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Sierra Front Field Office, Nevada

Carson Valley Discovery Trail

SCOPING REPORT

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BLM Seeks Input on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Sierra Front Field Office in Carson City, Nevada has been coordinating the development of the *Carson Valley Discovery Trail* since 2007. The Carson Valley Trails Association (CVTA) is a community-based organization focused on providing non-motorized recreation opportunities for the general public. The Project area is located in Douglas and Carson City Counties.

In order to fulfill the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act, an environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential effects of trail construction and maintenance will be prepared by the BLM.

In preparing their proposal, the CVTA has provided the BLM with the following information:

- Construct and maintain 45 miles of new non-motorized trails along the westside of the Pine Nut Mountains;
- The trail system would include one primary trail with five loop trails;
- The new trails would involve BLM-managed lands and a small portion of lands managed by the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (and is participating as a Cooperating Agency);
- Utilize two existing trailhead/access points for parking and trail information; and
- Modify or construct eight new trailhead/access points for parking and trail information.

To assist the BLM in evaluating the CVTA's proposal and whether there are existing concerns or conflict of uses for the Carson Valley Discovery Trail project, your input is requested at this early stage.

- Do you have knowledge of sensitive or unique resources within the proposed project area?
- Do you have knowledge of conflicts between recreation users within the proposed project area?
- Do you have knowledge of conflicts with the proposed trailhead/access points?
- Do you have other information about the proposed project area that could assist us with our evaluation?

** Public meetings **

This project will be presented on Thursday November 1, 2012 to the Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting at 9 am and to the Douglas County Commissioners meeting at 1 pm.

A workshop will also be held on Wednesday November 14, 2012 from 5 pm until 7 pm at the Pinon Hills Elementary School, 1479 Stephanie Way, Minden, Nevada in the multi-purpose room.

This 30-day scoping period **closes on November 25, 2012**.

For additional information and a map of the proposed trail system go to: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_information/nepa.html.

Should you have any questions, or to submit your comments, contact: Brian Buttazoni, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, 5665 Morgan Mill Rd, Carson City, Nevada 89701 or email at: bbuttazoni@blm.gov. Comments can also be faxed to: 775-885-6147 attn: Brian Buttazoni. For more information call: 775-885-6004.

Summary of Internal and External Scoping Efforts

"There shall be an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action. This process shall be termed scoping." (43 CFR 1501.7)

On October 25, 2010, the *Carson Valley Discovery Trail* was evaluated by the BLM's interdisciplinary team. Issues that were raised during the review included:

- Are their BLM sensitive plant species in the project area? Can potential impacts to them be minimized?
- Are their Native American religious uses in the project area and concerns about potential impacts?
- How would the non-motorized trail be designed that would limit opportunities for unauthorized use by motorized vehicles?

In July of 2012 the BLM and CVTA executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlined the respective financial and other responsibilities for the Project authorization, including the need to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). On October 25, 2012, the BLM announced a 30-day public scoping period for the original project. Letters and a project map were sent to approximately 72 residents adjacent to the project area, information was published on the project's website, and a news release was issued. The CVTA also announced the project on the organizations website and through their mailing list. Articles for this scoping appeared on KTNV Channel 2 – Reno (web version) on October 25, 2012, in the *Reno-Gazette Journal* on November 1, 2012, and the *Record-Courier* on November 4, 2012.

The BLM presented the *Carson Valley Discovery Trail* to the Douglas County Commissioners meeting on November 1, 2012. A workshop was held on November 14, 2012 at the Pinon Hill Elementary School. Approximately 120 people were in attendance. Sixty-one comments were submitted to the BLM. The public scoping period ended on November 25, 2012. The BLM also made presentations to the Carson City Open Space Committee on December 4, 2012, and to the Carson City Board of Supervisors on December 6, 2012.

Written Comments

Received by the

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Note: To ensure the privacy of individuals that have submitted written comments, personal information such as name(s), address and email have been removed from the comment letters contained in this Scoping Report.

Oct. 29, 2012

[redacted]

My Name is [redacted] and I live at the very end of [redacted]. To get to our home we use an BLM access road commonly know as [redacted]. We have, with the help of [redacted] built, improved and maintained that three and one half mile road for over twenty years . This is not a small task, we have to fix all damages like the wash-outs from flood waters coming down [redacted] sub-division and the constant erosion caused by Off-road vehicles at our expense. We take care of this road so that we can get essential services to our homes, the rub is that everyone else gets to use it for free while we pay BLM a Lease payment to be allowed to use it. Most user's appreciate the work we do but there are some that feel because the road is on BLM land they have a right to abuse it . When we have approached BLM for assistance on any issue with this road, maintenance, off road misuse, dumping they continuously have no resources or manpower to take care of THEIR land.

