortlessly riding the thermals above you brings a new and powerful dimension to a person's life.

Please! Don't take this away from the community. I'd be happy to serve on a committee or help in any way I can.

I can be reached at home at (916) 988-8660 or (916) 447-3085, ext. 216 during days.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Susan Trout  
Program Assistant  
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345-1: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

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**From:** Warren V. Truitt [wvt@infomania.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 11:38 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** FLSRA Master Plan Update

Hello Jim,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the updated FLSRA Master Plan.

I am a frequent user -- both on bike and foot -- of the FLSRA -- often in the Lake Natoma area. I reside in Fair Oaks, just above Lake Natoma and feel blessed that I can ride or walk to this natural area in just a few minutes. The fact that this incredible natural resource, and the connected American River Parkway, exists immediately adjacent to my home is THE major reason we moved to the area in 1981, and the reason we have stayed. The natural state of the land, and the flora and fauna it supports is the attraction. There is no need to develop it further -- the fact it is not developed is what makes it so special.

Unfortunately, I understand that interests from the City of Folsom, Folsom Chamber of Commerce and FedCorp would like to see development of the Lake Natoma area. I truly do not understand why some folks in the greater community see open space and immediately begin thinking, "How can we develop this area?" They obviously do not know what they are -- or will be -- missing. They are more comfortable with asphalt or cement below their feet, and convenient shops all around to serve their every need. We already have too much of that. There does not appear to be an understanding of the value and need to have nearby beautiful and peaceful natural spaces.

This area is a gift to the community, an irreplaceable one at that. Once it is developed, it is gone as a place to retreat to from the busy, noisy areas we frequent the rest of our day. I'm sorry, but those who think of these "vacant areas" as ripe for development do not represent the wishes of the majority of adjacent residents, and the majority of FLSRA user citizens. To develop land that now serves as a soft, beautiful buffer between fully developed portions of our community and the American River, would be shameful. The recovering natural forest buffer was intended and is most appropriate.

I understand there is a proposal for a dock for the use of paddle sport enthusiasts at the Folsom Powerhouse. My experience is that given a choice of shoreline or a dock, kayakers and canoers opt for the shore. Therefore, I do see the need for such a dock.

Lastly, the FLSRA Updated Master Plan offers a very fair and intelligent approach to users of this wonderful multi-use resource. I support the Plan as released. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything else that I, or SARA, may do to support the submitted Plan.

Sincerely,

Warren V. Truitt

Warren V. Truitt  
President, SARA  
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346-1: Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

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<b>From:</b> Pam Van Brocklin [PVanBro@wilbur-ellis.com] <b>Sent:</b> Wednesday, April 02, 2008 12:21 PM <b>To:</b> Micheals, Jim <b>Subject:</b> FOLSOM REC. PLAN	347
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:	
RE: DRAFT GENERAL PLAN - FOLSOM STATE RECREATION AREA	
AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF CSHA REGION 3 AND A HORSE ENTHUSIAST, I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE FOLSOM AREA GENERAL PLAN TO INCLUDE HORSEBACK RIDING AND HIKING. THE TRAILS ARE CURRENTLY BEING USED BY EQUESTRIANS AND HIKERS BUT THERE IS A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FOR HORSE CAMPING, STAGING AREAS, TRAILS, WATERING HOLES, HITCHING POSTS AND PICNIC AREAS.	347-1 347-2
THIS IS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL AREA AND IT SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL - NOT TO EXCLUDE HORSE ACTIVITIES OR HIKERS. IT IS ALWAYS GREAT WHEN YOU CAN CAMP IN A SEPARATE AREA AND APPRECIATE THE TRAILS, AWAY FROM THE MOTORIZED PUBLIC. NOT TO MENTION THAT IT IS SAFER FOR ALL.	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER	
PAM VAN BROCKLIN 34629 CO RD 22 WOODLAND, CA 95695	
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347-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

347-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

## Letter 348

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From: Mike Vandeman [mjvande@pacbell.net]  
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 8:00 AM  
To: Micheaels, Jim  
Subject: General Plan Update for Folsom Lake

348-1 Bicycles should not be allowed in any natural area. They are inanimate objects and have no rights. There is also no right to mountain bike. That was settled in federal court in 1994:  
<http://home.pacbell.net/mjvande/mtb10>. It's dishonest of mountain bikers to say that they don't have access to trails closed to bikes.  
They have EXACTLY the same access as everyone else -- ON FOOT! Why isn't that good enough for mountain bikers? They are all capable of walking....

A favorite myth of mountain bikers is that mountain biking is no more harmful to wildlife, people, and the environment than hiking, and that science supports that view. Of course, it's not true. To settle the matter once and for all, I read all of the research they cited, and wrote a review of the research on mountain biking impacts (see <http://home.pacbell.net/mjvande/scb7>). I found that of the seven studies they cited, (1) all were written by mountain bikers, and (2) in every case, the authors misinterpreted their own data, in order to come to the conclusion that they favored. They also studiously avoided mentioning another scientific study (Wisdom et al) which did not favor mountain biking, and came to the opposite conclusions.

Those were all experimental studies. Two other studies (by White et al and by Jeff Marion) used a survey design, which is inherently incapable of answering that question (comparing hiking with mountain biking). I only mention them because mountain bikers often cite them, but scientifically, they are worthless.

Mountain biking accelerates erosion, creates V-shaped ruts, kills small animals and plants on and next to the trail, drives wildlife and other trail users out of the area, and (worst of all) teaches kids that the rough treatment of nature is okay (it's NOT!). What's good about THAT?

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I am working on creating wildlife habitat that is off-limits to humans ("pure habitat"). Want to help? (I spent the previous 8 years fighting auto dependence and road construction.)

Please don't put a cell phone next to any part of your body that you are fond of!

<http://home.pacbell.net/mjvande>

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348-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-5 and TR-12 (Section 3.7.5).

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From: patti [patti@wbprints.com] P.vanGuilder.txt  
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 1:21 PM  
To: Micheaels, Jim  
Subject: Draft General Plan for the Folsom State Recreation Area.

349-1 Please make sure that you include equestrian trails, staging areas and camping for people with their horses in the plan for Folsom State Recreation area.

Thank you  
Patricia van Guilder

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349-1: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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**From:** Terri VanSike [dechr6574@sbeglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2008 9:11 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Trails

Hi Jim,

As a fellow state employee who has worked for the beautiful State of California most of all my life I find it very hard to think that horses will no longer be allowed along our wonderful trails. I've lived in the community for all of my fifty years and have enjoyed riding my horses along the beautiful American River and Folsom Lake. I realize that Sacramento is growing leaps and bounds but believe me there is room for everyone. I'm hoping this is all an overlooked mistake and that horses were included in the proposal just not stated on paper. Thank you for taking the time to read my email and I truly hope to be able to ride another fifty years along our trails that were originally designed for all walks of life.

Sincerely,

Terri VanSike

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350-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.11).

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**From:** Kit Veerkamp [kitzkamp@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 2:01 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake SRA Draft General Plan Comments

Dear Mr. Micheals:

It has come to my attention that the Draft General Plan does not take into account the significant numbers of recreationists who use the SRA to horseback rider, hike and run year round. These uses are readily evidenced by the numbers of people parking at the top of Stagecoach, the Dam Overlook site, the confluence, trail heads in Granite Bay, and the parking area in Cool for the Olmstead Trail.

Although I don't currently own a horse, I do ride when I can borrow one, but I hike far more. I am not in favor of closing trails to either equestrians or mountain biking. These folks need to learn to get along and share these precious resources.

Sincerely,

Marie Veerkamp

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351-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

351-2: Please see Master Response TR-5 (Section 3.7.5).

## Letter 352

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**From:** Jacqueline Wahleithner [jlwahleithner@gmail.com] on behalf of Jacqueline Wahleithner [jacque@wahleithner.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 10, 2008 9:13 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** park trails

Project manager Jim Micheal.

Please give some consideration to my concerns about the General Plan for the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area. There has long been a shortage of park Rangers regulating equestrian those trails. Bicyclist frequently abuse the present rules and ignore the information and warnings given to them by authorized volunteer patrol persons. With the disrespect that many (especially those riding in packs) give to the patrol persons, how could one expect any change or cooperation if bicyclist and horses were to share the trails? I am totally opposed to the idea of equestrian trails being shared with bicyclist. That sharing concept involves many safety issues. Just as city streets do not allow bicycles on sidewalks where pedestrians can be intimidated, horse trails can be just as threatening a situation when bikes mix with horses.

thank you  
Jacqueline Wahleithner, Orangevale 23yr. resident

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352-1: Please see Master Responses TR-1, TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.1, 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

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**From:** Penny Walgenbach [pjwalgenbach@ucdavis.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2008 9:11 AM  
**To:** Michaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Plan

Dear Mr. Michaels,

It has come to my attention that the long-range plan for the Folsom Lake Recreation Area is currently devoid of use of the area by HORSES, hikers and joggers, although off-road motorcycles appear to be included. Why or how the committee would neglect to include horsemen and hikers as users of the trails around Folsom Lake is a total mystery to me. I have personally been using the area for over 25 years and have always enjoyed being able to depend on year-round good parking, good footing, and pleasant surroundings that are close to home. I belong to a number of riding groups and they, too, have made good use of the facilities. Over-all, I believe you will find that horsemen have been excellent citizens, cleaning up after themselves and not destroying property. Would improved facilities be appreciated by horsemen? You bet. Would you find that equestrian groups would be willing to cost share by contributing manpower to accomplish these goals? Absolutely. It would be a shame if the trails at Folsom Lake were no longer available to us. I strongly recommend that the plan be amended to include the use of the facility by horsemen.

Sincerely

Penny Walgenbach  
421 Wyer Road  
Arbuckle, CA 95912

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353-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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**From:** Chris Walker [wildcatranch@hughes.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:00 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

I have been informed that the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area plan does not include the use of equines. As the former President of the Elegant Ears Mule Club and a current member of the El Dorado County Mounted Search and Rescue unit, I would request that the use of equines in the Recreation area be included. The Folsom lake trails are a valuable asset for training and recreation to the club and unit. During the winter months when the Sierra's are covered with snow Folsom lake trails are some of the only trails available for riding. We spend many hours each month on the trails and enjoy the beautiful scenery. We believe in the gentle use principles and even pick up other peoples litter on the trails when we use them. A response to this email would be appreciated.

Thank you

Chris Walker  
Placerville Ca

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354-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** Dagmar [Dagmar@surewest.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 4:11 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Trails for Equestrians

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

Dear Mr. Micheals:

I just learned that a "Draft General Plan" has been presented for the Folsom State Recreation Area, however, it appears that equestrians have been overlooked, or at the least they did not realize that they need to speak up. Please accept this letter to inform you that "we" (the equestrian community) are very concerned about this and have a very strong interest in trails in the Folsom area, and also additional facilities, such as staging areas, toilets, water, hitching posts, etc. Horses are a fundamental part of our heritage, and it is important to recognize that they are a part of our lives and need trails and places where they can do what horses do, and that is ride!

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Members of our community are being informed about the draft plan, and so a great number of people will be counting on you to look out for us and include the need for more equestrian trails and additional facilities in the Folsom area.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Dagmar Wheeler (and horse Trigger)

355-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

355-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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**From:** Jame White [drmocha@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 1:03 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake Recreation  
Mr.Michaels:

I am a frequent user of the Folsom Lake single track for moutain biking. What a spectacular trail!!! I am also a local ER physician (Kaiser Roseville and North Sacramento) and have some opinions in regards to shared use with equestrians.

I do not believe that horses should be sharing trails with anyone including hikers, bikers etc.... I have seen many accidents caused by horses in my professional career ranging from broken necks/limbs, brain bleeds, stomach evicerations (small child with her guts coming out of her stomach after a horse bit her there), many bruises from the horse bucking somebody off, rearing up and striking out with hoofs, running into trees or off embankments etc., and even a couple of deaths. Given the size, strength, speed, and prediliction to spook, horses are without a doubt, very dangerous animals and should not be used around the general public. Additionally, they deficate in large amounts on the trail where it is washed into Lake Folsom.

Mountain bikers do not cause the same degree of danger to other bikers or hikers. Bikes stop when told to do so. They do not spook, buck or bolt unexpectadly. They do not polute our drinking water with defication.

The single track around Lake Folsom (in particular from Browns Ravine to Salmon Falls) should be designated to bikers and hikers first. Horses should be assigned to more remote trails that are accesssable to fewer people. Let's emphasize the value of enjoying nature while you exercise as opposed to sitting astrike an outdated, unnecessary and very dangerous animal.

James White, MD  
Emergency Physician  
Kaiser Permanente

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356-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-7 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.7).

356-2: Please see Master Responses TR-6 and TR-12 (Section 3.7.6).

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M.wildman.txt

From: Marsh wildman [marsh@bikesafesacramento.org]

Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2008 1:04 PM

To: Micheaels, Jim

Subject: Does this qualify as my written comments?

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Does this qualify as my written comments? If so, here they are.  
As an avid cyclist who rides the dirt trails I wish to let it be known that it is the mountain bikers of the area who selflessly maintain the trails in the Folsom Lake State recreation area. After every storm we ride the trails with gloves and saws clearing downed limbs from the trails. In all the years we've been doing this, not once have I or any of my fellow cyclists ever seen a horseman doing trail maintenance. They constantly complain of our presence on the trails, but never thank us or help out.  
It needed to be said.  
If you need help building new trails, we can muster a volunteer force of dozens of cyclists to build trails.  
Sincerely,  
Marsh Wildman  
916.718.8446

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357-1: Please see Master Response TR-8 (Section 3.7.8).

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**From:** Branwilliams@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 11:19 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake-"Draft General Plan"

I have been informed that your plan for the Folsom park area does not include/and or mention the highly used equestrian trails. This would be a terrible mistake to take them out. Many people use these each day paying the fees for their entrance to the park. Not only are they used by the horseback riders, but hikers and runners also use the trails at Folsom Lake Park. I would hope that this information was a simple error, and not a plan to limit the uses of such a great natural resource enjoyed by so many. Please double check and consider all the possible uses before leaving people out! Thank you for your time

Tara Williams

Please include in your letter that the trails are actually being used by equestrians, as it may be assumed that it is currently not the case, the 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. Please feel free to personalize your letters and emails with your own riding experience, background, and feelings about the trail issue. Also please forward this information to others in the equestrian community, as numbers do speak! Your letter must be sent before April 8th, after which date opportunities for equestrians may be lost for the next 30 years to come. Please send letter to:

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358-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

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**From:** Daniel Winkelman [winkdan@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2008 10:36 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake SRA

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The Folsom Economic Development Corp. has made comments about the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan. Although this group has no background in park planning they have constructed a document of criticism based on their limited experience as developers.

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We need to be careful when words like access, lack of amenities, and limited facilities are used to distort what the public has consistently said is their primary park concern, the preservation of open space. FEDCorp repeatedly cites that the proposed general plan doesn't meet the maximum development potential as outlined in the 1979 general plan. The nature of these plans is to create a broad scope of ideas so that future development will not be constrained to a limited focus. To assume that all the general directions of the '79 plan should have been accomplished is a gross distortion of the process.

Our State Park System is considered one of the best in the nation. That designation is not taken lightly. The state parks plan allows for judicious development that meets the most pressing recreation needs of our citizens. We cannot destroy the quality experience that visitors expect by packing people in until the resource is diminished or destroyed . . . until the capacity of our parks is so high that our safety is in jeopardy. . . .until, as Yogi Brea said, "No one goes there anymore, it's too crowded."

FEDCorp has a vested interest in developing property in the Folsom area. They claim that local jurisdictions could operate Folsom Lake SRA and do a better job. Is the City of Folsom ready to manage Folsom Lake SRA? FEDCorp needs to review a city survey of the citizens of Folsom to discover what residents want is more open space, undeveloped, and pristine. Email Jim Micheals at [jmiche@parks.ca.gov](mailto:jmiche@parks.ca.gov) to voice your concern. The deadline for your comments is May 31, 2008

Daniel Winkelman  
Board Member, Sacramento County Historical Society

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359-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Response ALT-1 (Section 3.2.1).

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<b>From:</b> Daniel Winkelman [winkdan@hotmail.com] <b>Sent:</b> Thursday, April 17, 2008 1:48 PM <b>To:</b> Micheals, Jim <b>Subject:</b> Edited version Jim Micheals California State Parks Gold Fields District	360
Mr. Micheals,	
I have reviewed comments about the Folsom SRA General Plan made by Diann H. Rogers of the Folsom Chamber of Commerce. This take on park planning is based solely on the premise that state parks are just another facet of the economic development of a community. More serious issues such as resource protection, historical values, carrying capacity, and just plain operation funding are left out the discussion. I support the general plan that we have worked on for six years and are appalled that the Chamber of Commerce is making a last minute attempt to scuttle our efforts.	360-1
I believe that regard for the publics need for a sensitive approach to park planning has priority over pure economic gain for the local community:	
<i>"There may be some who believe without question that any and all forms of construction and development are intrinsic goods, in parks as well as anywhere else, who virtually identify quantity with quality and therefore assume that the greater the quantity of traffic, the higher the value received."</i>	
<i>"There will be those, I hope, who share my basic assumptions that wilderness is a necessary part of civilization and that it is the primary responsibility of park systems to preserve intact and undiminished what little still remains."</i> Edward Abbey	
I want to address two specific items directly that were mentioned in Ms. Rogers's letter:	
"a planned dock and lakeshore riding/hiking trail will be eliminated at the Folsom Powerhouse."	
State Parks has made it quite clear that the completion of the bike/pedestrian/horse trail around Lake Natoma will pass through the Powerhouse parking lot. A trail along the shore line will destroy granite outcroppings, disturb the sensitive setting of the Maidu grinding rocks, destroy numerous trees and shrubs, and jeopardize National Historic Landmark status of the Powerhouse by running pavement right between the upper and lower Powerhouses. In addition, the cost of such a trail through cliff areas, across small bays, over boulders would be astronomical. It is an eyesore in the making.	360-2
We canoers and kayakers have no use for a dock anywhere on Lake Natoma. To enter and exit our boats we need shallow water in which to place a foot, nothing else. We will never tie our boat to a dock to visit the Powerhouse or go shopping on Sutter Street. We come to Lake Natoma to paddle our boats and enjoy what little is left of an undeveloped natural environment in the Sacramento Valley. What possible use would such a dock have? The water is too shallow for powerboat docking. The dock would have a high maintenance cost and be used by . . . . Whom?	360-3
Sincerely,	
Daniel Winkelman 1374 Young Wo Circle Folsom, CA 95630	
Going green? <a href="#">See the top 12 foods to eat organic.</a>	
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360-1: Comment noted.

360-2: Comment noted.

360-3: Comment noted. Please see Master Response BOAT-3 (Section 3.5.3).

Letter 361

361

From: SandyjeanW [SandyjeanW@Frontiernet.net]  
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 10:15 AM  
To: Micheaels, Jim

Dear Mr. Micheaels,

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The information concerning the plan for usage of the Folsom Lake area for the next 30 years has just come to my attention.

I notice it talks about lots of different activities but nothing about horses.

The horse industry in this country is over a Billion dollars a year (which is, of course, good for the economy) and is important to a very large number of people.

The Folsom area is one of the trail areas where we (horse riders) ride regularly and if we weren't considered in the plan I feel you would be doing the citizens of this area a huge injustice.

If you have us in this plan, it would be nice to see it on paper. Many trails have been taken away from us and we would be more than unhappy to see that happening again.

Sincerely,

Sandyjean Winward  
Winward Natural Equine Center

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361-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11 (Sections 3.3.3 and 3.7.11).

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**From:** Lyle and Susan Wright [lswright@oroville.com]**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2008 12:01 PM**To:** Michaels, Jim**Subject:** Folsom General Plan

Dear Mr. Michael,

Copied below is a letter I sent to Laura Caballero, Bureau of Reclamation.

Please add these comments to the DPR records as well.

Sincerely,

Lyle Wright

Dear Ms. Caballero,

362-1 Thank you for the hard work of sorting thru the varied public comments pertaining to the Folsom General Plan.

I have read the Plan; find it to be reasonable, and based on objective studies and research.

I look forward to contributing to the "Trails Master Plan" when the time comes.

As president of the Lake Oroville Bicyclist Organization, I have invested over 6 years participating in the relicensing process for the Oroville Dam.

Recreation at the Oroville "Project 2100" is, by California law, provided by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

However, the Licensee and owner of the entire project, is the California Department of Water Resources.

The California Dept. of Water Resources is, by federal law, licensed and regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

As you might imagine, this creates some unusual jurisdictional situations that can have "interesting" effects on recreation at the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area (LOSRA).

As part of the relicensing process, DWR conducted extensive "workshops", during which all currently conceivable concerns were discussed at length.

These concerns included trail use designations. My gravest concern is FERC staff's lack of objectivity, in stating that FERC is the agency best able to determine trail use designations for a California public resource.

FERC became involved in LOSRA trail use designations, largely due to an onslaught of comments received by "equestrians" upset over changes in trail use, implemented by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. These changes allowed use of bicycles on 21 miles of trails, previously designated for equestrian/hiking use only.

The same changes also allowed equestrian access to over 40 miles of trail that had been technically closed to use by horses.

After DPR expanded trail use at LOSRA, a handful of individuals started a campaign, which resulted in the "onslaught" of comments to FERC, complaining about the DPR action to change trail use designations.

This handful of individuals seems determined to force any and all recreation agencies, to provide them with a "private" experience on public resources.

The tactics used by these individuals are not new, they are the same tactics used by every organization throughout history that felt themselves "SUPERIOR" to the rest of the world's population.

Regrettably, the Folsom General Plan is now the target of such an assault.

A few prejudiced individuals will disseminate false information meant to frighten others into

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362-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses TR-10 and TR-12.

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over reacting, resulting in the submission of many emotional comments regarding the Folsom General Plan.

I am confident the General Plan and the upcoming Trails Master Plan will remain a professional process, resulting in a fair and flexible document that benefits the entire community. Please add my comments to the General Plan record.

Sincerely,  
Lyle Wright

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## Letter 363

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**Why Save The Stable?**

by Paula Campbell

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Why save the stable? The answer seems a simple one. Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA) has many miles of trails, several staging areas, but only one stable. Shadow Glen Riding Stables, nestled among the trees on the trail between Negro Bar and Hazel Avenue, is the sole equestrian concessionaire in the SRA, catering to both private boarders and those in the general public who simply want to enjoy a day in the saddle. From April to November, rental horses are available for the peaceful, guided trail rides that wind gently along Mississippi Bar. But under the new SRA Preliminary General Plan currently under review, private boarders—the lifeblood that keeps a stable running—will be discouraged. And eventually, Shadow Glen Stables will be “phased out.”

Why save the stable? For over thirty years, Shadow Glen has served as a symbol from our historic past, keeping alive the spirit of the gold rush days when riders galloped along the American River between mining camps with colorful names like Rattlesnake, Tamaroo, Milk Punch, and Deadman's Bar. The general public—particularly children—have been able to experience the joy of horses without the cost of owning or stabling one. In addition to trail rides led by experienced wranglers, Shadow Glen offers horse camp, play days, and campfire cookouts. Riders young and old have added new chapters to that rich history and carried away campfire stories and treasured memories of their own experiences while on horseback. The stable serves as a touchstone with our past and the reverence we hold for the horses that were instrumental in developing the trails that hikers, bikers, and horsemen enjoy today along Folsom Lake and the American River. If the stable closes and the site is lost—the quiet, spacious grounds so well-suited to horses—then not only will the link with history be broken, but there is also little chance that another stable site would be approved as environmental restrictions on land use grow more rigorous and competition for recreational space intensifies.

Why save the stable? So many reasons—and you might even find yourself among them. There are 78 million baby boomers thundering toward the gates of retirement, and a lot of them are equestrians. They represent vast wealth in terms of horse savvy and hands-on help. Freed now from demanding careers, boomers may prefer to volunteer at the stable instead of going to a fitness center as a way of staying socially and physically involved. And there is a fast-growing trend which encourages seniors to try horseback riding as a way of staying supple. Similarly, in therapeutic riding the gentle rhythm of a walking horse, which mimics the human gait, has proven successful in providing strength and self-esteem to the physically, mentally and emotionally challenged. The bond between this horse and rider is very special indeed.

So... why save the stable? The owners of Shadow Glen Riding Stables, the sole equestrian concessionaire in the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA), deserve an opportunity to shape a mission statement for their stable which provides the profit base required, satisfies the SRA Preliminary General Plan, and continues to promote the public good.

363-1: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

## Letter 364

8020 Twin Rocks Road  
Granite Bay, CA 95746

March 23, 2008

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

RE: Mountain Bikes on Multi-Use Trails—Inadequate Signage and Excessive Speed

Dear Mr. Micheals:

I am a Granite Bay resident, a neighbor of the park, and an equestrian. I have been riding my horses on the Folsom Lake trails for over twenty years. I am also one of a growing number of daily park visitors concerned that mountain bikes being ridden at excessive speed on the multi-use trails are becoming a danger to others seeking recreation. This speed is due, in part, to the fact that the soft, rocky soil of the natural trail has been raced and ridden down to hardpan. Thus, these trails have been converted into fast-track corridors bordered by dense vegetation concealing many blind curves. Two recent near-collisions with mountain bikers while I was riding my horses have led me to write this letter. I would like to offer a suggestion. Large (2-post) signs could be mounted at all trail heads showing the following:

**TRAIL RULES**

- \*MOUNTAIN BIKE SPEED LIMITS
- \*YIELD (NOTE: This yield triangle should be a large version of the 3-inch symbol on the brown flexible trail guides.)
- \*NO HEADPHONES
- \*AT BLIND CURVES:  
GO SLOW/LOOK & LISTEN/ANNOUNCE YOURSELF
- \*STAY ALERT
- \*DO NOT LITTER

Sincerely,

*Paula Campbell*  
PAULA CAMPBELL

364-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-7 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.7).

364-2: Suggestion noted. Please see Master Response TR-4 (Section 3.7.4).

## Letter 365

8020 Twin Rocks Road  
Granite Bay, CA 95746

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April 29, 2008

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

**RE: Shadow Glen Stables**

Dear Mr. Micheaels:

Release of the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA) Preliminary General Plan/Resource Management Plan has caused a stampede of protest among local equestrians. Many from the horse community have attended all the public meetings since 2002, and some have been included in the stakeholders' meetings. Through the years, the equestrian community has realized that they were involved in a turf battle with mountain bikers over trail access. While the trail issue is not part of the current Plan under review, involved equestrians are angered because of the obvious disregard for the horse community in the 900-page Plan. Not only have the established equestrian staging areas at Negro Bar and Rattlesnake Bar been omitted; but also, the location of the staging area at Granite Bay is erroneously cited as Beeks Bight.

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Animosity rose again as equestrians read about plans for picnic and boating facilities at Rattlesnake Bar while the stone horse trough—built there over 20 years ago—sits bone dry. Annual requests for pipes and plumbing are ignored, forcing trail riders to leave the designated trail in order to find water for their horses, a scenario which can be hazardous depending on the time of year and the water level in the lake.

Errors of omission concerning staging areas may be forgiven by the horse community, and old rancor will cool. But, there remains one section in the Plan which clearly has the horse community riled—the arbitrary decision by a select few to discourage private boarders and ultimately “phase out” Shadow Glen Stables, the sole equestrian concessionaire in the Folsom Lake SRA (Chapter III-136). **Whoa!!**

365-2

Discourage private boarding—the very lifeblood that keeps a stable running—while at the same time promising to build over 200 new private boat slips, including many with covers? Disquiet among the equestrian herd was palpable. A petition posted at the local feed store soon found its way to the worldwide web where it circled the globe and returned with the enclosed signatures and comments from over 800 world citizens voicing opinions about the targeted closure of Shadow Glen—**WE SAY NAY!!!**

365-1: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

365-2: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

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Since the 1980s, Shadow Glen has catered to both private boarders and those in the general public who simply want to enjoy a day in the saddle during a guided trail ride. In the past, moonlight rides were very popular, but these can no longer be offered due to the recklessness and excessive speed of mountain bikers who frighten the horses.

Still, the stable by the river remains a special link to our famous history and the gold rush days of true horsepower when riders galloped along the American River between mining camps with names like Rattlesnake, Tamaroo, Milk Punch, and Deadman's Bar. The stable has provided the general public, particularly children, an opportunity to experience the joy of horses without the cost of owning or stabling one. However, should the stable be shut down and the site lost—the quiet, spacious grounds on Mississippi Bar so well-suited to horses—there is little chance that another site will ever be approved in the Folsom Lake SRA. Environmental restrictions on land use grow more rigorous, and competition for recreational space is intensifying.

Today, user surveys and carrying capacity tables are useful in park management resource planning. They may serve well when determining the number and placement of restrooms and picnic tables. However, it seems shortsighted to employ these tools when deciding whether or not to shut down a horse stable, particularly since there remain but a handful of rental stables available to the general public in the greater Sacramento area.

Additionally, there are two large citizen groups whose needs are not fully addressed in the Plan. One group is our senior citizens, including the 78 million baby boomers thundering toward retirement. Many of these are equestrians, and they represent vast wealth in terms of horse savvy and hands-on help. Given a choice, many will prefer volunteer work around a stable as a means of keeping fit rather than working out in a gym. And there is a fast-growing trend afoot that encourages seniors to try horseback as a means of staying supple.

The other group which could be helped by Shadow Glen includes our disabled citizens, both children and adults with physical, psychological, and emotional challenges. The Plan does state under Accessibility Guidelines that "State Parks and Reclamation are committed to providing access to the SRA for all visitors," and that the goal is "Access to the SRA for all visitors, regardless of ability, in accordance with ADA guidelines" (III-111). Shadow Glen Stables provides a unique opportunity for those with special needs. Medical research has shown how the gentle rhythm of a walking horse—which mimics the human gait—has proven highly successful in providing strength and self-esteem to those with disabilities like autism, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, Down syndrome, and multiple sclerosis.

Since Shadow Glen is a public park concession with high traffic volume, it may not be an ideal setting for a permanent therapy riding school which requires a certain degree of privacy. However, it is reasonable to assume that if capital could be raised to provide cover for the large outdoor arena—generated through matching funds, grants,

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and donations—then therapy riding groups would have a facility which meets their needs for holding special events like horse shows and play days.

Thus, a covered arena at Shadow Glen Stables could serve the general public in two ways. First, it would empower the stable to generate year-round revenue through rental rides and riding lessons. Secondly, it could serve the many therapeutic riding groups in the greater Sacramento area like Ride to Walk, Horses for Healing, Riding High, Project Ride, and Saddle Pals by providing a suburban venue in a beautiful park where special events could be held under a covered arena. The community would be encouraged to attend these events so that they could see how a horse becomes an instrument of healing to a challenged rider. But most importantly, disabled riders in our community would finally be able to have their own special horse days at the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area.

There are thousands of words in the SRA Plan, and many of them address the concept of stewardship. Terms like “protect and manage,” “restore,” and “accommodate and upgrade” appear frequently in reference to native plants and wildlife. For the equestrian community which has been traveling these trails since the 1800s, Shadow Glen has now come to represent our very own endangered species. The threat to shut it down has helped us recognize how much we treasure it as a landmark in the park, how much we need to protect and manage it, restore it, and accommodate and upgrade it. Shadow Glen has become our touchstone with the past, keeping alive the spirit of the horse and rider and their prominence in the development of the trail system along Folsom Lake and the American River.

Please consider this plea when making your final decision about Shadow Glen Stables. There is far more at stake—for the entire Sacramento community—than merely the decision to close down a stable.

Sincerely,

  
PAULA CAMPBELL

Enclosure

Copy to: Scott Nakaji  
Laura Caballero

## Letter 366

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**HELP SAVE OUR STABLE!!**

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Shadow Glen Stables—the sole equestrian concessionaire at the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA)—has been targeted for possible closure under the SRA Preliminary General Plan currently under review (Chapter III-136). Comments regarding the plan are due at Park Headquarters by March 24, 2008.

Shadow Glen has been owned and operated by the same family since the 1960s. It caters to both private boarders and those in the general public who simply want to enjoy a day in the saddle. From April through October, rental horses are available for the guided trail rides that wind gently along Mississippi Bar. In past years, moonlight rides hosted by the stable have delighted both young and old.

Shadow Glen keeps alive the spirit of the horse and rider and their historical prominence in the development of the trail system along Folsom Lake and the American River. Please sign this petition to help us keep our hoof print on the map!

**Name**

**Address**

**Phone or e-mail**

Troy Rini

7259 Minnet Way

MTRHS@lynnco.org

Harriet Campbell

8020 Twin Rocks Rd Granite Bay

(916) 791-5921

Paula Campbell

8020 Twin Rocks Rd Granite Bay (916) 791-5921

366-1: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

Note: The above petition had 278 signatories. Only page 1 is shown here.

Note: The above petition had 536 signatories. Only page 1 is shown here.

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Note: The above petition had 197 signatories. Only page 1 is shown here.

368-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3, TR-5, TR-12 and MB-1 (Sections 3.3.3, 3.7.5, 3.7.12 and 3.10.1).

## Letter 369

**DAVID THESELL**  
**9112 GREEN OAK COURT**  
**FAIR OAKS, CALIFORNIA 95628**  
**916/961-3867**

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April 2, 2008

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

RE: Folsom Lake SRA General Plan Public Comment

Dear Mr. Micheaels:

I am writing to submit our comments regarding the Folsom Lake SRA Preliminary General Plan.

Having lived adjacent (abutting) to the Park for over 30 years, my family and I consider ourselves to be good neighbors to State Parks and have been a valuable resource to park personnel.

369-1

We oppose any proposed action limiting access to the park by property owners. On more than one occasion I have provided assistance in emergency situations: providing assistance to equestrian users in medical emergencies and in one instance, helped fire personnel with access points and navigation during a fire on the bluff.

Good relations and being able to be the "eyes and ears" of Park personnel and report what is happening in the park are important aspects of being good neighbors. Limiting our access moves away from this relationship and hurts everyone.

In addition:

369-2


• We oppose any relocation of Negro Bar Campground to Mississippi Bar.

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• We support Shadow Glen Stables as a Park concessionaire and view the stables as a valuable resource and added benefit to the Park.

We have enjoyed being good neighbors to the Park and appreciate the opportunity to provide our input at this critical time.

Respectfully submitted,



David Thesell and family

369-1: Please see Master Response TR-13 (Section 3.7.13).

369-2: There is no proposal in the Preliminary GP/RMP to relocate the group camping at Negro Bar to Mississippi Bar. The proposal in the plan is to shift group camping from Negro Bar to Beal's Point.

369-3: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

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**From:** JoAnne Saiz (joannesaiz@sbcglobal.net)  
**To:** BONNIE HOUSTON  
**Date:** Sunday, March 2, 2008 8:08:44 PM  
**Subject:** meeting on wed.

To whom this concerns,

370-1 My name is JoAnne Saiz I just want the opportunity to let you all know how much shadow glen means to me and my daughter Abigail Saiz. For the past 20 years I have either worked or boarded a horse out here among friends and what I like to think of as family. Shadow Glen is where everyone can come out and start their dreams of owning a horse or just riding one for an hour out of their busy lives.

Just about my whole life has been spent out here at Shadow Glen and now my daughter has the same opportunity I have had by owning her first horse and boarding at Shadow Glen. I believe the person I have become today is for the hard work I have put in at Shadow Glen, not because I had to , but because I wanted to my whole life is better for the chance to work with horses outside in the air. Not just behind a desk not knowing what kind of people you met on the trails riding a horse the stress of life just seems so much easier to deal with. We have the best place to let our child know about. And just like that want me to explain to my daughter that the place just like much of this beautiful country is just going to be gone I don't have the heart to tell her so. I love Shadow Glen. So I leave it up to you to let her know she will be at your meeting on wed Mar. 5th and also on Mar. 11th. Please don't take Shadow Glen and the riding trails away from my daughter and what I hope her friends for life.

JoAnne Saiz

<http://us.f837.mail.yahoo.com/dc/launch?.rand=bpp7717pfbjc4>

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370-1: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

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Input on plan

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From: Catherine Dee [cate@deebest.com]

Sent: Friday, April 04, 2008 1:55 PM

To: Micheals, Jim

Subject: Input on plan

Dear Mr. Micheals,

I am strongly against adding any fences to the parkway area or creating a physical boundary of any kind. It's a natural environment, and a fence will totally destroy that feeling, adding a sense of being almost in "jail", plus interfere with wildlife travel paths. People also need to be able to access the area without worrying about arbitrarily imposed access points. Lastly, fencing implies ownership, and this area is not private, so there's no justification for fencing it off.

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Catherine Dee

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371-1: Please see Master Response TR-13 (Section 3.7.13).

## Letter 372

Folsom Lake trail closures for equestrians

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**From:** Dorothy Foster [hitech@sunset.net]**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2008 2:40 PM**To:** Michaels, Jim**Subject:** Folsom Lake trail closures for equestrians

Dear Mr. Michaels,

I have recently received information that some single track trails are scheduled to be closed in the Folsom Lake area. I moved to Oroville over 10 years ago, so I don't get to the Folsom area as often as I used to, but I still manage to get there once or twice a year. I would not appreciate hauling my horse 60 miles only to discover that I had chosen the wrong day to ride some trail.

The horse-mountain bike controversy is certainly a hot topic here at Lake Oroville SRA also, but Parks & Rec discovered that alternating days really doesn't work. Unlike some equestrians, I really don't mind sharing trails with bikes, but I realize there are some portions of some trails that may be dangerous for both to use at the same time. In areas where that is true, "separate but equal" trails are the best solution. I know that if the state made appeals to the mountain bike association and to local horse groups, they would find a huge reserve of volunteers willing to help construct such trails.

One of the other reasons I don't ride as much in the Folsom area anymore is the lack of facilities for camping with my horse. If I am going to buy \$4.00+ fuel for my truck, I want to make the ride last longer than the trip to get to the trail. I certainly think that with the huge numbers of equestrians using the trails there, that there should be better facilities for overnight visitors. It's a shame that this lack was not addressed in the plan.

I sincerely hope that you reconsider these matters.

Dorothy Foster  
110 Medley Lane  
Oroville, CA 95966

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372-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3, TR-10 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.10 and 3.7.12).

372-2: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

372-3: Please see Master Responses CAMP-1 and TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

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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, jaede@inreach.com, trindyder@pacbell.net, skonst@sbcglobal.net

WENT OUT TODAY.  
 JP

**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:** Lorianne Walker (Lori)  
**ADDRESS:** 5730 Watt Ave #20, N. Highlands CA 95660  
**PHONE OR EMAIL:** (916) 968-5018

#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 triathlon events of this magnitude?

**373-1** Enter your thoughts here: *Yes it should, because such facilities would also greatly benefit the ordinary triathlete.*  
 Sunday, March 30, 2008 AOL: BJHeyward

373-1: 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)*

373-2 Enter your thoughts here: *YES! Especially more hitching posts and picnic areas. More trails, restrooms, and RASH CANIS.*

#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?*

373-3 Enter your thoughts here: *Many people who would use these areas don't even know they are there now.*

#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?*

373-4 Enter your thoughts here: *Lack of maintenance has made improvised detours necessary. Erosion has become a*

#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?*

373-5 Enter your thoughts here: *Yes because illegal trail use by dirt bikes & motorcycles are already eroding trails & causing dangers.*

#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?*

373-6 Enter your thoughts here: *This huge area only has one stable where horse lovers who cannot afford a horse can ride. Do not take this away.*

#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? I support the trail link I described.*

373-7 Enter your thoughts here: *A parallel trail would be ideal, but it is not feasible. Clear markings for use, mileage, and the occasional map would be good.*

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

Sunday, March 30, 2008 AOL: BJHeyward

373-2: Please see Master Response TR-11 (Section 3.7.11).