The intend of this letter is to place our concerns in the minutes of your meeting on Nov 1, 2012 regarding the issue of a no-motorized trial along the west side of the Pine Nut Mountains.

1) The Proposed trail head at the north end looks to be right on the access road we lease from BLM. We would like to know if BLM or Douglas County is going to take over maintaining the road?

2) How will this trail be policed? We have BLM signs on the road now that no one pays attention to. We have "No Trespassing" signs yet people still trespass. Who will pay to keep the off-road vehicles off of it?

3) This trial head at the north end will impact our lands and our life's .

I hope to see you all at the workshop a Pinon Hills Elementary School on Nov 14.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2012 8:04 PM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Subject: Re: Carson Valley Discovery Trail

Brian

First of all, thanks for the email and maps.

I would like to provide some initial comments pertaining to the maps and the Proposed Carson Valley Discovery Trail.

1. The additional maps provided do not provide any additional details south of Fish Springs Road

2. The Map that you emailed to me (Carson Valley Trail Map BLM 2010-05-06.pdf) does provide a little more detail.

My Comments based on the above mentioned map.

1. It appears that a NEW Trail Head is Proposed on Ott Rd. This Trail Head would not be advisable or acceptable for the following reasons.

   a. Ott Rd. is located partially on BLM land and partially on private land.

   b. The part of Ott Rd that is on private land is on easements from the adjacent properties.
   c. Even though there are easements for the road Douglas County has not accepted the easements for the road, therefore
   d. The property owners providing the easements currently maintain access through the easements for their access.
   e. The proposed trail head would encourage others to encroach on private property.
2. The portion of the BLM land off of Bluebird, Out-R-Way and Ott Rd. was designated and posted by BLM <u>NO OFF ROAD VEHICLES.</u>
   a. The posting has been removed by off-roaders
   b. We have many off road vehicles that currently infiltrate this area and with the NEW Proposed Trail Head this problem would be compounded further.

A better more practical location with easier, year round access for this particular trail head would be south west of the intersection of Bluebird and Out-R-Way.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely
[redacted]

--- On **Tue, 10/30/12, Buttazoni, Brian L <*bbuttazoni@blm.gov*>** wrote:

From: Buttazoni, Brian L <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>
Subject: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
To: [redacted]
Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2012, 7:00 PM

Four new topographic maps have been added to the project's website at:

https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=45025

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Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2012 8:46 PM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Subject: [redacted]

Brian

In my comments email reply I did not reference a particular trail head. I just realized that the trail head that I have been talking about is

Pinenut Knolls Trail Head

I am not able to attend the Nov 1, commissioners meeting due to prior commitments. I would appreciate it if you could make my comments available at the meeting.

Thank You
[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 4:11 PM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Subject: Douglas County Nature Trail Proposal

Mr. Buttazoni, we are the owners of property at the [redacted] in the Pine Nut area. We have reviewed the proposed SOUTHERN PINE NUT KNOLLS LOOP 4.0, and NORTHERN PINE NUT KNOLLS LOOP 6.5. We appreciate the maps and information that your office has provided on this proposal.

Our concern, given the large and devastating fires in this area of the Pine Nuts that have occurred, and the tremendous cost to fight them, that introducing an added number of hikers and campers into this very vulnerable area will create even greater fire hazards. Those already in existence through undergrowth, lightening, etc. are already dangerous as the most recent fires over the past two years have demonstrated. To intentionally introduce additional man-made risk to the area does not seem logical.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2012 12:02 PM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Subject: Carson Valley Discovery Trail

Dear Brian, thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail. While I cannot tell exactly where the Trail will go, it appears that it is the same area which has been utilized for years by ORV'ers. They have utilized a multitude of both single and dual track trails which, for the most part, have been made by organized motorcyle groups and individuals. I personally utilize the areas east of the parking provided at the ends of Johnson Lane and Pine Nut Road. I have not experienced any conflicts with hikers, nor have I experienced problems with hikers while utilizing the existing ORV trail system. These areas offer some of the best riding areas from Reno to Minden. They offer unique trail experiences with lovely valley wide vistas and pleasant resting areas. There are mines in the area (copper I believe) as well as closed mines and mine shafts. With so many areas open to hiking I find it difficult to be objective with my comments as there are so few decent ORV areas available. I hope that if this project goes forward I would trust that you find a way for "sharing" of this area and not use this "Trail" as a first step in shutting the area down foir ORV use. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. [redacted],

[redacted]

[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2012 1:17 PM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Subject: LLNVC02000

Brian,
Comment regarding the proposed Carson Valley Discovery Trail.