373-3: Comment noted.

373-4: Please see Master Response TR-3 (Section 3.7.3).

373-5: Please see Master Responses TR-1 and TR-15 (Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.15).

373-6: Please see Master Response MB-1 (Section 3.10.1).

373-7: Please see Master Responses TR-4, TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.4, 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?

373-8 Enter your thoughts here: Outreach to equestrian groups publicizing horse related suggestions rather than suppressing them.

#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?

373-9 Enter your thoughts here: This is vital. Many people don't know where these places are & even if they have heard of them.

#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?

373-10 Enter your thoughts here: This is ridiculous. The people who are problems now won't care, and others will just be annoyed.

#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?

373-11 Enter your thoughts here: Barely adequate now. An expanded trail patrol would be needed for expanded trails.

#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?

373-12 Enter your thoughts here: I like the overall concept, however there are many places where shared use would be too dangerous.

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

373-13 Enter your thoughts here: In my experience on the multi-use trails almost everyone has respected each others discipline.

373-14 I think any plan should avoid the extremes advocated by a few. I think that there should be some signage to explain to people unfamiliar with horses that they may be scared and to use caution when biking.

373-15 Also, leash laws REALLY need to be enforced.

Sunday, March 30, 2008 AOL: BJHeyward

373-8: Please see Master Response PP-2 (Section 3.1.2).

373-9: Please see Master Response EC-3 (Section 3.3.3).

373-10: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

373-11: Please see Master Response TR-1 (Section 3.7.1).

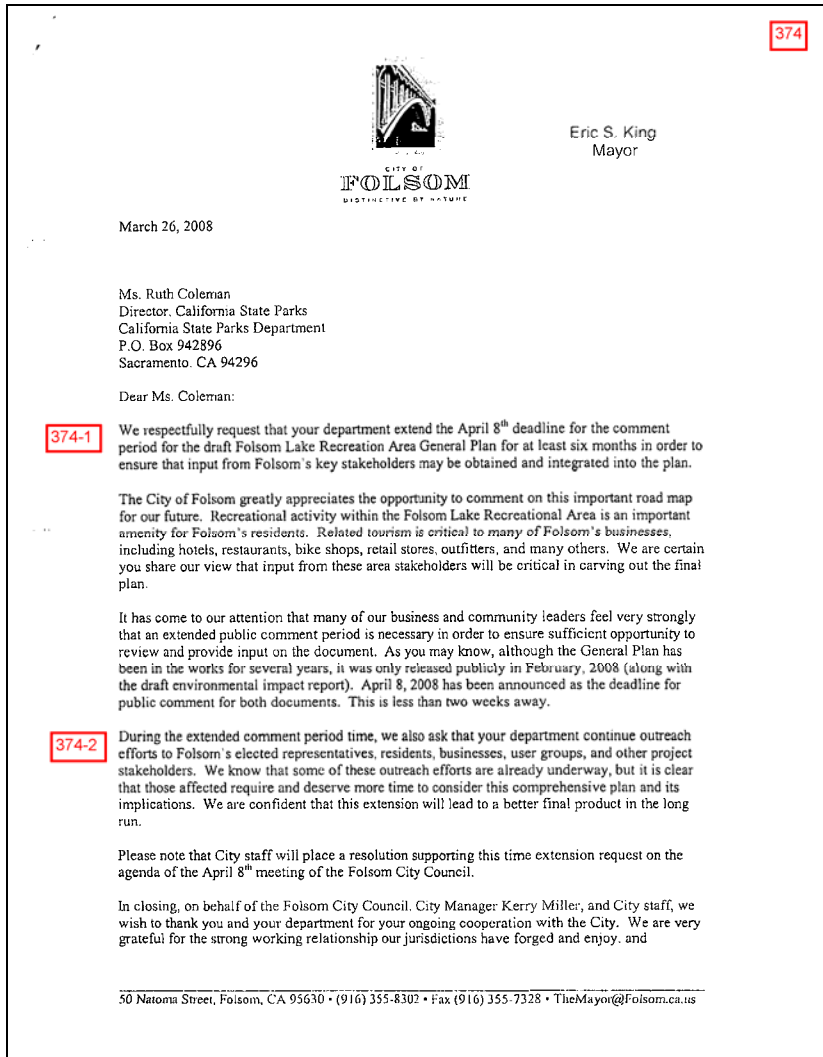
373-12: Please see Master Responses TR-5, TR-7 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5, 3.7.7 and 3.7.12).

373-13: Comment noted.

373-14: Please see Master Responses TR-4 and TR-7 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.7).

373-15: Please see Master Response TR-2 (Section 3.7. 2)

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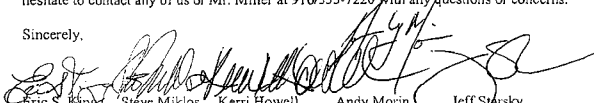
374-2: Please see Master Response PP-2.

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particularly wish to acknowledge your efforts, as well as those of Scott Nakaji, Jim Micheals, and recently retired Michael Gross.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to your response. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us or Mr. Miller at 916/355-7220 with any questions or concerns.

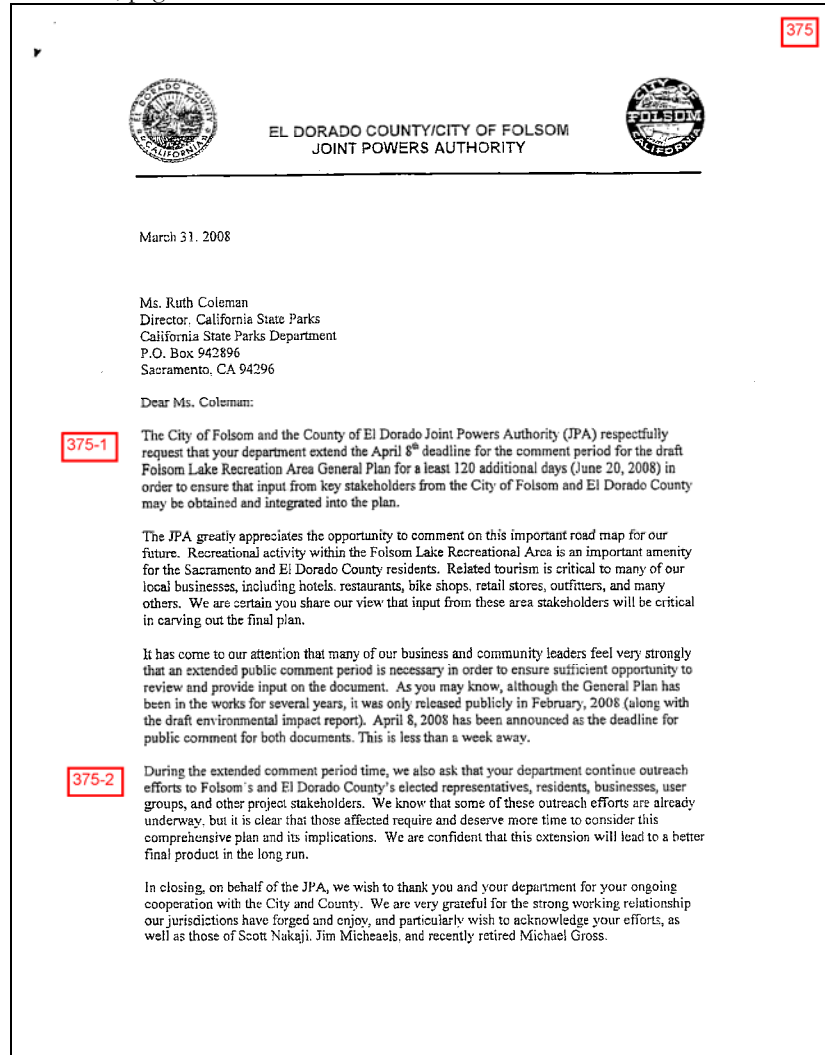
Sincerely,



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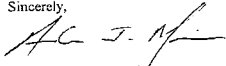
375-1: Please see Master Response PP-2.

375-2: Please see Master Response PP-2.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to your response. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 355-7200 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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Kerry Miller, City Manager  
Laura Gill, Chief Administrative Officer

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May 27, 2007

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RE: The Proposed Folsom Lake State Recreation Area & Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park General Plan/Resource Management Plan

Dr. Coleman,

I am writing as a long time, and truly multi-use patron of the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (FLSRA). In our family we have a ski boat, fishing boat, road bikes, mountain bikes, and horses besides loving to hike and nature watch. We have lived in the area since 1982, and use the park year round.

After obtaining and reading a copy of the proposed plan, I attended the three State Park Public meetings March 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and April 16<sup>th</sup> for the Plan presentation and to gain clarification. We have been involved in the six year plan development process since 2002 attending stakeholders meetings offered to the public for comment/information gathering. As Parks Planner Mr. Jim Michaels, and the document state in Ch. 1-11-12, the issue of trails was identified as one of the largest and in Ch. 11-36 "a growing concern about conflicts between different kinds of trail users, particularly on multi-use trails." In fact the concern over conflict and the public's concern for lack of Ranger presence for enforcement issues are mentioned multiple times in the document. While the plan is vague by design on trail specifics I am deeply concerned about the apparent bias for mountain bike users over all other trail users, and the apparent negative bias towards equestrian concerns, one of the longest lived user groups in the park. While mountain bikes have access to almost half of the FLSRA trails and access to the many miles of trails in the surrounding communities, the State Park Administration and planners seem to have embraced the "squeaky wheel" of the mountain bike lobby that mountain bikers are taxpayers denied access to trail, and that mountain bikes should have access to most trails in the FLSRA, and are willing to compromise all other trail users experience, safety, and the trails integrity themselves to accommodate them. This ethic clearly violates the plans stated intents to preserve and provide for the safest, most inspirational and enjoyable experience of their chosen recreations at various abilities and skill levels in the outstanding setting of the FLSRA.

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376-1: Please see Master Response TR-5.

376-2: Please see Master Response TR-1.

376-3: Please see Master Response EC-3.

376-4: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses EC-3 and ALT-2.

376-5: Comment noted.

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development, our trails and spaces within the park are more important than ever. One does not have to look far in any direction to find much equine activity and economy in the three counties that border this recreation area. Folsom has long hosted Pro-Rodeo. Auburn has become known to be the endurance capital of the world. Cal Expo hosts The Western States Horse Expo, the largest most comprehensive equestrian exposition in North America and one of the top 5 shows for state sales tax collection besides the jobs and economy of the expo itself and the benefits to the community. Our communities host numerous horse shows and clinics, besides supporting numerous breeding farms, training facilities, boarding stables, feed, tack, and supply stores, veterinary and farrier practices, trailer sales and repair shops, etc.(the list is endless) which in turn represent vast numbers of jobs and economy. From the American Horse Council in Washington DC The Study titled The Economic Impact of the Horse Industry in the United States reveals "An industry that is both large and economically diverse, as well as a key contributor to the overall fabric of the U.S. economy...an industry that operates in every corner of the country and contributes mightily to American economy and culture." The audit shows that California has the largest horse economy in the nation and its' statistics show that 70 % of all horses are owned by the individual recreational rider with that segment contributing the largest economic impact. The economic ripple down effect from the disenfranchisement of this recreation/sport and industry would be significant as are the gains from supporting it. I enclose that audit for your perusal.

. I base my opinions of bias and my opinions on the Plan on:

376-6

- The planners failure to seek professional equestrian consultation regarding equestrian issues and concerns during the six year plan development process as stated at the second public meeting. Why given our high per capita ownership of horses in this region and equestrian presence in this park was professional consultation not sought to educate planners and help ensure the safest and most enjoyable recreational experience for our equestrian population?

376-7

- The Folsom Lake SRA Visitor Survey and its' use in forming the plan ch II-59. Much was made by the park administration, consulting firm, and the Plan about the survey. "A major user survey effort during the summer of 2003 to characterize SRA visitors, their activities, likes and dislikes, and desires for additional facilities and programs. Three rounds of intercept surveying were completed in May, July and Sept. at various locations in the SRA in order to capture the full range of users." From the survey the top ranked recreation activities include swimming, bicycling on paved surfaces, beach activities, walking, picnicking, motor boating, mountain biking, white water rafting, kayaking, or canoeing, fishing and hiking. Equestrian activities are not mentioned raising the question of the integrity of the survey process as in if you don't count them does that mean they are not there? In perusing the survey on line high on the list of activities visitors would like to try if available is horseback riding. FLSRA is ideal for providing a huge population the opportunity of the intrinsic recreational experience of trail riding. Why can this statistically skewed survey be touted and admitted to the plan process?

376-8

- The Plans allusion to, and Mr. Michaels confirmation of statement of intent ch.III-136 to phase out the Shadow Glen Equestrian Center (The only rental and boarding facility in the park) (no survey done there) at Mississippi Bar on the publicly popular Lake Natoma Loop along with the "handling" of that intent in not even notifying the stunned concessionaire and boarders before publicly presenting the Plan. Also the statement "the park does not feel it is okay to board horses on park lands", limiting the possibility of new equine rental and boarding concessions to provide such opportunities for this areas rapidly growing population, while doubling the marina size to accommodate "boarding" more boats, and encouraging bike rental concession. While because of the large vocal public opposition to phasing out Shadow Glen the concessionaire was approached the next morning, asked not to go to the media, and can stay for now, with the attitude and statement of the parks planners, the future of the opportunities for the non horse owner to have

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376-6: Equestrian users have had many opportunities to provide input to the planning process. Please see Master Response PP-2.

376-7: Please see Master Response EC-2 and Response to Comment 20-11.

376-8: Please see Master Response MB-1.

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the opportunity to experience a trail ride and the public without a truck and trailer, to be able to board at and to use the trails at FLSRA seems dim. Shadow Glen has been listed in Sacramento Magazine as one of the fun things to do in our area and Mississippi Bar has long had a "direction" in this community as a haven for horses, equestrians, and those wishing to give it a try. This area, in near proximity to the areas identified in the Plan as the major visitor areas in the FLSRA, with terrain especially well suited to all ages and abilities of both riders and horses in an area easily patrolled where many users interface, needs to be proactively protected in the future as an equestrian recreation experience opportunity.

376-9

- The Plans failure to note existing equestrian staging areas at Negro Bar on Lake Natoma III-137 with plans to remove camping there-long the staging sight of the American River 50- the oldest endurance ride in the country, along with failure to include other equestrian staging areas such as Browns Ravine leaving questions about the Plans intent for their future. Removal of both Shadow Glen and Camping at Negro Bar would greatly impede equestrian access on the publicly popular Lake Natoma Loop which is terrain especially well suited to all ages and abilities of both riders and horses in an area easily patrolled where many users interface. This is great interface training ground. There needs to be horse camping besides staging at Lake Natoma as wonderful and historic trail providing rides of almost any length desired is available in both directions.

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376-11

- The new trail designations - Plan ch.III-82, which will give bikes access to trails formerly not available to them because of concerns for safety, quality and enjoyment of user experience and environmental impact concerns of other user groups not wishing to recreate with the disparity in speed and mechanization, and the irrevocable changes, widening, grading, tree removal, brushing, re-routes, and installation of drainage structures, etc., in the trails necessary to accommodate them. Today mountain bikes have access to about half of the trails available in the S.R.A.. The mountain bike lobby for access to all trails on the basis of entitlement by being tax payers, ignores the desire for many other users -who happen to also be taxpayers -to be able to recreate on some trails without the interface of fast paced bicycles/mechanization. Bicycle speed limits actually fall under parks vehicle code and again the disparity in speeds with other trail users is problematic. I do support the trail designation of Limited Use ie Pedestrian, Bike/Pedestrian and Equestrian/Pedestrian, and in areas where all users recreate, to provide for the safety and best experience possible, a trail corridor with separate parallel limited use trails. I do not support the proposed alternating days/times designation because for equestrians who must rely on the parks trails, work and time off schedules can vary meaning no ride on a day off, while bike riders in the same situation can still access and ride the vast amount community trails outside the park. It would also means all other users and sensitive trails will be subjected to the environmental impact that bikes will cause, besides the apparent lack of ability for enforcement and patrol. There is a wealth of information that documents problems with multi-use of trails by hikers, bikers, and equestrians -from the USDA Forest Service Research Paper (PSW-RP-226-Web.1996) : 58% of Forest managers reported seeing evidence of resource damage from mountain bike use, 70% of Forest managers reported they had observed or received reports of user conflicts, primarily between mountain bikers and equestrian groups and between mountain bikers and hikers, 59% of Forest managers observed or reported safety problems related to mountain bike use, and 48% of Forest managers had observed or received reports of mountain bike accidents. Similarly, in a lawsuit concerning shared use of single track trails in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the court found that the National Park Service (NPS) had sufficient evidence to prohibit bicycle use of certain trails to reduce user conflict and enhance visitor safety:"Ample evidence in the administrative record supports the finding by NPS that bicycle access to all trails increases incidents of user conflict and compromised visitor safety. The record includes hundreds of letters from park users recounting stories of collisions or near misses with speeding or reckless bicyclists on all kinds of trails...they seem to appear out of nowhere. Equestrians told how their horses have

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376-9: Please see Master Response EC-3 and Response to Comment 29-13.

376-10: Please see Master Response TR-11.

376-11: Please see Master Response TR-5, TR-7, and TR-12.

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been started by speeding or oncoming bicycles...even throwing and injuring experienced riders...other users also repeatedly recounted incidents of rudeness, threats and altercations when they have complained to an offending bicyclist about dangerous conduct. (Bicycle Trails Council of Marin v. Babbitt, 82 F.3d 1445, 1452) (I have personally experienced this) The result of the ruling by the ninth circuit is that mountain bikes generally are not allowed on narrow trails in the NPS, and other agencies have usually followed this ruling in creating their own regulations. I do think that much like ski resorts have accommodated snow boarders with terrain parks and areas designed to meet snowboarders needs. FLSRA could accommodate mountain bikers without compromising all trails and other trail users experience. What

376-12

- Failure to provide for expansion of equestrian access/facilities/camping to meet the needs of this expanding and economically significant and long lived user group. With the rising cost of fuel and impacts at access points, the ability to camp overnight and maximize trail "time" per trip greatly increases the feasibility of trailering from distance, and certainly fits well with the Plans identified environmental concerns. While the plan talks about instituting bicycle camps, the reality is that people with bikes may already camp at the regular camp grounds, this is not to say I am not for bicycle camps, however there also needs to be provision for camping with horses as well. It also corroborates my opinion of bias that bicycle connectivity and camps are now on the forefront of Mr. Michaels agenda while pointedly decreasing and ignoring equestrian recreational needs. Can anything be done about this?

376-13

- The "improvements" on the Browns Ravine Salmon Falls hiking and equestrian trail with areas of widening, grading, tree removal, brushing, re-routes, and installation of drainage structures, etc., and in building a quite un-equine friendly pedestrian/equestrian bridge over New York Creek that is very airy, too narrow, and noisy-the cables "twang" and vibrate when riding a horse across. While many experienced horses eye it distrustfully the experienced equestrian can usually handle it, but it may/will prove a challenge for the novice horse and rider. I question if there was consultation regarding the appropriateness of this bridge for equine use. I believe the old creek crossing should be maintained as well for the novice horse and rider who cannot handle this bridge.

376-14

- Negligence of Park administration for the last six years to provide patrol, replace defaced and missing signage indicating no bikes on trails that are not bike use designated, and ticket/discourage bikers using those trails illegally-which in essence encourages illegal use. It is shown over and again that uniformed presence and consequences are a deterrent to illegal action. If Mr. Michaels has his way and bike, pedestrian, and equestrian interface is increased, one of his great points is that there will be signage and enforcement. Why has this been neglected?

Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, Griffiths Park in L.A. and Central Park in New York truly postage stamp size areas for their populations appreciate the recreational value of the equine experience providing for riding, stabling, and other amenities such as arenas and polo fields and maintain and enforce separate trails for walkers/runners, bikers, skaters, and equestrians for their safety and enjoyment benefits.

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I know those who do not recreate or work with horses may have difficulty understanding the safety concerns and dynamics of the equestrian trail rider in encountering fast moving bicycles, but I believe it is the responsibility of a park administration that has equine activity under its' auspices to be cognizant and responsible. Horses have survived the eons because of their ability to flee when frightened. While every equestrian dreams of having a horse that is "bomb" proof, the fact remains that even the "most highly" trained horse can be startled, and a horse much less a rider that is severely frightened or involved in an accident with a bike may not be rehabilitable. The same as for hikers the disparity in the speeds makes encounters happen very quickly. Mountain bikes typically go 15-30 miles per hour. At 15 MPH a bike

376-12: Please see Master Response TR-11.

376-13: The bridge across New York Creek on the Brown's Ravine to Salmon Falls Trail is not a General Plan issue. This project was funded through a River Parkways Program grant from the Resources Agency. The Gold Fields District Maintenance Chief at the time, who managed this project, is an avid equestrian. The bridge was built to State Parks standards for equestrian use. We have not heard many complaints from other trail users regarding this bridge. State Parks believes the bridge is an improvement over the former creek crossing.

376-14: Please see Master Response TR-1.

376-15: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-7.

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will travel 22 feet in one second, at 30 MPH a bike will travel 44 feet in one second. A hiker or walking horse goes 5 feet in one second. Who will feel intimidated? Encounters from the rear are often more frightening than head on encounters. Further the mountain bike riders on the dirt trails are the faster more aggressive riders who because of the nature of the sport must be frequently looking down instead of ahead for other trail users. Just because mountain bikes can be ridden on dirt trails does not justify their inclusion on all trails. Putting horses, hikers, and bicycles together on the same trail would be comparable to allowing watercraft into the swimming zones of the lake.

The Declaration Of Purpose for Folsom Lake State Recreation Area as stated in the unit purpose and vision of the new proposed general plan Ch III-2 states To preserve and make available to the people for their enjoyment and inspiration the outstanding recreational opportunities provided by Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma on the American River system....offering visitors of all ages and abilities access to a wide spectrum of outdoor recreational pursuits.

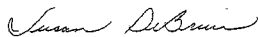
**376-16** While a June 2001 Mountain Democrat article quotes Mr. Jim Micheals as stating "when new activities occur we can't pretend they don't exist", neither is it appropriate for Mr. Micheals or others in administration to neglect their responsibility to existing activities and users. Simply because mountain bikes are pedal powered and are meant to be ridden on dirt trails does not justify their inclusion on all trails. State Parks Administration and mountain bikers need to recognize the legitimate concerns of other trail users.

Luckily our forefathers saw the need for parks, for land to be set aside unspoiled by mechanization. I am always surprised by how many people in our area have never been to Yosemite. For some people this is as close as they will come to a natural area.

**376-17** As a water skier and wake boarder I could well argue that we are denied access to some of the best water in the FLSRA, such as Lake Natoma or New York Creek. NO taxpayers or even non-taxpayers for that matter are denied access to the trail. We can ALL walk, jog, run, or hike every bit of it. There are some areas where we cannot ride our horses, bikes, or use other mechanization, in order to meet the safety and recreation needs and experiences of MANY various user groups, just as on the lake there are open boating zones, no wake zones, and no boating zones to meet the needs and safety of MANY various water user groups...boaters, skiers, fishermen, swimmers, and others. As I look at the SRA map, I see areas where we can walk, hike, run, or "ride" together if we want to, or enjoy our chosen recreations separately to ensure as much as possible the safety and well being of the WIDE variety of AGES and ABILITIES of different users.

Please help ensure the quality of our trail experience along with equine presence and opportunity in the FLSRA and the thrival of a valuable California resource, horses, equestrians and the recreation and economy they bring to our area. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue in our community.

Respectfully,



Susan DeBruin

376-16: Please see Master Responses PP-2, EC-3, TR-5, and TR-12.

376-17: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12.

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While the 1979 plan recognized the large equine and equestrian population in our environs and embraced and provided for equine recreation opportunities and their expansion in the park, the new proposed plan does not. Park administration and planners seem to have adopted the idea that equine activities are becoming extinct and are willing to minimize/ignore the long time equine history in the state park, which has the historic Pioneer Express and Jedidiah Smith Trails, along with all the economy and jobs that the equine industry brings. While suburban development replacing ranch's and fields near the parks borders may make equine activity appear to the unknowing to be waning, horses and the recreation and economy they provide and promote are on the rise. While the park

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377-2: Please see Master Responses EC-3, ALT-2, and TR-11.

377-3: Comment noted.

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We have been involved in the six year plan development process since 2002 attending stakeholders meetings offered to the public for comment/information gathering. As the meetings and the document state in Ch. I-11-12, the issue of trails was identified as one of the largest and in Ch. II-36 "a growing concern about conflicts between different kinds of trail users, particularly on multi-use trails." In fact the concern over conflict and the publics concern for lack of Ranger presence for enforcement issues are mentioned multiple times in the document.

I base my opinions of bias and my opinions on the Plan on:

- 377-4 - The planners failure to seek professional equestrian consultation during the six year process-as stated at the second public meeting.
- 377-5
- 377-6 - The Folsom Lake SRA Visitor Survey and it's use in forming the plan ch II-59. Much was made by the park administration, consulting firm, and the Plan about the survey. "A major user survey effort during the summer of 2003 to characterize SRA visitors, their activities, likes and dislikes, and desires for additional facilities and programs. Three rounds of intercept surveying were completed in May, July and Sept. at various locations in the SRA in order to capture the full range of users." From the survey the top ranked recreation activities include swimming, bicycling on paved surfaces, beach activities, walking, picnicking, motor boating, mountain biking, white water rafting, kayaking, or canoeing, fishing and hiking. Equestrian activities are not mentioned raising the question of the integrity of the survey process as in if you don't count them does that mean they are not there? In perusing the survey on line high on the list of activities visitors would like to try if available is horseback riding. FLSRA is ideal for providing a huge population the opportunity of the intrinsic recreational experience of trail riding
- 377-7

377-4: Please see Master Response TR-5.

377-5: Please see Master Response TR-1.

377-6: Please see Response to Comment 376-6.

377-7: Please see Master Response EC-2.

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- 377-8** - The Plans allusion to, and administrations confirmation of statement of intent ch.III-136 to phase out the Shadow Glen Equestrian Center(The only rental and boarding facility in the park) (no survey done there) at Mississippi Bar on the publicly popular Lake Natoma Loop along with the "handling" of that intent in not even notifying the stunned concessionaire and boarders before presenting the Plan. Also the statement "the park does not feel it is okay to board horses on park lands", limiting the possibility of new equine rental and boarding concessions to provide such opportunities for this areas rapidly growing population, while doubling the marina size to accommodate "boarding" more boats, and encouraging bike rental concession. While because of the large vocal public opposition to phasing out Shadow Glen the concessionaire was approached the next morning, asked not to go to the media, and can stay for now; with the attitude and statement of the parks planners, the future of the opportunities for the non horse owner to have the opportunity to experience a trail ride and the public without a truck and trailer, to be able to board at and to use the trails at FLSRA seems dim. Shadow Glen has been listed in Sacramento Magazine as one of the fun things to do in our area and Mississippi Bar has long had a "direction" in this community as a haven for horses, equestrians, and those wishing to give it a try. This area, in near proximity to the areas identified in the Plan as the major visitor areas in the FLSRA , with terrain especially well suited to all ages and abilities of both riders and horses in an area easily patrolled where many users interface, needs to be proactively protected in the future as an equestrian recreation experience opportunity.
- 377-9** - The Plans failure to note existing equestrian staging areas at Negro Bar on Lake Natoma III-137 with plans to remove camping there-long the staging sight of the American River 50- the oldest endurance ride in the country, along with failure to include other equestrian staging areas such as Browns Ravine leaving questions about the Plans intent for their future. Removal of both Shadow Glen and Camping at Negro Bar would greatly impede equestrian access on the publicly popular Lake Natoma Loop which is terrain especially well suited to all ages and abilities of both riders and horses in an area easily patrolled where many users interface. This is great training ground. There needs to be horse camping besides staging at Lake Natoma as wonderful and historic trail providing rides of almost any length desired is available in both directions.
- 377-10**
- 377-11** - The new trail designations - Plan ch.III-82, which will give bikes access to trails formerly not available to them because of concerns for safety, quality and enjoyment of user experience and environmental impact concerns of other user groups not wishing to recreate with the disparity in speed and mechanization, and the irrevocable changes. widening, grading, tree removal. brushing, re-routes, and installation of drainage structures, etc., in the trails necessary to accommodate them. Today mountain bikes have access to about half of the trails available in the S.R.A. The mountain bike lobby for access to all trails on the basis of entitlement by being tax payers, ignores the desire for many other users -who happen to also be taxpayers -to be able to recreate on some trails without the interface of fast paced bicycles/mechanization. Bicycle speed limits actually fall under parks vehicle code. I

377-8: Please see Master Response MB-1.

377-9: Please see Master Response EC-3 and Response to Comment 29-13.

377-10: Please see Master Response TR-11.

377-11: Please see Master Responses TR-5, TR-7, and TR-12.

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do support the trail designation of Limited Use ie Pedestrian, Bike/Pedestrian and Equestrian/Pedestrian, and in areas where all users recreate, to provide for the safety and best experience possible, a trail corridor with separate adjacent limited use trails. I do not support alternating days/times because it means all other users will be subjected to the environmental impact that bikes will cause, besides the apparent lack of ability for enforcement and patrol. There is a wealth of information that documents problems with multi-use of trails by hikers, bikers, and equestrians.-from the USDA Forest Service Research Paper (PSW-RP-226-Web.1996) : 58% of Forest managers reported seeing evidence of resource damage from mountain bike use. 70% of Forest managers reported they had observed or received reports of user conflicts, primarily between mountain bikers and equestrian groups and between mountain bikers and hikers, 59% of Forest managers observed or reported safety problems related to mountain bike use, and 48% of Forest managers had observed or received reports of mountain bike accidents. Similarly, in a lawsuit concerning shared use of single track trails in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the court found that the National Park Service (NPS) had sufficient evidence to prohibit bicycle use of certain trails to reduce user conflict and enhance visitor safety." Ample evidence in the administrative record supports the finding by NPS that bicycle access to all trails increases incidents of user conflict and compromised visitor safety. The record includes hundreds of letters from park users recounting stories of collisions or near misses with speeding or reckless bicyclists on all kinds of trails...they seem to appear out of nowhere. Equestrians told how their horses have been startled by speeding or oncoming bicycles...even throwing and injuring experienced riders...other users also repeatedly recounted incidents of rudeness, threats and altercations when they have complained to an offending bicyclist about dangerous conduct. (Bicycle Trails Council of Marin v. Babbitt, 82 F.3d 1445,1452)( I have personally experienced this) The result of the ruling by the ninth circuit is that mountain bikes generally are not allowed on narrow trails in the NPS, and other agencies have usually followed this ruling in creating their own regulations. I do think that much like ski resorts have accommodated snow boarders with terrain parks and areas designed to meet snowboarders needs. FLSRA could accommodate mountain bikers without compromising all trails and other trail users experience.

- 377-12 - Failure to provide for expansion of equestrian access/facilities/camping to meet the needs of this expanding and economically significant and long lived user group. With the rising cost of fuel and impacts at access points, the ability to camp overnight and maximize trail "time" per trip greatly increases the feasibility of trailering from distance, and certainly fits well with the Plans identified environmental concerns. While the plan talks about instituting bicycle camps, the reality is that people with bikes may already camp at the regular camp grounds, this is not to say I am not for bicycle camps, however there also needs to be provision for camping with horses as well.
- 377-13 - The "improvements" on the Browns Ravine Salmon Falls hiking and equestrian trail with areas of widening, grading, tree removal, brushing, re-routes, and installation of drainage structures, etc., and in building a quite un-equine friendly bridge over New

377-12: Please see Master Response TR-11.

377-13: Please see Response to Comment 376-13.

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York Creek that is very airy, too narrow, and noisy-the cables "twang" and vibrate when riding a horse across. While I have seen many experienced horses eye it distrustfully the experienced equestrian can usually handle it, but it may/will prove a challenge for the novice horse and rider. I believe the old creek crossing should be maintained as well for the novice horse and rider who can not handle this bridge.

- 377-14 - Negligence of Park administration for the last six years to provide patrol, replace defaced and missing signage indicating no bikes on trails that are not bike use designated, and ticket/discourage bikers using those trails illegally-which in essence encourages illegal use. It is shown over and again that uniformed presence and consequences are a deterrent to illegal action.

Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, Griffiths Park in L.A, and Central Park in New York truly postage stamp size areas for their populations appreciate the recreational value of the equine experience providing for riding, stabling, and other amenities such as arenas and polo fields and maintain and enforce separate trails for walkers/runners, bikers, skaters, and equestrians for their safety and enjoyment benefits.

- 377-15 I know those who do not recreate or work with horses may have difficulty understanding the safety concerns and dynamics of the equestrian trail rider in encountering fast moving bicycles, but I believe it is the responsibility of a park administration that has equine activity under it's auspices to be cognizant and responsible. Horses have survived the eons because of their ability to flee when frightened. While every equestrian dreams of having a horse that is "bomb" proof, the fact remains that even the "most highly" trained horse can be startled, and a horse much less a rider that is severely frightened or involved in an accident with a bike may not be rehabilitable. The same as for hikers the disparity in the speeds makes encounters happen very quickly. Mountain bikes typically go 15-30 miles per hour. At 15 MPH a bike will travel 22 feet in one second, at 30 MPH a bike will travel 44 feet in one second. A hiker or walking horse goes 5 feet in one second. Who will feel intimidated? Encounters from the rear are often more frightening than head on encounters. Further the mountain bike riders on the dirt trails are the faster more aggressive riders who because of the nature of the sport must be frequently looking down instead of ahead for other trail users. Just because mountain bikes can be ridden on dirt trails does not justify their inclusion on all trails. Putting horses, hikers, and bicycles together on the same trail would be comparable to allowing watercraft into the swimming zones of the lake.

The Declaration Of Purpose for Folsom Lake State Recreation Area as stated in the unit purpose and vision of the new proposed general plan Ch III-2 states To preserve and make available to the people for their enjoyment and inspiration the outstanding recreational opportunities provided by Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma on the American River system...offering visitors of all ages and abilities access to a wide spectrum of outdoor recreational pursuits.

While a June 2001 Mountain Democrat article quotes Mr. Jim Micheals as stating "when new activities occur we can't pretend they don't exist", neither is it appropriate for

377-14: Please see Master Response TR-1.

377-15: Please see Master Response TR-5 and TR-7.

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**377-16** Mr. Micheals or others in administration to neglect their responsibility to existing activities and users. Simply because mountain bikes are pedal powered and are meant to be ridden on dirt trails does not justify their inclusion on all trails. State Parks Administration and mountain bikers need to recognize the legitimate concerns of other trail users.

**377-17** Regarding water activities, I have concern that moving the no wake zones further down on the north and south forks will greatly increase congestion and cause safety issues as these are the main boating areas for cruising, skiing, wake boarding and tubing where people interface in the water with fast moving water craft.

Luckily our forefathers saw the need for parks, for land to be set aside unspoiled by mechanization. I am always surprised by how many people in our area have never been to Yosemite. For some people this is as close as they will come to a natural area.

**377-18** As a water skier and wake boarder I could well argue that we are denied access to some of the best water in the FLSRA, such as Lake Natoma or New York Creek. NO taxpayers or even non-taxpayers for that matter are denied access to the trail. We can ALL walk, jog, run, or hike every bit of it. There are some areas where we cannot ride our horses, bikes, or use other mechanization, in order to meet the safety and recreation needs and experiences of MANY various user groups, just as on the lake there are open boating zones, no wake zones, and no boating zones to meet the needs and safety of MANY various water user groups...boaters, skiers, fishermen, swimmers, and others. As I look at the SRA map, I see areas where we can walk, hike, run, or "ride" together if we want to, or enjoy our chosen recreations separately to ensure as much as possible the safety and well being of the WIDE variety of AGES and ABILITIES of different users.

Please help ensure the quality of our trail experience along with equine presence and opportunity in the FLSRA and the thrival of a valuable California resource, horses, equestrians and the recreation and economy they bring to our area. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue in our community.

Sincerely,

  
Susan DeBruin

cc SCOTT NAKAJI

377-16: Please see Master Responses PP-2, EC-3, TR-5, and TR-12.

377-17: Comment noted.

377-18: Please see Master Response PP-2.

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

Re: Folsom State Recreation Area General Plan


Dear Mr. Micheals :

I have attended the public meeting and reviewed parts of the document. I am a concerned equestrian and my comments echo those of many of my fellow riders. In brief my concerns are these:

- 378-1 • Many more riders access the park trails through the various accesses, off Twin Rocks, Sterling Point, Sunset and Main, than the through the main gates. We literally ride our horses onto park trails and I think that we are out of sight-out of mind of the planners. Therefore the amount of equestrian use you track is seriously understated.
- 378-2 • There is no current regulation except very anecdotal if at all of unauthorized use by bikers on horse only trails. As budget funds are always dear I cannot foresee any future such regulation if some of the Pioneer Express trail in particular is converted to alternate day, or some other combined use. Most sections of the trail, and in particular the trail East of Rattlesnake Bar is totally unsafe for any but hikers, runners and equestrians and should not have the designation changed to multi-use to include bikers at any time.
- 378-3 • Equestrians leave a small foot print and are practically invisible users. Our use would not negatively impact any area designated as "Nature or Conservation" area. Therefore where feasible these equestrian trail opportunities should be expanded.
- 378-4 • Folsom SRA is the only natural trail opportunity for a rapidly growing, densely populated tri county area home to thousands of horses and riders. To limit, impede or other negatively impact their use of the Folsom SRA would be a huge step backward for the state and this area.
- 378-5 • Auburn proclaims itself "the Endurance Capital" - these Folsom SRA trails that feed into Auburn SRA are a critical part of the jewel of trails in this area and should be expanded.
- Horse Camping should be part of the campground expansion. There is no State Park Horse Camping adjacent or in Sacramento County.
- 378-6 • Equestrians should be part of any trails committee.

Thank you for your attention to these comments.

Sincerely,



Marianne Stuart  
8312 Yvonne Way  
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

378-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses EC-2 and EC-3.

378-2: Please see Master Response TR-1.

378-3: Please see Master Responses TR-5, TR-7, and TR-12.

378-4: Please see Master Response TR-11.

378-5: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11.

378-6: Please see Master Responses PP-2 and TR-10.

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**Micheaels, Jim**

**From:** Vicky Fletcher [Vicky.Fletcher@yolocounty.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2008 4:27 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom letter4 08.doc  
**Attachments:** Folsom letter4 08.doc



Dear Mr. Micheaels:

As my letter states, thank you for giving the horse community an opportunity to weigh in on the use of state parks.