I notice the trail will be non-motorized. What will keep the ohv's/atv's/motorcycles, etc. from using the trail? I've been running(on foot) the area around Hot Springs mountain, 2 - 3 times a week for the past 17 years. During that time I have observed numerous new paths and trails created by motorized users as well as the serious degradation of previous old mining access roads/wagon paths. Given the traffic that already uses the region, what's to keep them from using the footpath? Please don't say signs will be put in place because there are already signs about no dumping, no open fires, and stay on existing trails, and they are all ignored on a regular basis.

I know BLM staffing has suffered over the years as I may see a Ranger cruising the area maybe once a year, if that. You do the best you can but the people using the area in an uncaring way far outnumber your resources. I live about 100 yards from what will probably become one of the access points so I see and experience the citizens who feel rules don't apply to them on a regular basis.

I plan on attending the meeting on 11/14 at the Pinon Hills School, 6:30 to 8:30 pm to get a better idea of the project.

Thank you for your time.

[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 10:20 PM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Comments on proposed Carson Valley Discovery Trail, Buckeye Rd. to Ruhenstroth
Attachments: DTrailCom.pdf

Dear Mr. Buttazoni,

Attached in file DTrailCom.pdf are comments about the proposed Discovery Trail on the east side of Carson Valley. In general, I think that the trail is a questionable enterprise which is not worth the effort and certainly should not be supported by public funds. Most of it will do little harm, but I do have strong objections to one proposed loop section. The attachment explains more fully.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Comments by [redacted] on the Proposed Carson Valley (Pine Nut) Discovery Trail

My qualifications to comment:

[redacted] about a mile and a half from the proposed trail. I am an avid hiker and have hiked most of the proposed trail which is within five miles of my house, roughly from Buckeye Rd. to Ruhenstroth. I have also biked parts, though less extensively.

Brief summary of my concerns:

Following is a brief listing of concerns on which I shall comment below. They refer to the part of the proposed trail with which I am extensively familiar, roughly from Buckeye Rd. to Ruhenstroth.

1. The proposed trail would largely duplicate little-used existing roads and thus would be an inefficient use of (public?) funds.
2. The nature of the terrain will make it impossible to enforce a ban against all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and motorcycles on the proposed trail.
3. One particular proposed loop would do little to further access to its area, but its very construction would destroy wilderness values in that area.

1 Nature of the terrain

The Buckeye Rd. to Pine Nut Rd. section is mainly dry, dusty sagebrush country. There are some trees, but it lacks the charm of the denser piñon pine forests higher in the Pine Nuts. I don't find it very attractive or interesting and rarely hike here.

Because the country is so open, it will be impossible to keep motorized vehicles off the trail with any conceivable enforcement resources. Realistic plans should recognize that attempted enforcement would only be a waste of resources.

This portion is already served by various roads easily passable by horses and bicycles, as well as high-clearance vehicles. It is easy to drive from Pine Nut Rd. to Buckeye Rd. in my SUV.

The existing roads are little-used. I have made this drive many times, and not once have seen another vehicle before reaching Buckeye Rd.

Hikers, bicyclists, and horsepeople already have a network of roads which are adequate substitutes for the proposed trail. Moreover, the terrain is such that roads are unnecessary for hikers and horses. I avoid roads wherever possible, and it is possible almost everywhere in this area. I would not hike the trail even if I could be sure that its non-motorized designation would be respected. I imagine that many others may feel the same.

The terrain of the Pine Nut Rd. to Ruhenstroth section is similar, but this section is already crisscrossed with many roads and trails used by ATV's, motorcycles, and bicyclists. I have never seen a horse or hiker here, and I imagine that is because most hikers, like me, would seek out more attractive areas.

2 Arguments against a proposed loop section

About three miles from Pine Nut road, a 500′ hill shaped roughly like a loaf of bread rises from the flatter country and runs south to Pine Nut Rd. About a mile from Pine Nut Rd., this hill is completely cut by an east-west canyon, so it is really two hills which I will call the "north hill" and "south hill".

The hills support piñon pine and juniper forests, but the forests are not thick enough to deter hikers or horses. Informal motorcycle trails provide motorized and bicycle access to these hills.

The proposed Discovery Trail includes two loops, one on the north hill and one on the south hill. I am particularly concerned about the proposed loop on the south hill, though many of my remarks will also apply to some degree to the north hill. The difference between the two is that due to recently worked mines, there are already various jeep tracks on the north hill, so it lacks some of the wilderness values of the south hill. The proposed loop on the north hill would be less objectionable than the proposed loop on the south hill.

The south hill is more densely forested than the north hill, with piñon pine and juniper, and is more attractive. I have heard that the area was logged in the 1800's for fuel for nearby mines, but few traces remain. The forest has probably been growing undisturbed for over a hundred years. It is nearly wilderness and far enough from the nearest road to be almost silent.

I find it strangely peaceful. In the warm months, I hike up there several times a week. Although I go cross-country, it is an easy hike, a bit over a mile, and it doesn't take much imagination to feel that one is in wilderness.

In nine years, only once have I met another person on the south hill, and that was in an unusual situation. Smoke was visible on the other side of the hill, and I hiked up to see where the fire was. I met a couple on an ATV who went up for the same reason.

Although there is an ATV trail, they were going cross-country also. The hill is already easily accessible without formal trails.

The ATV trail is not on the BLM map. It is an unpaved extension of Blue Bird Rd. It is a bit too narrow to be called a "road", though I imagine that four wheel drives could manage it. However, it is much wider than typical hiking trails. It is generally smooth, and would be very easy for horses, ATV's and motorcycles. The only deterrent to bicycles would be its steepness. The south hill is also served by jeep roads on its south side, feasible for energetic bicyclists.

The point is that the south hill is *already* served by roads and trails more than adequate for horses and hikers. Construction of the proposed loop would largely destroy the wilderness values of the area while conferring little additional benefit.

I urge the BLM to think long and hard before doing irreversible damage like that. I urge the good folks of the Carson Valley Trail Association[1] to hike to

[1] I am (or was) a long-time member, and I have worked on the Faye-Luther and Job's Peak Ranch trails. They never cashed the check I sent them in January, so I don't know if my current renewal was ever processed.

In general, I support their fine work on the Sierra side of the Carson Valley where the veg-

the summit ridge of the south hill and ponder what a constructed trail would do to its wilderness character.

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etation is thick enough to make cross-country hiking often difficult. But I think that the proposed Discovery trail in the Pine Nuts would be largely a waste of effort.

[redacted]

November 14, 2012

Brian Buttazoni
Planning and Environmental Coordinator
5665 Morgan Mill Road
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: 1610 (LLNVC02000)

Dear Mr. Buttazoni:

Initially, please note that the proposed trail raises mixed feelings among those of us that will be residents near it. Public access to public lands is a positive thing and needs to be protected as much as possible. Trails help otherwise urban and metropolitan bound people experience our natural surroundings. However, ill-conceived facilities, like poorly located trailheads, lead to deteriorated experiences and negative consequences to the environment, wildlife and people.

Therefore, please consider our letter as supportive of the concept of the proposed trail (so long as it remains for non-motorized use) but with significant reservations for the purposed trailhead at Monarch Mine.

We suggest that the proposal be revised to eliminate the trailhead at the Monarch Mine. There is already a trailhead proposed (on Out-R-Way) within less than a mile of the mine which will be better suited and more easily constructed and maintained. There is no particular reason the Juniper Ridge loop trail as proposed cannot remain part of the Carson Valley Discovery Trail. However, it can be reached from the Out-R-Way Trailhead. That trailhead makes much more sense than does the Monarch Mine one. It is flatter, it is proximate to a county maintained road, it is an open area large enough for turnaround of horse trailers, it has adequate flat area for parking, it will require no cleanup or rehabilitation, being flat it will create little erosion, ditching exists along the county road, it is exposed to county traffic (helping to prevent vandalism and dumping), there are no manmade or natural hazards nearby, and port-a-potties could be used and serviced conveniently.

Additionally, our neighbors and we are quite concerned about the public access point to reach the proposed Monarch Mine Trailhead. Our concerns are both legal and practical (initial construction and perpetual maintenance). As explained below, there is no current public right-of-way access to the Monarch Mine site. Two track roads do exist, but are private and are maintained by the landowners and neighbors of the [redacted]. For the public and/or the BLM to simply install a trailhead and commence using the roads for general public access would at the least amount to taking unfair advantage of the resources of neighbors and well constitute a "taking of property without just compensation."