Vicky Fletcher  
Business Services Manager for Animal Services  
Vice President of the Yolo County Sheriff's Posse

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	<b>Yolo County Sheriff's Posse</b> 2500 East Gibson Road Woodland, CA 95776	
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<b>E.G. PRIETO</b> Sheriff ~ Coroner (530) 668-5280	3 April 2008  Mr. Jim Michaeales, California State Parks Gold Fields District 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road Folsom CA 95630	
Undersheriff Tom Lopez	RE: GENERAL DRAFT PLAN FOR FOLSOM STATE RECREATION AREA	
Unit Coordinator Sgt. Orrin Heatlie (530) 666-8889	Dear Mr. Michaeales:	
President Steven Lock (530) 383-4992	I am writing in response to your request for input for the General Plan for the Folsom State Recreation Area. I have personally been involved in the horse industry for nearly 50 years. I have ridden for pleasure, worked cattle ranches, team roped for sport and participated in the past and am currently a member of the Yolo County Sheriff's Posse. I strongly believe having horses exposed to motorized vehicles is not a bad thing under the right circumstances. However, when you are looking at a recreational facility you will have both horses and riders with varied levels of skill. Safety is what family recreational riders look for, and unfortunately there are many motorized vehicle operators that do not care about the safety or survival of horses or riders.	
Vice President Vicky Fletcher (530) 668-5286	I think it is very reasonable that horse trails be shared with hikers, as many people; even those who would never find themselves on the back of a horse enjoy the opportunity to visit and observe those magnificent animals. In addition, having horses nearby adds a level of safety to the park users on foot, as those animals can often be put into service to rescue or locate lost hikers.	
Treasurer Cheryl McMillin	In addition, to make facilities suitable for horse groups it is important to plan ahead for parking large transport equipment, areas to tie up, water sources and pens should there be the availability of overnight stays.	
Secretary Debbie Donaldson	I would like to thank you for giving horse owners an opportunity for input into this plan and look forward to hopefully seeing some of those ideas and opinions put into action.	
Sgt. at Arms Ashley Olstad	If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.	
Sincerely,  Vicky Fletcher Vice President		

379-1: Please see Master Responses TR-7 and TR-15.

379-2: Please see Master Response TR-5.

379-3: Please see Master Response TR-11.

## Letter 380, page 1

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Pinta [mailto:mafintal@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 10:25 PM

To: Micheaeels, Jim

Cc: Gross, Michael; Stephen Hammond; Nakaji, Scott

Subject: Comment on Preliminary General Plan, regarding Multi-use Trail Corridors

Hello Jim,

Thank you for discussing the 2nd Trails Stakeholders Meeting with me this afternoon. I appreciate your time. It is really unfortunate that there are no minutes of the meeting available for you to put on the Preliminary General Plan website. I felt the discussions which took place at that meeting made some real progress in addressing the needs of the various trail users. Specifically the concept of the "multi-use corridor" versus the always controversial "multi-use trail" which has become a hot button for various trail users.

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As I remember from the meeting, and from the few notes I took, the idea of having a "corridor" with multiple trails seemed to go a long way towards resolving the safety concerns of the various users, as well as meeting the different physical trail characteristics needed by the various users such as equestrians, hikers, and mountain bikers. I feel that this breakthrough concept could go a long way towards resolving the conflicting needs of the various users. Steve Hammond did a very good job presenting the Trail Designation Criteria and the Trail System Vision.

As the Preliminary General Plan acknowledges on page III-79, "the increased demand for trail access comes with a growing concern about conflicts between different kinds of trail users, particularly on multi-use trails." The obvious absence of any mention of the "Multi-use Corridor" in the proposed General Plan concerns me, as this was an important contribution made at that 2nd Trails Stakeholders meeting, and was well received by most stakeholders.

In comparing the "Trail Designation Criteria" handout from that meeting with the text of the Preliminary General Plan, most everything in the handout was included, except the "Multi-use Corridor" section. Again, its absence is glaring.

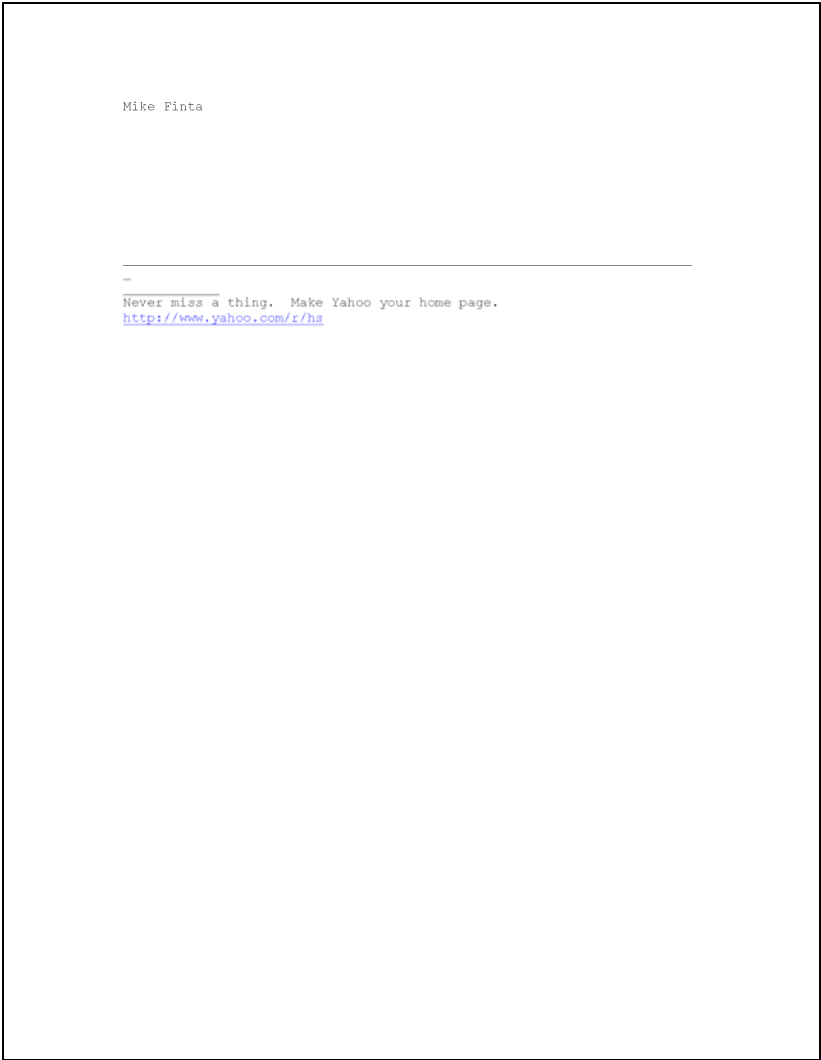
Please consider this input as a formal comment from the public regarding the Preliminary General Plan.

I look forward to discussing this further at the public meetings coming up in March.

Sincerely,

380-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12.

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## Letter 381

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-----Original Message-----  
 From: Mike Pinta [mailto:mafinta@yahoo.com]  
 Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2008 11:46 AM  
 To: Michaels, Jim; Stephen Hammond  
 Cc: Nakajii, Scott; Gross, Michael  
 Subject: "Preliminary General Plan" web page support documents

Hello Jim,

I am pleased to see that the Preliminary General Plan has been completed and is ready for public review and comments. In looking at the web page for the Preliminary General Plan, I noticed in the section "Summary of Public Workshops" that the minutes of the August 2003 Trails Stakeholders Meeting #2 are missing. This was the meeting at the CSUS Aquatic Center at Lake Natoma on August 28, 2003.

I felt this was an excellent meeting, as it addressed Trail System Policy Framework (Vision, Goals and Policies), Trail System Improvements (potential trail segments, trailhead and access improvements), and Trail Designation Criteria. Stephen Hammond did an excellent job in presenting this information at that meeting, and I was especially encouraged by his "out of the box" thinking about the multi-use trail corridors concept.

With the well recognized importance placed on trail considerations, I think it would be helpful for the public to see what was discussed at the Trail Stakeholders Meeting #2, to help them understand some of the information presented in "The Plan".

I would appreciate if this could be added ASAP.  
 Thanks Jim!

Regards,  
 Mike Pinta

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381-1: The Agenda and Powerpoint Presentation for the August 28, 2003 meeting have been posted on the State Parks web pages devoted to the Plan at [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=22322](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=22322). State Parks and the consultant, Wallace Roberts and Todd have searched for meeting notes and have been unable to locate any notes for this meeting.

## Letter 382

382

**From:** Flahstar@aol.com [mailto:Flahstar@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 02, 2008 9:43 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** General plans for Folsom Lake...input

Jim,

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Regarding recreation use at Folsom Lake changing... I am concerned that the off-road four wheel drive vehicle use at Rattlesnake Bar is ruining the environment of this State Park. The young adults are driving their vehicles everywhere at Rattlesnake Bar. They go in for the mud, to mud buggy and throw the mud into the air and all over their cars. They wench each other out when they get stuck. They also are making four wheel drive trails where no one else has driven before. One example is, they are crossing the creek on the west end of Rattlesnake Bar and over to the grasslands that separate Rattlesnake and Horseshoe Bar areas. The vehicles today have the power to go anywhere and everywhere. The park has made some effort to curtail this, but the kids and their vehicles overcome any barrier put in place. There is signage in three inch lettering to prohibit mud buggying. Obviously, they are not following the rules of the park, and no one is enforcing such. Rattlesnake Bar is the "Bagdad" of Folsom Lake State Park. One only has to be near the exit at 4pm to see truck after truck coming out covered with mud, driving with excessive speeds. If you speak to these kids, all you get is a threat and a high sign. Drinking, not allowed in the State Park, is excessive with this group. I know you are short of rangers to enforce this problem. However, it needs to be addressed. The entrance gate at Rattlesnake Bar is rarely staffed from September to June. This gate needs to be staffed year round. Volunteers in State Park vehicles could be used to patrol if staff is short. There is no shortage of available volunteers if the park district asks for help. Jim, thanks for your help. This is long overdue. Changes need to be made.

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Mike Flaherty

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Idea to please picky eaters. Watch video on AOL Living.  
<http://living.aol.com/video/how-to-please-your-picky-eater/rachel-campos-duffy/2050827?NCID=aolcmp00300000002598>

- 382-1: Comment noted. State Parks is well aware of the problems with off-road use at Rattlesnake Bar. The Preliminary GP/RMP specifically addresses this issue. See pages II-82, III-101 and 102, and III-178 in the Preliminary GP/RMP. Also see Master Response TR-15.
- 382-2: Please see Master Response TR-4.
- 382-3: Please see Master Response TR-1.
- 382-4: Please see Master Response TR-8.

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Micheaels, Jim

From: R. Friesen [mailto:mandr4@earthlink.net]

Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2008 3:28 PM

To: Micheaels, Jim

Subject: Equestrian Use in the Folsom State Recreation Area General Plan

Jim Micheaels

California State Parks

Gold Fields District

7806 Folsom-auburn Road

Folsom, CA 95630

I am writing this letter to you because of the correspondence I've received from California Horsemen's Association. I am a local, live in Loomis and we use the equestrian trails in Folsom.

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Please be aware that we do want trails to include equestrian and hiking trails. We do want horse camps, staging areas, water, picnic tables, paved parking, water troughs for our horses, hitching posts and a riding arena would be great. Hikers, runners and equestrians can share the trails.

If there is any way we can help, you just let us know.

Thanks for your time and attention to this matter. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Rebecca & Mike Friesen

2599 Moonshine Lane

Loomis, CA 95650

916 660-9303

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383-1: Please see Master Response TR-5.

383-2: Please see Master Response TR-11.

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## Letter 384

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**From:** sgraning@ups.com [mailto:sgraning@ups.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2008 8:47 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake - Preliminary General Plan and DEIR/DEIS

I just thought I would drop a line to say that is the proposed trails are put in I will defiantly be buying a state park pass to access the trails for mountain biking. I belong to a club who bikes a lot and I am sure many other members would be picking up a pass also.

Thanks for the great work,

Steve Gruning  
Sacramento, Ca

384-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5, TR-6, and TR-12.

## Letter 385

385

-----Original Message-----

From: louise herr [mailto:lpmh8101@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 9:26 PM

To: Micheaels, Jim

Subject: Re: Folsom Lake Recreational Use

Gentlemen:

385-1

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.

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

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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.

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Thank you for your consideration of horses and runners in the long term plan.

L.Herr  
Orangevale

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385-1: Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-11.

385-2: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-15.

385-3: Please see Master Response PP-2.

## Letter 386

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**From:** Hield, Antony P [mailto:paul.hield@verizonbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 10, 2008 8:57 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Cc:** Jon.Lindgren@verizonbusiness.com; Paul.Hield@verizonbusiness.com  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake

386-1 Jim, the hikers, bikers, Kayakers and runners have had the lake @ 5mph for almost 6 months now – tell them to use it during this time. I have been (motor) boating for 20 years out there and am sick of everyone else trying to regulate me (us). Leave us alone. As for noise abatement, start regulating motor bikes that roar down Green Valley Rd. morning, noon and night – that is far more offensive than my Motor boat and I live very close to the lake.

386-2 On another note, can you tell me when boaters will be able to speed up again? October, March and April are the most beautiful times to boat. My insurance covers accidents, hitting submerged objects etc. not the State Parks and recreation.

386-3 I am also an avid hiker, biker and Kayaker.  
 Paul Hield.

- 386-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-1.
- 386-2: Comment noted. This concern regarding traffic noise along Green Valley Road is best directed to the jurisdictions responsible for that roadway, El Dorado County and/or the City of Folsom.
- 386-3: This comment seems to refer to the 5 mph speed limit, which is imposed on all of Folsom Lake when lake levels fall to around 400 feet elevation. This speed limit is imposed at this lake elevation for public safety because of the many hazards that are exposed or just below the surface at lower lake elevations. Because Folsom Lake elevations dropped below 400 feet elevation in the fall and winter of 2008, this 5 mph speed limit was imposed for the entire Lake as it has in other years of low water levels. While there is a speed limit for the entire Lake during these times, access is not restricted and boaters can still utilize and enjoy the Lake within the speed limit.

## Letter 387

387

**From:** Muffet McCleneghan [mailto:muffetm@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 10, 2008 2:26 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom State Park Plan

Dear Jim,

Warren Truitt has mentioned your name as a go-to-guy, and now that the plan is being readied for finalization, I have a couple of questions:

**387-1** 1) With so much use of the parkway/State park by people who live here, on a daily basis by bike, runner feet, and walker-feet, WHY are bathrooms closed seasonally???? It is beyond frustrating to find the two stalls below the Cliff House at about mile 28 always locked. They use no water, are pit toilets, and it would be beyond wonderful to have them open. Continuing up the hill toward Beal's Point, the new bathrooms put in with picnic tables, near the amphitheater for the water education site around mile 30, are also locked. Why????? Why have them if they can't be open? These sentiments are shared by MANY.

**387-2** 2) My second age old question and another one shared by many is why can't there be a drinking fountain at Willow Creek? It is close to Folsom businesses, not in the boonies, and between Negro Bar and the Flats at Nimbus, there is no source of water. That's a long stretch between water bottle fill-ups.

I hope you can shed some light on my questions. They seem relatively inexpensive to fix and would provide an enormous amount of creature comfort for those of us who use the trail daily. Thanks for reading this.

Muffet McCleneghan (teacher, runner, kayaker, birder, trail user with students, family, friends, and alone.)

- 387-1: Comment noted. Restrooms in some locations are closed seasonally due to budget and staffing constraints. State Parks receives a limited budget for seasonal workforce to help maintain restrooms and other facilities during the busy summer season. State Parks permanent workforce is not sufficient to maintain all restrooms during the off season. Therefore, State Parks prioritizes the restrooms to be kept open year round, which are those in the most heavily visited portions of the park unit. If restrooms are left open and are not cleaned or maintained during the off season, they will deteriorate and get vandalized.
- 387-2: Comment noted. State Parks has assessed providing drinking water at Willow Creek. A water line would need to be brought in from utilities along Folsom Boulevard, a distance of about 800 to 900 feet. The cost to do so is not unsubstantial. Willow Creek is currently a relatively primitive facility. State Parks is open to considering providing a drinking fountain at this location as various project funding opportunities arise.

## Letter 388

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**From:** Mike McGee [mailto:mjmcgee6833@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 17, 2008 10:45 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Parkway Plan

2/17/08  
Dear Sir,

388-1

I read about your involvement with the plans for the American River Parkway. We live next to the Parkway @ Negro Bar. I am sure that you are aware of the absence of restrooms along the stretch of Parkway from Watt Avenue to Negro Bar. I run the bridal trails off Main Avenue with my dog. Increasingly we find that folks on the bikeway are using the bridal trails for "pit stops". They must be planning these stops because they are bringing along toilet paper. Not only is this disgusting and trashy, it can quickly become a health hazard. Please let me know what the plans are for new bathroom facilities along this stretch of Parkway. I will be glad to help out however I can.

Regards,

Mike McGee  
799-2077  
mjmcgee6833@sbcglobal.net

388-1: Comment noted. Much of the American River Parkway discussed in this note is managed by Sacramento County and not California State Parks. California State Parks manages the parkway upstream of the Hazel Avenue Bridge. The Preliminary GP/RMP does provide for improved facilities (including restrooms) at the Lake Overlook and Mississippi Bar, both of which are in the area referred to in this comment. See pages III-127 to III-137 of the Preliminary GP/RMP.

## Letter 389

389

**From:** equuspassage@aol.com [mailto:equuspassage@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2008 10:07 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim; equuspassage@aol.com  
**Subject:** Folsom SRA Preliminary General Plan

Mr.Micheals:

389-1

Would you please clarify one section in the General Plan. This pertains to the Park access from private properties that border the SRA. The statement in the Proposed General Plan says ( paraphrased) that private access to SRA will be fenced off and no private access ( unauthorized)will be permitted. Would you please tell me where the 'authorized' private access to the park is? I am specifically asking about Granite Bay park access.

Do you mean that access from Twin Rocks Road and Boulder Road, will no longer be permitted? Please tell me , specifically, what access you are speaking about. It is our feeling, as equestrians, that little has been thought about in accomodating this large segment of users.

389-2

I would like to know what the SRA and BOR's agenda is pertaining to the equestrians...is this about access or is this about money? The Park belongs to the people of California and we enjoy using it. It seems like money could be better spent in providing more Rangers and better facilities. With the thought of 48 potential State Parks closing, every penny spent should, in my opinion, go toward improvements in our park, not more 'studies'.

I look forward to your repsonse.

Debbie Murphy

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389-1: Please see Master Response TR-13.

389-2: There is no “agenda” pertaining to the equestrians. Please see Master Responses PP-2, EC-3, and TR-11.

## Letter 390

390

**From:** Robinsons [mailto:mtn\_bus@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 07, 2008 1:37 PM  
**To:** rivercitypaddlers@yahooogroups.com; 'Jerry Montgomery'; 'Jude Turczynski'; 'Leah Gowron'; Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** RE: [rivercitypaddlers] Re: Folsom Lake for Quiet Users(Paddlers)

390-1 Heck, and give up "the Gauntlet" [2km suicide run in the K1 vs. monster wakeboard boats as training for running the K1 in Eppies] ??

No, seriously, this is my no-traffic-accessible 'lake natoma.' I support your efforts. It would be one thing if powerboaters (whose numbers also include me) would respect the existing 5mph buoys 1.5km upriver, but they don't. Not sure you can stop the bassboaters who race the whole 5 miles (more or less, depending on season) up to the moving water. On the one hand, the boat traffic is good kayak training. On the other hand, it's a major safety issue, which wouldn't be so much an issue if said boaters were sober, experienced, or aware (which they are not). And let's not even start on PWC's (personal watercraft).

Jim,  
 Hope this suffices as my submission of the form letter. The existing 5mph buoys are a joke even with Sheriff helicopters flying overhead - I've never seen anybody stopped for terrorizing kayakers and swimmers in this section. Not only would Sharon's proposal be a reasonable, small expansion, it would far simplify enforcement - "NO WAKE NORTH OF HERE [boat ramp]"

Sharon,  
 Thanks for your efforts here.

-- Kurt Robinson

Robinsons  
 Newcastle, Ca.