In terms of items of concern for the BLM to consider in an Environmental Assessment, please consider the following:

For the Entire Length of the Trail (including proposed trailheads):

1. Identify and make safe all abandoned mines and glory holes – these present a real hazard to trail users. Dogs have fallen in glory holes and their owners insist that Douglas Search and Rescue recover them. There are a multitude of hazards that go with abandoned mines. Doing nothing about them yet attracting the public to their location is irresponsible.
2. Thought needs to be given to trail intersections especially where motorized use will intersect with non-motorized trail. Over the length of the proposed trail, many east west trails cross the Pine Nut Mountains. These intersections will provide an opportunity for motorize traffic to veer off on the non-motorized trail unless special precautions are taken. More than mere signage will be required.
3. Absolute physical barriers need to be erected to prevent motorized access to the non-motorized portions of the trail. Much of the length of the proposed trail is already used by motorized vehicles. Consideration must be given to allowing the continuation of that use or its prohibition. If it is to be prohibited; the method of enforcement must be more than simply sporadic patrolling by BLM law enforcement.
4. Each trailhead, and lengthy parts of the trail, must have adequate toilet facilities that are well maintained. Particular attention needs to be paid to natural stopping points and restroom facilities need to be provided. We do not need a "Wilson Canyon" effect where toilet paper is left blowing in the wind along the east side of the Carson Valley.

5. Use by stock must be anticipated. They are non-motorized and many members of the public presently use the various lengths of the proposed trail for horseback riding. Establishing a trailhead will concentrate rigs of truck and horse trailers at these sites.
6. Sites need to have ingress and egress, adequate parking, and turnaround areas. Attention needs to be paid to creation of erosion by vehicles drifting off the roadway and whether the use will likely be heavy enough to raise a concern over manure management.
7. All trailheads must manage runoff so as to prevent erosion and environmental damage from vehicles and stock.
8. Trash receptacles and service for them should be provided at each trailhead.
9. Some thought should be given to the cleanup of trash dumped by the public on these lands near the trail and trailheads. Nothing detracts from the enjoyment of nature more than encountering household refuge, tires, used oil containers, old cars, and other junk along the trail or at the trailhead. Perhaps a twice per year cleanup with volunteer public participation would suffice.
10. Either adequate separation of private land from the proposed trail needs to be designed in the routing or measures need to be taken to prevent the public from wandering onto private lands. Private lands include not only that of a traditional nature, but also Bureau of Indian Affairs lands. At the least, signs should be posted demarking BLM land from private land.
11. The entire length of the trail should be reviewed for both natural and man-made hazards with appropriate measures taken to protect entrants against them.

Concerns of Juniper Ridge Loop Trail and Trailhead:

1. This area is replete with adits, shafts, glory holes, and prospects. Many are shown on the Mt. Segal USGS seven and one-half minute map. Others exist that are not shown. The area encompasses two mines (Chucker and Monarch). The Monarch Mine appears to have been "abandoned" within the last ten years. The miner of the Chucker holding still plans on resuming mine activities. Large quantities of abandoned equipment and trash are still located at both mines despite pilferage by scrape iron trespassers. Both mines have large conveyors, crushers, and hoppers that need to be removed.
2. Both mines have large excavations that present significant hazards and traps for the unwary. They must be cleaned up, closed up, and made safe before any attraction is created for the public.

3. Both mines contain "slurry" ponds. The Monarch Mine is well over one hundred years old. The Chucker Mine had its origin with the exploration by Coronado. Historically, mining techniques included the use of mercury, arsenic, and cyanide. Further, fuels (diesel and other) have been stored and used on each site. Diesel fuel has been spilled at Monarch Mine. The soil at both sites should be sampled and analyzed and remediation performed if necessary to insure public safety.
4. A deep water well (at least one) exists at the Monarch Mine. This well should be evaluated to insure it is secure with a seal and physically protected against vandalism and inadvertent contamination.
5. A "lab" building still exists at Monarch Mine. Soil should be sampled to insure it is not contaminated and remediation performed if necessary.
6. The Monarch Mine site has considerable underground and partially underground piping and electrical wiring that should be removed.
7. Generally, the area has been subject to trespassers dumping debris and trash. Clean up should be undertaken and steps taken to prevent dumping in the future: both by erecting barriers to access and patrolling.
8. Many fires have occurred over the last two years. In the summer of 2011, two lightning strikes created fires on our private land and near the Chucker Mine over the ridge. Several fires have occurred just to the south (Ray May and two or three others). Summers can be extremely dangerous. Consideration needs to be given to prevention, suppression, and remediation of fire in the area. This is a serious matter and begs the question do we really want to establish an attraction that will draw more people to the area? Also, should static tanks be strategically placed so water can be readily available for fire fighters?
9. Erosion at the trailhead site, Mountain Clover Road, and Sunset Ridge must be addressed and prevented. The two roads contain steep inclines. Over a distance of 333 feet Sunset Ridge rises 35feet: a 10.5% grade. Erosion by two thunderstorms this summer devastated that hill. We neighbors made repairs, but it will happen again and the additional traffic created by this proposed trailhead will significantly exacerbate the problem. Mountain Clover Road steadily climbs 185 feet over a distance of 4,065 feet: a 5% grade (it actually appears to vary from 5 to 8%). Temporary measures of

the use of rice netting will only help for a year or two. Permanent steps will have to be taken.