**From:** rivercitypaddlers@yahooogroups.com [mailto:rivercitypaddlers@yahooogroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Sharon Roseme  
**Sent:** Friday, March 07, 2008 11:17 AM  
**To:** Jerry Montgomery; Jude Turczynski; Leah Gowron; rivercitypaddlers@yahooogroups.com  
**Subject:** [rivercitypaddlers] Re: Folsom Lake for Quiet Users(Paddlers)

Whoops. When I sent you this email on March 3, I did not include Jim Michael's email address. I know it would make it much easier to send him a letter so here it is: [jmiche@parks.ca.gov](mailto:jmiche@parks.ca.gov)  
 On Mar 3, 2008, at 9:27 AM, Sharon Roseme wrote:

I am asking for your support of limiting use of the North Fork of the American River from Rattlesnake Bar to Mormon's Ravine to "quiet "(ie nonmotorized) users. The Folsom Lake State Recreation Area has been working on an update of its Master Plan for over 5 years. Throughout that period I have been trying to get at least some of the lake closed to motorboats so that swimmers, paddlers, and people on the shoreline trails can enjoy using the lake without the safety hazards, noise and air pollution caused by motorboats.

390-1: Please see Master Response BOAT-1.

## Letter 391

391

**From:** Sandy Ruggiero [mailto:slr500@wildblue.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2008 8:04 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake

Hello:

391-1

I would like to give my support for the horsemen who ride around the lake. I cannot tell you how many times a ride around this beautiful lake gives such peace and joy to me and my friends. There is such beauty all around and we the equestrian relish this. We do not bring noise or pollution we just bring our horse. The trails are well maintained and we do the work on them. We share our trails with hikers and bicycles and all seem to get along just fine. I support the continued multi-purpose use of these wonderful trails.

Thank you for supporting this continuing usage.

Sandy Ruggiero  
1100 Sevier Rd  
Cool, CA 95614  
(530) 888-9257

391-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Responses EC-3 and TR-5.

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**From:** Richard Scollay [mailto:rich@stanfordalumni.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 10:38 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Comments on General Plan for Folsom SRA and rebuttal comments to Bernau letter

Dear Mr. Micheals,

Please find attached my comments on the General Plan for the Folsom SRA and some "rebuttal" thoughts prompted by the letter by Mr. Bernau of the Folsom Economic Development Corp.

Rich Scollay

## Letter 392, page 2

**Rich Scollay**  
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April 29, 2008

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Jim Micheals  
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Dear Mr. Micheals:

392-1

I am writing in support of the process you guided to develop the Draft EIR/EIS for the Preliminary General Plan and Resource Management Plan for Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (SRA) and Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park and the final outcome of that process, the Preferred Alternative (Alt. 2). I'd like to emphasize that my support for Alt. 2 is grounded in the process used to deal with the difficult trade-offs a plan of this sort must address. While there are aspects of Alt. 2 that I might wish to be different, I am satisfied that those aspects were given a fair hearing and needed to bow to conflicting demands to build a strong total plan.

My perspective for this assessment is as a user/visitor to the Folsom SRA for over 39 years (in fact, I camped at Negro Bar Park for a week while looking for an apartment after getting my first "real" job at Procter & Gamble). I have been, roughly following my aging, a runner, cyclist, a motor boater and water skier, a jet skier, a white water rafter (on the American headed for Salmon Falls), a white water kayaker and now a mostly flat water kayaker on Lake Natoma. Intertwined with these activities was raising three kids to enjoy the same activities as well as all three rowing with Capital Crew out of the Aquatic Center. Professionally I have been involved in the past with numerous area environmental and use plans as the site Environmental Manager for the Procter & Gamble Sacramento Plant.

I recently read a letter by Jeremy Bernau of the Folsom Economic Development Corp. that was published in the News Blaze that caused me some concern.

(url: <http://newsblaze.com/story/20080310003721nnn.nb/newsblaze/TOPSTORY/TopStories.html> )

Since I am in support of both the process and outcome of the General Plan while Mr. Bernau is arguably against both it took me a bit to get over the "where were you when this was originally discussed" reaction and to look at his factual criticisms of Alt 2. I have found that it is much more productive to "work" these issues when there is an open give and take rather than a one-sided public blast. I suspect that you have had more opportunity than you might have wished to consider the specifics, both pro and con, of each of the points in Mr. Bernau's letter so I'll consolidate my rebuttal comments to generalities.

392-2

- Mr. Bernau uses the 1979 Plan as a "Perfect Standard" to which he compares individual aspects of the 2008 plan. It is ludicrous to use a plan that is outdated by almost 30 years

392-1: Support for the Preliminary GP/RMP is noted.

392-2: Please see Master Response ALT-2.

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as a standard for a plan that looks to the future. Although I do not know him personally, I'm sure Mr. Bernau himself would allow that he knows more and can make better decisions about the future if he uses what he has learned over the last 30 years than if he just reapplied what he knew in 1979. The same thought applies to Alt. 2.

- Everyone is in agreement that the surrounding population and the demands on the SRA for "recreation" have increased dramatically. Mr. Bernau's conclusions and recommendations evolving from that fact are based on the assumption that "recreation" equals development and more development equals more "recreation". Unfortunately it is the lake and the natural setting of the SRA that is the fundamental "recreation" desired by its users and that resource hasn't increased, nor will it in the future, by one iota. Each and every acre that Mr. Bernau would take for development incrementally decreases the real "recreational capacity" of the SRA. No one comes to the SRA to visit the parking lot and enjoy the view of a snack bar.

392-3

- One of the dominant uses of Folsom Lake is power boating and Mr. Bernau makes numerous references to the lack of various developments to increase the number of boats "on the water". I am not familiar with the "boat per water surface acre" measure but I am personally and intimately familiar with the fact that the existing support facilities at Folsom Lake are more than sufficient to put enough boats on the lake to compromise the enjoyment of everyone on the lake. The personal impact on my family was a decision we had to make that during summer weekends it was too dangerous to take the kids out for water skiing or boarding because of the crowded conditions on the water. Again, more berths, more launch ramps, more parking spaces do not increase the "recreation" available if the acres of water remain the same.

392-4

- Mr. Bernau appears to consider gasoline motors and high speed to be an essential and positive part of boating "recreation" on Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma. He chooses to ignore the sizeable contingent of users to whom the presence of gasoline motors and high speed effectively destroys the "recreation" value of the lakes to them. This may be an expression of his developmental bias since gasoline motors and high speed require significantly more development support or it may just be a personal bias. In any case it cannot go unchallenged because there are significant interest groups on both sides of the issue. We are extremely fortunate to have a solution in Alt 2 because both Folsom and Natoma can be included in the same general plan and can provide an imperfect but workable answer for both contingents. Gas on Folsom and calories on Natoma ... don't worry about the day of the week, just pick your lake.

392-5

- Mr. Bernau ignores the fact that the SRA is a limited resource for "recreation" and that, unfortunately, development per se cannot increase the fundamental "recreation" asset of the water acreage or scenic views. Each development must be evaluated as an intrusion and recognized as a mixed blessing; a development may facilitate access while at the same time reducing the very "recreation" assets that are the justification for the development. Each development must be evaluated by how much benefit it returns to the public at large since the "recreational" assets that each development inadvertently reduces belong to the public. To me, this means that each private individual or private business development (such as a lake front hotel with a private beach, or a personal access gate from a private home, or a private building development on the skyline to view

392-3: Please see Master Response BOAT-3.

392-4: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 and BOAT-2.

392-5: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 and BOAT-2.

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the lake) needs to be evaluated by weighing the benefits to the public at large against the incremental degradation in the "recreational" asset that belongs to the public at large. This is one of the most contentious issues addressed by Alt 2 because it tries to balance the generally unrepresented interests of the "public at large" against a specific individual's or company's strong self interest and/or economic benefit. While I personally would like it to be more restrictive to private developments, unlike Mr. Bernau, I feel that Alt 2 has fairly dealt with this difficult issue.

In summary, please consider this a strong vote in favor of both the process and the final recommendation of the planning process. Stay the difficult course, fend off all the pressures that will undoubtedly appear even after the plan is approved and maybe, just maybe, our grandkids and even our great-grandkids will find as much to enjoy in the SRA as we have enjoyed.

Sincerely,

Rich Scollay

## Letter 393, page 1

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**From:** D & L [mailto:landave@copper.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2008 7:14 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Document1

Dear Mr. Micheals:

393-1 You and your team have done an outstanding job with the Preliminary General Plan & Resource Management Plan for Folsom Lake State Recreation Area. As a sailing enthusiast, and a member of two local boating clubs, I have the following comments for your consideration:

Expansion of Speed Limit Zone  
(Reference VISIT-12, SOUTHFORK/MID-1,2)

393-2 I strongly urge expanding the 5 MPH speed limit zone in the South Fork Arm, to include the entire South Fork. There have been a number of incidents and close encounters involving motorized boats vs. sailing and paddle boats. Establishing one fork for non-motorized activities (sailing, kayaking, fishing, etc.), and leaving the other fork for motorized activities (water skiing, wake boarding, jet skiing, etc.), is a clear and easy way to prevent the inherent conflict. The South Fork is closer to the marina and preferred launching for non-motorized craft, without having to make their way across the lake to the North Fork.

Multi-Use Facility  
(Reference MULTI-USE-2, BROWNS-7, FOLSOMPOINT-3)

393-3 I strongly urge limiting the potential site for the proposed Multi-Use Facility to only the Brown's Ravine location, and not at Folsom Point. The marina already established at Brown's Ravine creates a natural affinity for related activities that would use the Multi-Use Facility. The two clubs of

393-1: Comment noted.

393-2: Comment noted. Please see Master Response BOAT-1.

393-3: Comment noted. Please see Master Response MUF-1.

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which I am a member, as well as other boating groups that I have observed,  
already use the facilities at Brown's Ravine, and it would be a hardship to  
split their activities between two locations.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my comments.

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## Letter 394

394

**From:** Stephani Turner [mailto:stephani.turner@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2008 7:50 PM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Private Access closure to Folsom Lake

Dear Mr Michaels.

394-1

My husband is a member of the Placer County MAC and we are trying to obtain information around the potential closure of private access to Folsom Lake. We would appreciate your guidance on the following questions:

1. What geographical area will be affected by the closure?
2. What is (are) the issue(s) that warranted this potential move by the parks department?
3. What is the time frame anticipated for the closure?
4. Who has ordered this closure?
5. Is the department of state parks involved and do they have the purvue for such a move?

Please get back to me on these issues.  
Thank you.  
Stephani Turner

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394-1: Please see Master Response TR-13.

## Letter 395

395

**From:** Robert Ubry [mailto:rjubry@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 11, 2008 10:14 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake General Plan

To:  
Jim Micheals  
Gold Fields District  
California State Parks

From:  
Robert Ubry  
1544 Hammond Ct  
Folsom, Ca 95630

First let me thank you for all the hard work that went into the FLGP. With the increasing usage of the FLSRA by all user groups, an update to the general plan is more important than ever for the region and this very valuable resource.

395-1

One of the fastest growing user groups, if not the fastest, is the mountain biking group. Every year we see a tremendous increase of riders on the existing trails designated as multi-purpose that allow mountain bikes. It is becoming quite evident that the trail system available to mountain bikers must be expanded to meet the increasing demand for safe trails so as to avoid overcrowding and potential accidents and conflicts with other user groups. The FLGP appears to take this into consideration with the proposed expansion and creation of new trails.

I implore you to consider designating new trails as multi-purpose and allow mountain bikes access whenever possible and also to expand mountain bike access to the existing trail system, particularly the trails between Browns Ravine and Falcon Crest. Please don't allow a few very vocal and well connected anti-mountain biking advocates to shutout one of the largest user groups of the FLSRA trails system from access to these trails.

Thanks you in advance for your consideration and I look forward to the upcoming public meetings.

Regards  
Robert Ubry

395-1: Please see Master Responses TR-5, TR-6, and TR-12.

## Letter 396

396

**From:** Shelley Weisickie [mailto:sweisickie@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 9:31 AM  
**To:** Micheals, Jim  
**Subject:** Emailing: LBHACommentsDraftGeneralPlanFolsomSRA,%20FinalP

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

I am an avid horseback rider who enjoys the beauty of riding the trails on and around Folsom Lake. This activity has been a part of my life for the past 18 years and is not waning any time soon. I work full time so my weekends to ride are precious to me.

396-1 It is very concerning not to see mentioned in the General Plan the active and continued use of our trails for this activity.

I have seen increases in Mountain Bike users which is fine because we all need to enjoy our activities. For the most part I have encountered polite and respectful bikers which I truly appreciate. It is only on the horse-only trails that can be very dangerous. They are in their zone and going very fast so when an unexpected encounter occurs it can be life-threatening.

396-2  
 396-3 I am also very concerned about alternate days for Mountain Bike users. I don't think this would be in "anyones" best interest. We all try to find the time to fit in our activity and to lose any opportunity would be devastating. I hope you can understand the impact.

396-4 I ask that you take to heart the comments from LBHA who I support in their hard work over the years and agree to keep our trail use for Equestrians from disappearing.

We really need to save this way of life and not let it just drift away - it is calming and relaxing and deserves to be a part of this General Plan and not forgotten.

396-5 Please consider putting in the necessary safeguards for the Equestrian population.

Respectfully,  
 Shelley & Bob Weisickie  
 7640 Morningside Drive  
 Granite Bay, CA 95746  
 916-791-5180

396-1: Please see Master Response EC-3.

396-2: Please see Master Response TR-5 and TR-7.

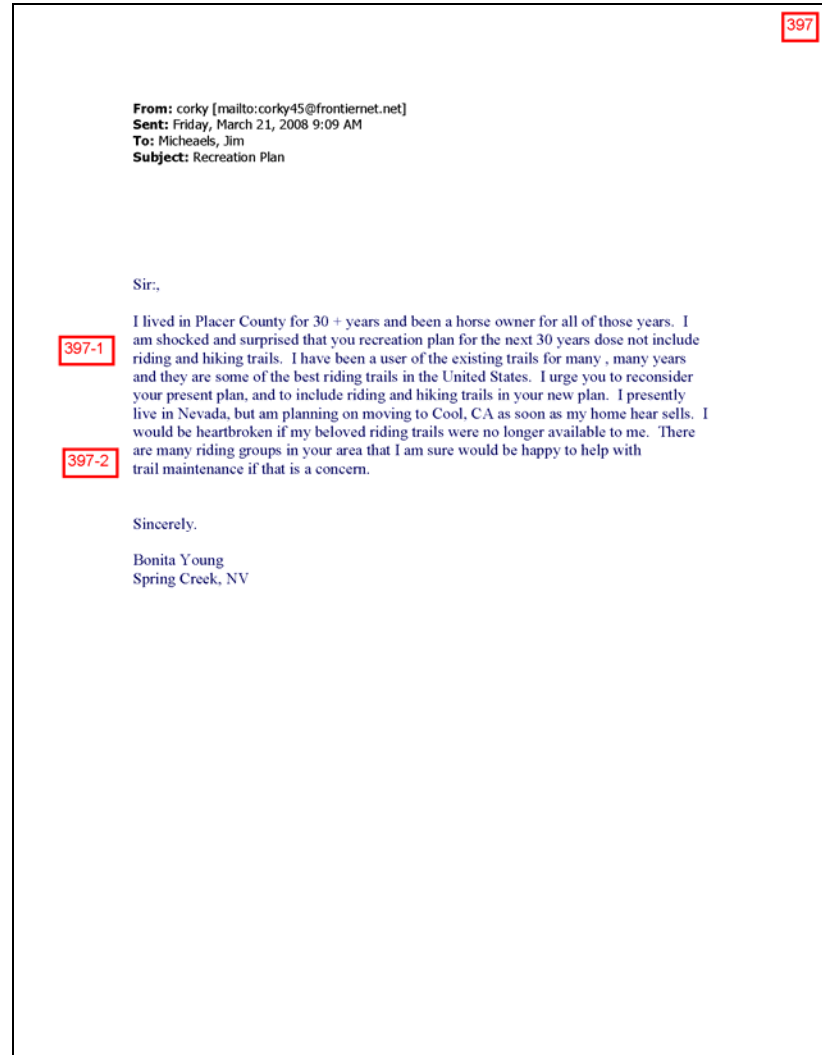
396-3: Please see Master Response MUF-1.

396-4: Please see Master Response EC-3.

396-5: Please see Master Response TR-7.

Note: Comments from the Loomis Basin Horseman's Association were attached to this letter. See Letter 88 for responses to the comments from the Loomis Basin Horseman's Association.

## Letter 397



397-1: Please see Master Response EC-3.

397-2: Please see Master Response TR-8.

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**Micheaels, Jim**

**From:** George W Maier [georgem@maier-mfg.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2008 3:17 PM  
**To:** Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake SRA

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

Jim,

I thought it may be a good time to express my thoughts on the direction of the Folsom Lake SRA plan. As a citizen that enjoys the out of doors usually by mountain bike or also hiking it is important to me that we continue to improve the quality and quantity of the areas we can access.

398-1 would hope that you will continue development of trails in the Trials Master Plan as soon as possible. I know there are many clubs  
398-2 and individuals that are willing to donate time and effort to build and maintain these trail networks. Eventually a multi use trail around  
398-3 the full perimeter of the lake would seem to make a lot of sense because it will allow access from many points.

398-4 As California grows and existing areas are impacted by more and more people I feel it is important to acquire additional lands as they  
398-5 become available. I also feel adding additional trails will help spread the additional visits over a larger area and will lessen the impact.

Thank you for your work on the plan and for considering my requests as plans move forward.

Sincerely,  
 George Maier  
 Nevada City, Ca.

4/4/2008

398-1: Please see Master Response TR-10.

398-2: Please see Master Response TR-8.

398-3: Please see Master Response TR-6.

398-4: Please see Master Response UWO-1.

398-5: Please see Master Response TR-6.

## Letter 399

399

**From:** Crystal Barber [mailto:cybarber@ucdavis.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2008 2:38 PM  
**To:** lcaballero@mp.usbr.gov  
**Cc:** Micheals, Jim; Gross, Michael; Nakaji, Scott  
**Subject:** Public Comments -- response to Folsom Lake Long Range Plan

Hi Laura -- attached please find my public comments regarding the Folsom Lake SRA Long Range Plan document. I was at the hearing this past Tuesday and read my comments. The attached is an expanded version of those comments. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need additional information. Thanks very much -- Crystal

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399: The attachment to this letter is included as Attachment #2 to Letter 185.

## Letter 400, page 1

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**From:** Jeremy Bernau [mailto:jbernau@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 4:00 PM  
**To:** Coleman, Ruth  
**Cc:** Eric King; Jeff Starsky; Kerry Miller; Joe Luchi; Joe Gagliardi; Robert Holderness; Nakaji, Scott; Micheaels, Jim  
**Subject:** Folsom Lake General Plan & DEIR

Ruth,

Please find attached FEDCorp's letter regarding the Folsom Lake General Plan and DEIR. We were delayed preparing the letter because we wanted to incorporate any progress that could have come from our meeting with Scott Nakaji last Friday.

Please understand that we will be submitting additional questions and comments related to the environmental document tomorrow.

We sincerely appreciate the time that you have taken to understand our concerns. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on this planning effort.

Best regards,

Jerry

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April 29, 2008

Dr. Ruth Coleman, Director  
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RE: Folsom Lake General Plan and DEIR

Dear Ruth:

We sincerely appreciate the time that you allowed us to voice our concerns regarding the proposed Folsom Lake SRA General Plan and DEIR in our meeting on April 15th. The Folsom Economic Development Corporation (FEDCorp) understands the importance of Folsom Lake Recreational Area as a critical component of our region's quality of life. This tremendous asset provides our residents and visitors with diverse and numerous recreational opportunities. As our area continues to grow, continued public access and increased visitor capacity will be necessary to meet the needs and enhance the quality of life of our residents. Besides the many benefits that outdoor recreation provides, we also believe an appreciation and respect for the environment results from this interaction.

Background

**400-1** Upon review of the documents associated with the proposed new general plan, we agree with State Parks and the Bureau of Reclamation that the Folsom SRA is at or near capacity given its existing facilities. Based on the information provided including a 5-9 year waiting list for boat slips, insufficient parking, traffic congestion at access points, shortage of campsites, capacity reached by mid-day at many facilities and conflicts between trail users, recreational facilities appear to be currently inadequate. In addition, the public input overwhelmingly supports increased and upgraded facilities. Combined with a substantial population growth, it appears obvious that the Folsom Lake SRA is in dire need of additional capacity and recreational facilities.

**400-2** Unfortunately, the document lacks a recreational facilities needs analysis that would have allowed us to determine the appropriate amount of facilities that will be necessary to meet current and future needs of the region. Without that information, we researched other documents including the current Folsom Lake SRA general plan, the State Parks System Plan 2000, the State Parks Statistical Summaries, the State Parks Central Valley Vision and the Department of Water Resources Comparative Inventory of Recreational Facilities at California's Largest Reservoirs, 2000. Based on the information in these documents, it became abundantly clear that the Preferred Alternative is woefully inadequate in meeting the recreational facility needs of our region.

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400-1: Please see Master Response ALT-2 (Section 3.2.2).

400-2: Please see Master Response ALT-2 (Section 3.2.2).

The planning process used to develop the Preliminary GP/RMP followed the guidelines in the California State Parks Planning Handbook (February 2002). These guidelines include describing the recreation patterns and uses of the park unit, an extensive on-site visitor survey and regional telephone survey, identifying recreation and demographic trends, identifying opportunities and constraints related to recreation, assessing unit carrying capacity, describing the regional context, and understanding the many planning influences including California State Parks System Planning and needs. Most of the documents referred to in this comment (e.g., State Parks System Plan, Central Valley

Vision) were reviewed as part of the development of the Preliminary GP/RMP and are specifically referenced on page II-46 of the Preliminary GP/RMP.

Much of the information regarding recreation use and trends is summarized in Chapter 2 of the Preliminary GP/RMP. This information and analysis can be found in the following documents: the Folsom Lake SRA GP/RMP Resource Inventory, which has been available online at [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=22741](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=22741) since it was completed in 2004; in the “Report of the Findings for the On-Site Survey of Recreation Users and Telephone Survey of Area Residents for Folsom Lake State Recreation Area in 2003,” which has also been available at the State Parks web pages for a number of years at the following site [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=22322](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=22322); and in “Issues and Opportunities Memorandum (April 2003),” a planning document developed as part of the planning process, which can also be found on the State Parks web pages devoted to the Preliminary GP/RMP. All of this information developed for the planning process provides a picture of recreation trends, needs, opportunities, and constraints.

While important, providing high quality recreation opportunities is one of the several purposes of the Folsom Lake SRA. Other important purposes of the SRA are protecting importation natural and cultural resource values, such as blue oak woodlands. The visitor survey results and other information developed as part of the planning process also support some other key concepts in the Preliminary GP/RMP: focusing on day use recreation; and providing diverse recreation opportunities and experiences, from developed recreation experiences with a greater reliance on facilities and enhancements, to less developed opportunities such as trail use for which the natural setting may play an important role. Folsom Lake SRA cannot meet all of the future recreational demand and needs in the region. The park unit is one piece of the regional recreational spectrum, from city and county parks and facilities, to recreation opportunities on National Forests and Bureau of Land Management lands.

All of this data and analysis informed the unit vision and purpose (pages III-1 of the Preliminary GP/RMP), the land use designations and the broad goals and guidelines for visitor services and recreation (pages III-66 to III-87) and the specific types of recreation opportunities and facilities identified in the specific area goals and guidelines.

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For example, the current Folsom Lake SRA general plan (adopted almost thirty years ago) called for substantially more facilities than the current plan proposes even though the projected population increase was less than what is projected for the current planning period. What is more surprising is that only a small percentage of the facilities planned over thirty years ago were developed. Extracting information from both general planning documents, it appears that only 12% or 23 of the planned auto campsites were developed, none of the 200 equestrian, bicycle or boat camps, only 31% of the parking spaces, 38% or 132 of the boats slips and none of the 958 picnic sites. In fact, it appears that the picnic sites decreased by 293. Lastly, the trails planned around both Lake Natoma and Folsom Lake still remain incomplete.

According to The State Park System Plan 2002, "Just to provide today's level of service to the 2020 population, the State Park System would need to add 325 campsites, 450 picnic sites, and 50 miles of trail every year for 20 years. That is more than one new picnic site and nearly one new campsite every day." Given that Folsom Lake SRA is one of the most visited state parks in the system and has 8,450 acres of land area, it does not appear that the Folsom SRA will provide its share of facilities under the proposed alternative.

State Park's Central Valley Vision project also concluded that the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys have a serious lack of recreational facilities.

According to the Comparative Inventory of Recreational Facilities at California's Largest Reservoirs, 2000, the average number of campsites is 533. The largest number of campsites was 900. Folsom Lake SRA had the lowest. In fact, Folsom Lake SRA ranked 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> out of 15 in campsites per shore mile, campsites per 1,000 acres, 50-mile population per campsite and 100-mile population per campsite. This lack of campsites exist even in the face of a 15.16% increase in campsite usage at Folsom Lake SRA in fiscal 2006/2007.

FEDCorp also understands that financial resources are required to develop and manage these facilities. Based on the State Parks Statistical Summaries, the average paid user fee at the Folsom Lake SRA increased substantially from \$0.55 in fiscal year 01/02 to \$2.43 in fiscal year 06/07. This increase has enabled State Parks to increase their receipts from \$1,042,888 to \$2,722,021 or 161% during this time period. We would hope that this increased revenue would help support additional visitor capacity.

Since the needs analysis was unavailable, FEDCorp's own research has led us to conclude that Alternative 2, the preferred alternative put forth by State Parks District staff will not meet the recreational needs of our region or the vision articulated in The State Park System Plan 2002. FEDCorp further believes that the zoning of only 20% of the land in the SRA as Recreation will preclude facilities from being developed in the future. Surrounding property owners will come to rely on the zoning classifications in the new general plan. As a result, the ability to increase public access and develop additional recreational facilities outside of the Recreation classification will be greatly diminished.

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FEDCorp Recommendations

To maximize the flexibility and allow various facilities and capacity planned in the current general plan (Alternative 1) and those presented as options in Alternative 2 and Alternative 3, FEDCorp strongly recommends the adoption of Alternative 3 as the Preferred Alternative. We are not recreational facilities experts (only dedicated users) and the documents do not provide specific analysis for us to determine if the facilities proposed within each alternative are adequate. However, based on our meetings with State Parks, we understand that further environmental study will need to be completed prior to any facilities being developed. This further analysis would ensure that any new facilities would be developed in an environmentally responsible manner.

FEDCorp would have preferred more meaningful and constructive opportunities to participate with other associations, user groups, local jurisdictions, surrounding property owners, members of the public and State Parks in the development of the alternatives. But without the benefit of this, Alternative 3 is our preferred alternative.

FEDCorp also has the following recommendations and/or modifications to the plan:

- 400-4 1. We support the completion of hiking, equestrian and bicycle trails and related facilities around both Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma that were envisioned in the current general plan adopted in 1979.
- 400-5 2. We do not support an odd/even day usage of the trails. Not only will alternating days restrict public access but park management cannot successfully enforce this policy and insure public safety.
- 400-6 3. We support multi-use trails where topography and sight distance is adequate to provide safety for the users and parallel trails where sight distance and topography is inadequate.
- 400-7 4. Because of the apparent substantial risk to the public and the environment, we do not support fire as the primary vegetation management tool.
- 400-8 5. We support continued pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle access from private property adjoining Folsom Lake SRA as long as they have paid the required entrance fees and do not disturb public property.
- 400-9 6. If adjacent property owners are in compliance with zoning regulations, we do not believe State Parks should plant screening to block property owners' views of the SRA without their permission.
- 400-10 7. We would encourage State Parks to work with user groups, associations and surrounding jurisdictions to assist in the planning, development, management and maintenance of the recreational facilities within the SRA.

400-3: Please see Master Responses PP-2 and ALT-3 (Sections 3.1.2 and 3.2.3).

400-4: Please see Master Response TR-6 (Section 3.7.6).

400-5: Please see Master Response TR-12 (Section 3.7.12).

400-6: Please see Master Responses TR-5 and TR-12 (Sections 3.7.5 and 3.7.12).

400-7: Please see Master Response NR-1 (Section 3.2.2).

400-8: Please see Master Response TR-13 (Section 3.7.13).

400-9: Comment noted.

400-10: Please see Response to Comment 29-14.

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**400-11** 8. We cannot find any justification for State Parks to reduce the boating density currently accommodated on Folsom Lake or eliminate gas engines on Lake Natoma.

**400-12** 9. We do not support eliminating a mile of skiing area in the North Fork to eliminate excessive noise. Rather State Parks should enforce the noise limits as referenced in the current general plan or current applicable laws.

In addition to these general comments related to the entire SRA, FEDCorp has these specific comments regarding the facilities located in and around the City of Folsom.

**400-13** 1. While Negro Bar is currently located in the middle of Folsom, it is under utilized and poorly maintained. We would request that State Parks partner with the City of Folsom to provide enhanced facilities, management and maintenance at this location.

**400-14** 2. The City of Folsom is investing millions of dollars revitalizing its Historic District and supporting transit-oriented development around the Sacramento Regional Transit's Historic Folsom light rail station. The Folsom Lake SRA current general plan envisioned improved water access and a dock on the south side of Lake Natoma. We believe that greater connectivity to Lake Natoma and nearby recreational opportunities are critical when we are asking our residents to limit their vehicle trips and live in a denser urban environment. Therefore, we request that State Parks partner with the City of Folsom to develop facilities, improve water access and provide greater connectivity to the Folsom SRA in the areas within close proximity to all the light rail stations.

**400-15** 3. The currently adopted general plan envisioned additional recreational facilities and improvements to the former rock processing facility at Mississippi Bar. We support these improvements and the continued equestrian facilities (including boarding).

**400-16** 4. While Observation Point may be impacted by the installation of the new spillway, the massive grading operation that is taking place as a result of the flood control improvements from Dike 5 to Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam may offer excellent and environmentally sensitive opportunities to replace, add and enhance visitor capacity and facilities. As a result of the Folsom Dam bridge project, the City of Folsom as established a very good working relationship with the agencies responsible for the flood control work. We request that State Parks partner with the City of Folsom to maximize the opportunities for new facilities in these areas.

**400-17** 5. Additional opportunities exist at Folsom Point to upgrade and add capacity and facilities. We would request that State Parks partner with the City of Folsom to provide enhanced facilities, management and maintenance at this location.

6. As it relates to the requested collaborative planning process for property in the SRA that lies within the City of Folsom, we would suggest that this effort start as soon as reasonably possible to take advantage of potential funding opportunities.

400-11: Please see Master Responses BOAT-1 and BOAT-2 (Section 3.5.1).

400-12: Please see Master Response BOAT-1 (Section 3.5.1).

400-13: Comment noted. State Parks and the Department of Boating and Waterways recently completed rehabilitating the boat launch at Negro Bar, providing a new ramp and boat dock, additional parking adjacent to the ramp and a new vault toilet.

400-14: Please see Master Response TR-16 (Section 3.7.16).

400-15: Comment noted. See Master Responses ALT-3 and MB-1 (Sections 3.2.3 and 3.10.1) regarding the stable concession and Mississippi Bar.

400-16: Comment noted. See Master Response ALT-3 (Section 3.2.3) regarding Dike 7 and Folsom Point.

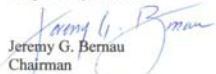
400-17: Comment noted. See Master Response ALT-3 (Section 3.2.3) regarding Dike 7 and Folsom Point.

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Ruth, we sincerely thank you again for taking your time to discuss our issues with the Folsom Lake General Plan and DEIR. As you know, this is a very critical asset for our region and greatly enhances the quality of life of our residents. We sincerely appreciate your leadership and vision. We also understand that budget constraints, day to day management challenges and preferences by District staff cannot help but influence these planning efforts. However, we believe the State Parks System Plan vision must continue to be implemented in the face of these challenges and over the long term cooperation and collaboration will lead to a more successful outcome.

As we have demonstrated by our efforts that helped prevent closure of Folsom Point by the Bureau during the flood control work, FEDCorp is a willing partner with State Parks working to enhance public access and recreational opportunities at the Folsom Lake SRA. Since our membership is committed to serving our community, we feel strongly about those elements that define it. We look forward to continuing the work necessary to develop an appropriate general plan for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jeremy G. Bernau  
Chairman

cc: Mayor Eric King, City of Folsom  
Councilman Jeff Starksy, City of Folsom  
Kerry Miller, City of Folsom  
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Robert Holderness, Folsom Tourism Bureau  
Scott Nakaji, California State Parks and Recreation  
Jim Micheaels, California State Parks and Recreation

## Letter 401

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-----Original Message-----  
From: Michael Olin [<mailto:MOlin@sfx.wrtdesign.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2008 9:43 AM  
To: Michaeels, Jim  
Subject: FW: Would like updates

FYI re: the comments.

-Michael

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-----Original Message-----  
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To: Michael Olin  
Subject: Would like updates

Dear California State Parks, Folsom Lake,

401-1

My husband and I would like updates to the Folsom Lake Plan Update.  
Please send information to the following email addresses. We support a  
multi-use & night time use trail system.

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401-1: Comment noted. Please see Master Response TR-5 and TR-9.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kolling, Guy (MSA) [<mailto:KollingG@saccounty.net>]

Sent: Friday, May 16, 2008 2:02 PM

To: Michaels, Jim

Subject: County Parks Comments On Folsom Lake SRA Plan

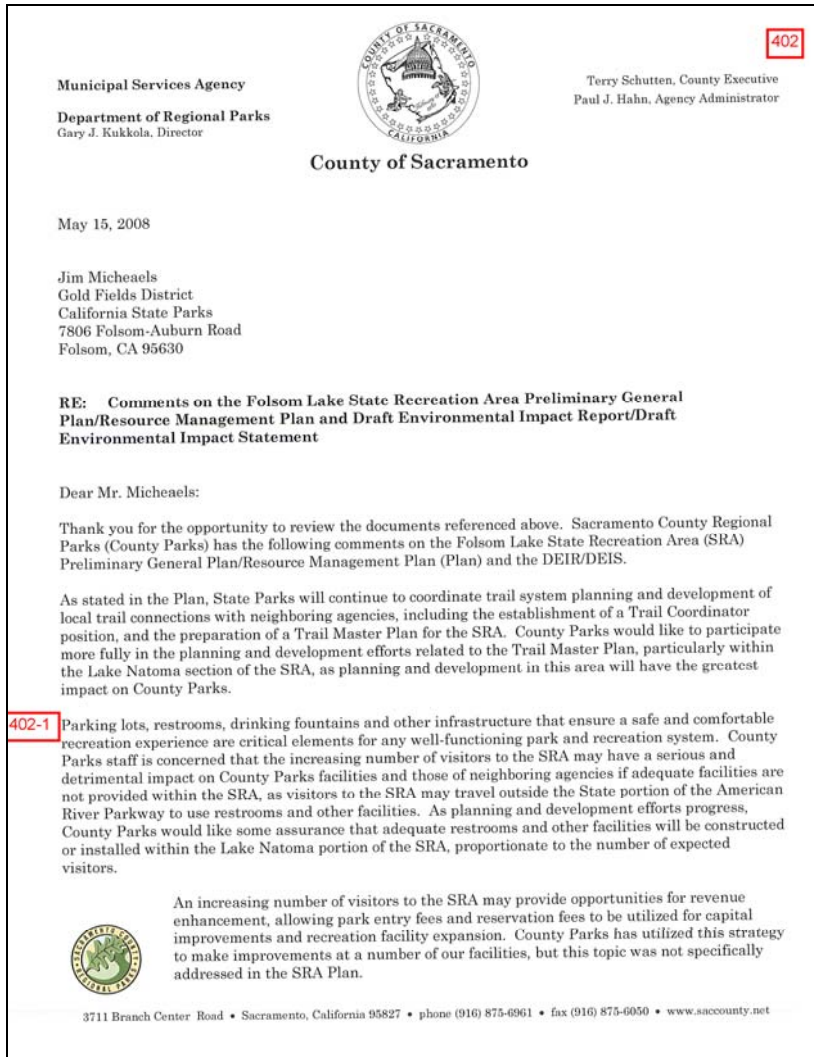
Hello Jim:

Here are the comments from Sacramento County Regional Parks on the Folsom Lake SRA Plan update. See you Thursday. Thanks, Guy.

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402-1: Please see Response to Comment 23-1.

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The City of Folsom, in their comments of April 29, 2008, states that the City would like to increase recreation opportunities in the Lake Natoma section of the SRA, by revising the land use designations for Natoma Shore South from Conservation to Medium Intensity Recreation, and Negro Bar from Medium Intensity Recreation to High Intensity Recreation. The proposed changes in land use designations would allow many more visitors to utilize these areas, and the Lake Natoma section as a whole. While increased usage may be desirable in terms of revenue enhancement for both State Parks and the City of Folsom, the required infrastructure improvements, operations and maintenance activities, and potential visual & auditory intrusions resulting from a greater concentration of visitors at these locations may be detrimental to the recreation experience for most users of the Lake Natoma section of the SRA.


County Parks would like to encourage State Parks to find a balance between conservation of natural resources and providing recreation opportunities for anticipated increased visitors in the coming years. Securing maintenance and operations resources for recreation and park facilities is always challenging, and concentrating on providing revenue generating passive and active recreation opportunities and concession operations in these areas to support operations is a possible solution. The City of Folsom could be a prospective partner in this endeavor.

402-2 As noted in the March 8, 2008 comments sent to you by Rob Roth, several commercial, residential and utility projects have been constructed adjacent to the Lake Natoma section of the SRA that present visual and physical intrusions upon this portion of the SRA and the American River Parkway. County Parks staff believes that the implementation of enforceable planning and zoning codes, similar to that of the County's Parkway Corridor Combining Zone, has the potential to limit the physical and visual intrusions into the landscape, without restraining economic development. County Parks welcomes the opportunity to comment on development plan for projects within the Lake Natoma views shed. Comments would be based on American River Parkway Plan objectives for limiting impacts to the American River Parkway.

Staff at County Parks commends the spirit of cooperation with neighboring agencies incorporated into the documents, and thank you again for the opportunity to review the documents. Parks staff will be presenting these remarks to the Sacramento County Recreation and Park Commission at their next meeting, 6:00 pm, Thursday, May 22, at the Cherry Island Golf Course.

Please contact me by phone at (916) 875-4162 or by email at [kollingg@saccounty.net](mailto:kollingg@saccounty.net) if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Guy Kolling, ASLA  
Associate Landscape Architect

402-2: Please see Response to Comment 23-2.

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**SAVE THE AMERICAN RIVER ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
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May 22, 2008

Attn Jim Micheals, Parks and Recreation Specialist  
 California State Parks  
 Gold Fields District  
 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
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Subject: FLSRA, Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR/EIS

Dear Mr. Micheals:

On behalf of the Save the American River Association, I welcome the opportunity to add our comments to the Plan. We have many concerns about the developing Plan as it relates to Lake Natoma and its immediate environs, but will limit our comments to matters concerning water quality and the City of Folsom.

403-1 Specifically, we shall briefly address well-founded and thoroughly documented concerns about the past and evidence of current unresolved issues confronting this critical water resource. The quality of water in Lake Natoma (an integral part of the Lower American River, a federally-designated Wild and Scenic River) must take into account the City of Folsom, its history of laxity and even lawlessness in stewardship of the river, and more recently, its plans for development on the shores of Lake Natoma, including the 19 acre site of its current corporation yard.

This site is contiguous with state parks lands, and recently (June 21, 2007) was affected by a fire which left toxic remains on top of a site that has been in use for decades for sewage and storm water treatment and discharge, as well as disposal of hazardous materials.

We know that you are well aware of the close link between water quality and all human activities in the SRA. Clearly, it is impossible to conceive of the latter without the former. You have in your possession a study ("Environmental Conditions—Water Quality" April 2003), submitted as part of the plan update by LSA Associates. That report, although now out of date, states: "The Basin Plan standards for fecal coliform bacteria levels in Folsom Lake and the waters downstream of Folsom Dam are twice as stringent as for most other waters with water contact recreation."