10. I have taken steps to prevent the crushing of the ends of the corrugated culvert pipe on [redacted] So far it has worked. I believe I have the only culvert in Douglas County that has not been crushed at one or both ends. I want it to stay that way, so if this trailhead happens, the culvert pipe should be lengthened by at least 10 feet and protected at either end.
11. Consideration needs to be given for the parking and turnaround of rigs hauling stock.
12. Installation and maintenance of restroom facilities must be considered and dealt with. Temporary port-a-potties will not suffice. At the least, concrete pit toilets will be required.
13. Prevention of vandalism, crime and unauthorized use should be considered. Should the trailhead be closed from dusk to dawn? What agency should patrol the area and be responsible for law enforcement? Physical barriers should be considered to prevent motorized use of the trail. Please do not erect any night lights to wash out our night sky.
14. Is the Monarch claim still "current?" If so, the owner needs to be consulted since his use will be paramount.
15. Is the area still open to active mine claiming and prospecting? If so, consider how to prevent conflicts or expensive rerouting of the trail. Explosives have been used, even relatively recently, in mining operations.
16. Over the last several seasons, active animal trapping has occurred in the Monarch Mine area. Action will be necessary to prevent harm to users of the trail system and their pets should this trailhead become a reality.
17. Both casual and formal shooting occurs in the area. Steps need to be taken to insure the safety of the trail and trail head users.

Status of Sunset Ridge and Mountain Clover Road

These two roads were designated in the [redacted] map. They, and some other adjoining roads, were "offered for dedication" to Douglas County. Douglas County has never accepted the "offer" and, in fact actually extracted agreements from two landowners that no request would ever be made to the county to accept the dedication.

Improvements to Sunset Ridge were made [redacted] on two occasions: culverts for drainage were installed and the hill off Jacobsen Lane was

"cut down." Some gravel has been spread by us neighbors over the years, but the road basically will withstand only our residential use. The only other use we see is some "casual" use by a few people riding horses or motorized quads and dirt bikes. Some people park their horse rigs along Sunset Ridge very infrequently.

Mountain Clover Road extends at right angle to the east off Sunset Ridge. It is a two track which crosses a culvert and then proceeds uphill to the Monarch Mine. Historically, the road has been used by operators of Monarch Mine, those of us that live off it and a very few casual entrants who are actually trespassers. No horse trailer rigs have ever used this road. I maintain the road by grading and crowning the road two to three times per year. Trespassers have abused the road occasionally by driving in the ditches. This results in ruts channeling the water, which then leads to erosion of soil and fills the ditches on Sunset Ridge. I periodically clean those ditches to prevent standing water that will make mush out of the clay roadbed on Sunset.

There is not sufficient room on Mountain Clover for two vehicles to pass each other. To pass one another, one vehicle has to enter the ditch which leads to more erosion.

Additionally, although I have improved the road from our gate to Sunset Ridge, no improvements at all have ever been made from our gate to the BLM boundary at the mine. During inclement weather, year round, it becomes quite impassable.

Terry Jacobsen told me, before we bought the parcel we live on, that he and his father, Stoddard, had closed both Sunset Ridge and Mountain Clover Road annually for one twenty four hour period in order to maintain the private status of the roads. Monarch Mine operators used the roads for access by their permission. All others were trespassers.

The proposed Trailhead for the proposed Juniper Ridge Loop trail will increase significantly the traffic on both Sunset Ridge and Mountain Clover Road. Aside from the sheer numbers, it will be a use that has not ever been established before: it is not for purposes of operating the mine and it is not "casual use." It will not be a use consented to by the adjoining landowners. Further, it will increase the burden of maintaining the roadway significantly. Thus, even if the BLM proceeds with the trailhead, significant legal and road maintenance issues must be addressed.

Should this proposal proceed to reality with the trailhead established as proposed, the proper course should be for the county to accept the "offer of dedication," of both Sunset Ridge and Mountain Clover Road (all the way to the

BLM boundary). The roads should then be widened and brought up to Douglas County standards, and provision made for the continued maintenance of the roads.

The Sorry State this proposal puts us in regarding Road Maintenance

Two major thunderstorms this summer washed out Sunset Ridge at the hill just off Jacobsen Lane. We have repaired it by renting a large construction tractor from Ahern. The last gravel placed on both Sunset Ridge and Mountain Clover Road was in 2004. It is time we did further road maintenance by spreading more gravel and grading the road. To spend this time and money at this time without knowing whether the roads will become public through county takeover makes no sense. We do not want to maintain the road and then have the county destroy it a year or two by bringing the road to county standards. What this means is we will not do the work and suffer the hazards of the winter without the improvement. Our ingress and egress will be difficult. Please consider the worry and frustration this proposal places on us residents in delaying the decision whether to proceed with the Proposed Monarch Mine Trailhead.

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 11:34 AM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Pinenut Trail Meeting

Hello Brian, [redacted] attended the meeting at Pinion Hills last night. I have been mountain biking, hiking, and dirt biking in the Pinenut Mts. Since 1989. During that period we have been involved in many area clean-up efforts (sand pit Johnson Lane, end of Vicky Ln., Sunrise Pass Rd., Deer Run Rd. among others) and feel I have a good perspective of the area. I am in support of multi-use (i.e. share the trails) designation for the area. I can see why a particular group would like to claim certain areas for their preferred activity, but feel that educating some of the motorized users of the area would be a better approach. I occasionally come into contact with non- motorized users of the area and find that common sense and courtesy go a long way in keeping a good relationship. My main fear with banning a particular group from certain areas is that once this is in place they may feel motorized users should be banned from larger areas. My son is 13 and we enjoy all forms of recreation in the area including trail riding on our dirt bikes, I would like to think the next generation would be able to enjoy this area without discrimination. Thank you for your time.

[redacted]

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Mr. Brian Buttazoni
5665Morgan Mill Road
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Mr. Buttazoni:

I am writing to express my comments regarding the proposed Discovery Trail for the Pinenuts.

First, I have biked extensively in the Pinenuts and have seen firsthand the damage caused by irresponsible ATV and dirt-bike use in the area. There are literally hundreds of miles of road there but there are always some individuals who wish to make their own roads and trails, tearing up the environment and causing unnecessary soil erosion. Many of these individuals are young kids who just don't know better. There is also a lot of trash scattered along the roads by careless, unthinking individuals. I regularly pick up beer cans while biking in the area. There are also spots where people have been camping and left piles of trails behind, which is very unfortunate.

Secondly, I have put in literally hundreds of hours of work on trail construction and maintenance working on local trails for the Carson Valley Trails Association, so I know how much planning and labor is involved.in developing new trails.

The possibility of a new trail on the east side of the Carson Valley is very appealing and I am willing to put in equal efforts in its construction should it be approved in the future. This trail would be limited to hikers, bikers, and an equestrian, which is great, as these uses must be separated from those involving motorized vehicles; they are just not compatible uses. In general, the non-motorized community is more environmentally sensitive than the motorized crowd. Hikers, bikers, and equestrians don't haul in 6-pakcs of beer when out on the trails. There is little or no trash along the trails that are heavily used in the west side of the Carson Valley.

My main concern about the proposed Discovery Ttrail is that it will be used by ATVs and dirt bike, even through that use would be prohibited. Posted signs will not have much of a deterrent for some of these users, as they like to go wherever they feel. Since the BLM does not have the resources to adequately monitor such unauthorized use, the new trails could be trashed in a relatively short time under such conditions. The tread will not tolerate the use of such vehicles. I enjoy working on the trails in the area but would not be willing to put in long hours just to have my work be for naught should unauthorized trail use by motorized vehicle occur.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2012 1:43 PM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Subject: Discovery Trail

A comment on the Discovery Trail in the east Carson Valley. Why don't you post your signs on an existing trail instead a causing environmental damage creating a new trail? Why are motorized users being singling out unfairly, villainized, and discriminated against without evidence? Is there no evidence between coexistence of all users? I am positive that we can all share the existing trails. Creating a new trail that already goes directly through were people already shoot, motorcycle ride, 4X4, horseback ride, hike (though rarely due to desert conditions), and bike ride is only going to cause disdain.