It points out that the multiple beneficial uses of Lake Natoma water requires this higher standard, and makes certain recommendations concerning the monitoring of fecal coliform levels at swimming beaches.

Consistent with our mission, SARA has made inquiries over the past eight years concerning testing of Lake Natoma. We have noted on a number of occasions that although many governmental agencies at all three levels have responsibility for maintaining water quality, we have found no evidence that this responsibility is taken seriously. If testing is done, there is no readily accessible public record of such activity.

403-1: Comments noted. Much of this letter discusses the water quality of Lake Natoma and specific concerns with fecal coliform and water contact recreation. This issue does not relate specifically to the Preliminary GP/RMP, but is an operational issues and concern. Reclamation, the Sacramento County Department of Health and other agencies have in the past conducted water quality monitoring, including testing for fecal coliform, at Lake Natoma. This testing has, on occasion, indicated elevated levels of fecal coliform bacteria, however, the testing has been inconclusive as to a pattern or source of these elevated levels of coliform. State Parks and Reclamation will continue to evaluate and monitor water quality as it relates to water contact recreation as necessary and appropriate.

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Summarizing the past seven years of SARA's monitoring the flaws and violations in the City of Folsom's sewage disposal problems, stemming from many different causes, is not our purpose here.

We have on hand several file boxes of documents and letters, have spent many hours before the Central Valley Regional Board on the matter, and most recently, in August 2007, unsuccessfully opposed the Board's decision for early release of the city from the NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) transferring the city instead to the toothless "self-reporting" system of the State of California.

Folsom illegally discharged 750,000 gallons of raw sewage into Lake Natoma at Willow Creek in January, 2000. They were fined \$750,000, were named in a devastating Grand Jury Report for their continued violations, and were ultimately issued the now-rescinded NPDES permit. We note that many of the provisions of the permit have never been met, and are not likely to be given the lack of enforcement by the State of California. The expectation of self-enforcement by the city of Folsom is, based on their past record, an oxymoron.

Driven by the lack of action by official agencies, SARA has been taking and testing samples of Lake Natoma water for E.coli since 2004, on a periodic basis. We have found sufficient evidence of the presence of E.coli at unacceptable levels to be alarmed. The highest level of contamination that we have found came from Alder Pond on February 25, 2008, immediately after our "last" rain. Photo copies of the Petri-film results are attached (Att. No. 1). Note the blue bubbles, each representing one colony /ml, or 1500/100 ml, many times more than the accepted upper limit for recreational waters.

We immediately informed the Folsom utilities director of our findings, inquiring about any SSO's (sanitary sewer overflows) that might have occurred over the rainy weekend. He stated that there were none, and that the elevated E.coli findings were probably caused by "animals."

A few days after the spectacular corporation yard fire,(see selected images, Att. No. 2.) we asked the utilities director about possible hazardous waste that might be a danger to the river. He stated that there was no problem, pointing out that a representative of the Regional Board had checked out the site immediately after the fire. Our inquiry indicated that there had been no such visit. John Moody of the Regional Board staff inspected the site at the end of July and issued a report (Att.No. 3), along with 23 photos—also attached.

We recognize that water quality issues are low on the political radar screen at present. Water purveyors are very good at what they do, as far as it goes, and E.coli in *drinking water* has become a non-issue in urban areas, as the bacteria are easily dealt with through chlorinization. The sellers of water, whether public or private, also can handle many other contaminants, at some cost, but also with considerable effectiveness.

Bodily contact in E.coli contaminated recreational waters is quite a different matter—to say nothing of its effects on aquatic life and water contact recreation.

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In conclusion:

- The stewardship of the City of Folsom with respect to its immediate environment has been conspicuously lacking, and yet the leadership of this same city wishes to expand, build, and develop in close proximity to the river that it has regularly fouled;
- The developments proposed will demand water and consequent discharge into an overburdened, undersized, and aging sewer line that serves far too many people already, including the inmates of Folsom prison and residences on both the north and south sides of the river;
- The city's plan for a "clean closure" of the corporation yard site could well be a daunting and enormously expensive task, passed on to the taxpayers as a gift to developers who seem indistinguishable from Folsom elected officials;
- While we by no means place the entire blame for water quality degradation in Lake Natoma on Folsom, their record regarding maintenance and repair of their own sanitary sewer system is so abysmal that they simply cannot be trusted to share in the management or administration of any part of the Folsom Lake SRA;
- Although water quality is not currently a matter of high public concern, we predict that it will become so in the next few years as population escalates, demand for water for all beneficial uses increases, and the current administrators of the EPA have faded into the sunset.

Please do not hesitate to call on SARA for further elaboration of any issues we might have raised herein. These issues are complex, and may invite further elaboration and documentation. Be assured that we stand with you in preserving Lake Natoma in its present form as a quiet, unhurried, open-space escape from all that surrounds it.

Sincerely,



Alan D. Wade  
For the Board of Directors of SARA  
(Save the American River Association)

cc list of interested parties continued on page 4

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Attachment to Jim Micheaels letter May 22, 2008	
Ruth Coleman, Director California State Parks	Scott Nakaji, District Superintendent Gold Fields District
Honorable Dave Cox Member of Senate	Honorable Roger Niello Member of Assembly
County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors	California State University of Sacramento Attn: Craig Perez, Stewardship Officer
CSUS Aquatic Center (Lake Natoma) Brian Dular, Director	Bureau of Reclamation Attn: Regional Director
CA. Dept. of Fish and Game Attn: Regional Director	Sacramento Dept. of Public Health Attn: Val Siebal
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board Attn: Pamela Creedon, Director	

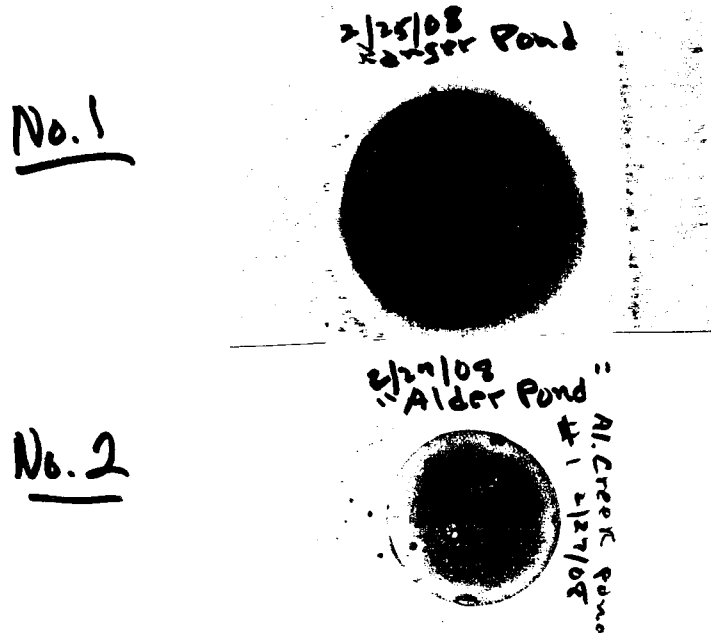
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Photo copies of 3-M petrifilm showing enumeration of waterborne *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) samples taken from Alder Pond (Lake Natoma) after the last rain event. Note the blue bubbles, developed in overnight incubation, each representing one (1) colony/ml.

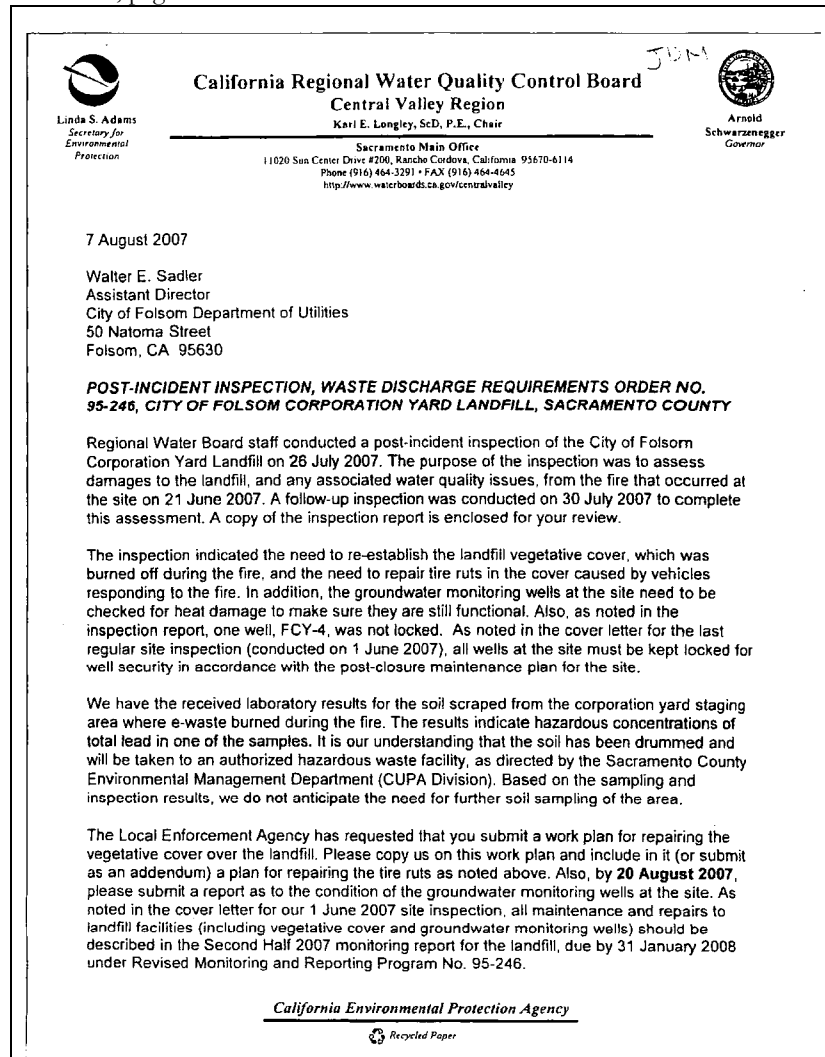
Sample No. 1, taken on 2/25/08, shows 14-15 colonies, equivalent to 1500E. coli/100 ml, the volume usually reported.

Sample No. 2, taken on 2/27/08 at the same spot, shows 5 colonies per ml, or 500/100 ml.

The City of Folsom was immediately informed of our findings, and denied knowledge of sso's (sanitary sewer overflows), suggesting that "animals" were to blame for the unacceptable levels of *E. coli*.



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Walter E. Sadler  
City of Folsom Public Works Department  
Sacramento County

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7 August 2007

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 454-4641.



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Enclosure

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Guy Graening, Brown and Caldwell, Sacramento

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Site Inspection  
Folsom Corporation Yard Landfill  
Sacramento County

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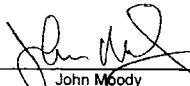
31 July 2007

I observed several locked metal sheds containing hazardous wastes, but none of them were burned or charred. The operator explained that the fire had been extinguished at the southern end of the HHW area, pointing out the asphalt pad where the shed had been located (Photo 19). He indicated that the shed contained equipment and wooden shelving, but no hazardous wastes. The burned shed had been cleared away, and at the time of the inspection the area was being used for storage of boxes of e-waste (e.g., computers, monitors, keyboards and televisions) received since the fire.

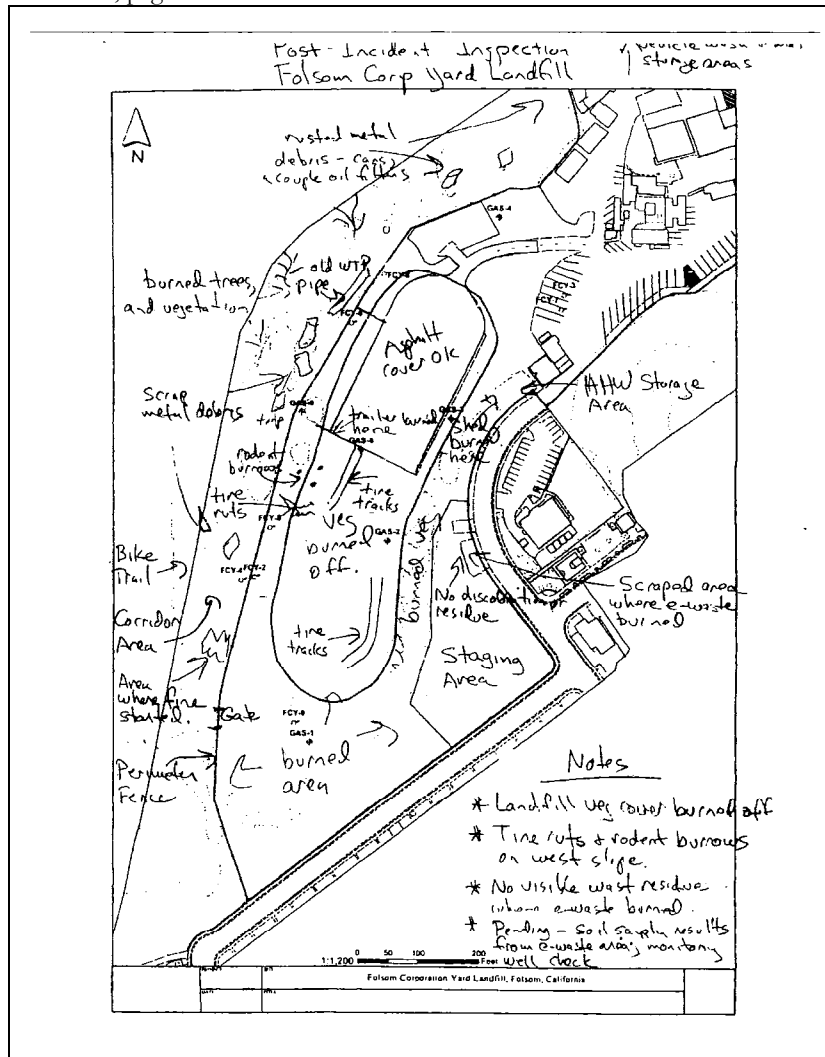
Vehicle Washing Facility

I then visited the vehicle washing facility at the northern end of the corporation yard. The operator pointed out the sump into which the facility is plumbed, indicating that drainage from the area is collected in a sump and then, by means of a submersible pump, pumped into the main sewer trunk line up the hill northeast of the site to a pump station (Photo 20).

Immediately west of the vehicle washing facility, I observed a concrete surface drain and spillway that had a mild septic odor. There was much algae on the surface of residual water in the drain. The operator indicated that the drain was a filtration system for the storm water interceptor for the adjacent materials storage area (Photos 21 and 22), a best management practice described in the facility's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. Storm water runoff from the area flows into the drain, spilling into a cobble filtration system. It then percolates down about four feet into the interceptor sump where oil and grease is separated from storm water. The storm water is then discharged down the adjacent embankment as authorized under the General Storm Water Permit for the facility (Photo 23).

  
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Water Resources Control Engineer

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**CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD****DISCHARGER:** Folsom Corporation Yard Landfill**LOCATION & COUNTY:** Folsom, Sacramento County**CONTACT(S):** Kyle Ericson, City of Folsom Department of Utilities**INSPECTION DATES:** 26 July 2007 at 10:00 a.m.; 30 July 2007 at 10:30 a.m.**INSPECTED BY:** John Moody, Central Valley RWQCB**ACCOMPANIED BY:** Kyle Ericson and Darin Ajax, City of Folsom Department of Utilities;  
Bill Gisler, City of Folsom Department of Public Works**OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS:**

Regional Water Board staff conducted a post-incident inspection of the Folsom Corporation Yard Landfill on 26 July 2007 to assess the extent of damages, and any associated water quality issues, from a fire that occurred at the site in the early evening of 21 June 2007. Board staff conducted a follow-up inspection of the site on 30 July 2007 to complete the assessment. Areas viewed included the upper and lower decks of the landfill; the landfill perimeter drains and groundwater monitoring wells; the outside perimeter of the site; and areas of the corporation yard, including staging, household hazardous waste, vehicle washing, and adjacent materials storage areas. The inspection findings were as follows:

The weather on both days was sunny and warm, about 80 °F. Site conditions were dry.

**Landfill**

There did not appear to be any fire-related damage to the asphalt-covered portion of the landfill (i.e., the upper deck), which comprises about one acre of the four-acre landfill. While this area is used for employee parking and equipment storage, the operator indicated that most of the vehicles had already left the site by the time of the fire (Photo 1). An empty trailer parked on the southern edge of the asphalt cover was, however, consumed during the fire.

The fire burned all of the cover vegetation off the remaining areas of the landfill, however, including the lower deck and side slopes (Photos 2 through 4). The perimeter drainage swales, which were thick with vegetation in the previous inspection in early June, were also burned down to soil (Photos 5 and 6). There were numerous tire tracks on the burned cover deck, and a few deep ruts along the western side slope that the operator indicated were from vehicles responding to the fire (e.g., Photos 2, 3, 4, and 7). Along the western slope, I also noticed several rodent burrows, each about three inches in diameter, in the cover soil that had been exposed by the fire (Photo 8). I asked the operator if I could check the monitoring wells at the site, which have locked cast iron casings, to make sure there was no heat damage from the fire.

Approved: [Signature of John Moody]

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but the operator indicated that only his consultant had the keys. The operator indicated that he would check the wells once he obtained the keys.

Outside Perimeter Area

Southwest of the landfill, outside of the perimeter fence, the operator showed me the area where the fire is believed to have started. The area was within the bike trail corridor between the landfill and lake, which is state-owned land. Most of the vegetation in the bike trail corridor had been burned or singed by the fire, leaving many charred tree stumps and branches. The operator indicated that the fire spread both northward along the corridor, and eastward through the monitoring well field in the southern part of the site (Photos 9, 10, and 11).

In the corridor area, I noticed litter in several places and various pieces of rusted metal debris, including sheet metal, heavy gauge metal tanks, old cans, and a couple of old oil filters (Photos 12, 13, and 14). Much of the metal debris appeared to be remnants of historic dredging operations. None of the metal debris appeared to be recently discharged to the area. In one area (about half way up the corridor), I noticed a piece of heavy rubber tarp (about three-foot square) that appeared to have road grease on it. There was also a large metal pipe that the operator indicated was a remnant of the discharge line from the former wastewater treatment plant. The plant was decommissioned in the mid-1970s prior to construction of the landfill. The pipe was disconnected in several areas. I did not see any erosion or other evidence of discharge from the line (Photo 15).

I also checked offsite well FCY-4 in the corridor area. The casing for this well was not locked. Looking inside, I did not notice any damage to this well.

Staging Area

I also viewed the Staging Area on the hillside east of the landfill to view the area where a box of electronic waste had burned during the fire (Photo 16). The operator indicated that the City often uses the area for temporary storage of items to be picked up from the site, such as recyclable materials and vehicles for auction. Several vehicles were parked in the area at the time of the inspection. I then viewed the area where the e-waste had been stored, which had been marked off with tape and safety cones (Photo 17). There was no longer any e-waste in this area, and I did not see any residual wastes, discoloration, or any other evidence of the burned e-waste on the ground surface. The operator explained that the burned e-waste had been removed from the site by a hazardous waste recycler, and that the upper few inches of soil from storage area had been scraped up and placed in drums pending soil sampling results. He indicated that the results should be available in the next few days and that additional soil sampling of the ground surface in the area would be conducted if warranted based on the results from the drummed material.

Immediately adjacent to this area, I noticed two creosote-coated utility poles, or portions of poles, protruding from the embankment along Forest Drive (Photo 18). The end of one of the poles was charred. I did not see any other creosote-coated poles at the site.

Household Hazardous Waste Area

North of the Staging Area near the rear facility entrance, I viewed the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) area, where the fire consumed a storage shed. At the north end of this area,