Also, hikers are not creating revenue for the local economy, the motorcycles, horseback riders, bikers, and shooters are. They are buying from Laxauge, Eastern Sierra Feed, Testa Motor Sports, NV West, Big Daddy's bike shop, Bullseye, High Desert Guns to name a few. How about the off road shops? Securing and regulating a exclusive hiking trail is a drain on revenue.

I'd be the first to argue that particularly sensitive areas, especially if significant damage has been documented, should be closed to OHV use. There are areas where dirt bikes do actually cause a lot of erosion, or where they just shouldn't be going. But the problem is that the Forest Service takes a sledgehammer approach -- instead of closing areas that need to be closed, they arbitrarily close huge amounts of land, regardless of whether or not there's any need to do so. Instead of identifying specific areas that need to be protected, they just fence off the whole thing -- that way, they can say, "Look how many millions of acres we protected this year," even if most of those acres weren't threatened to begin with.

These land closures are pure political grandstanding. They sound great to suburban "environmentalists" on the east and west coasts -- people who only go to a National Forest once a year, when they're on vacation -- but if you actually live out here and see what kinds of land they're closing, it becomes apparent what's really happening.
Why does this happen? For one thing, motorized recreation is an easy target. It doesn't really serve much of a useful purpose, other than to provide enjoyment for the people who do it. And the idea that it causes significant damage is one of those obvious-but-wrong canards of which the environmental movement is so fond.
The other problem is that there's no big money behind motorized recreation -- so there's not much standing in the way of land closures. (There is some small money, however. If you're interested in preserving public access to public land, you might be interested in the work done by the Blue Ribbon Coalition, a group that seeks to keep public lands open for recreation. The Greens can't stop big money from doing what it wants to do -- primarily, putting up luxury housing, private golf communities, and so on -- so they take what they can get. If they can't stop a gated community, they'll settle for locking out some dirt bikers.

Put some signs up designating the trail but please don't limit access.

[redacted]

Carson Valley Discovery Trail (CVDT)
November 14, 2012 Scoping Workshop Comments

From: [redacted]

As an observer and resource person [Executive Director of the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) - 1999-2001], I heard both support for and against the CVDT, and concerns about future motorized accessibility when conflicts occur on this non-motorized trail.

A few of the persons I spoke with are motorcycle or ATV users who have used trails and roads in the subject area for their entire lifetime, and fear that the construction of a non-motorized trail will restrict or block their access to the interior trails in the Pine Nut Mountain Range.

It must be made clear to these folks that there will be a number of crossings of the CVDT where signs will be posted to notify motorized users of the nature of the CVDT, and that they are not to ride their motorized vehicles on it and why common courtesy and safety issues require that they not do so. There is concurrence that this will not stop renegade riders from using the CVDT.

As a member of the Pine Nut Planning Partners that served as a resource to the BLM during the Management Plan Amendment process conducted in 2001-02, I've been through this drill before. After eight months of meetings (six of which were held weekly) with residents and users from environmentalists and hikers to equestrians, mountain bikers, motor cyclists and canyon crawlers, we arrived at a recommendation that included mitigation that satisfied all the above.

That recommendation resides in a PowerPoint presentation made by the Pine Nut Planning Partners Working Group Two in August of 2002, a copy of which exists in writing and on a CD in some file at the BLM and in my possession as well. With some adjustments, the thoughtful recommendations made at that time would resolve 90% of the concerns I heard at the workshop.

The other 10% related to trailhead locations near private properties and issues of vehicle traffic associated with trailheads. To this observer, these are issues that can be addressed relatively easily by reducing the number of trailheads and/or by relocating those where conflict occurs.

Please contact Mark Conely, Wilderness/NCLS Program Manager, California State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825 for information about how the PCTA and BLM cooperate to reduce motorized use on the non-mechanized PCT in the Jawbone Motorized Recreation Area of Southern California.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2012 7:45 PM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Subject: Carson Valley Trails Association

Hi my name is [redacted] and I am writing you about the proposed trail that is rumored to cut through the Pine Nut Range from [redacted] This is a very concerning matter to me since I am a very frequent user of those lands. Nearly every weekend or free time that I have I am usually riding my dirt bike, driving my truck or walking my dog through many of the trails. I have explored hundreds of miles of trails in these mountains and it's something I have come to cherish very much. Our local economies depend heavily on people who enjoy these public lands. It accounts for everyone from ohv use, shooting and other recreational activities. And to threaten to take away this land is infuriating and frustrating to say the least. Having the ability to recreate on these lands whenever we choose is what makes Nevadans, Nevadans. Many of us have been raised throughout our childhood to enjoy the public lands and respect them. So, I guess one of my questions is, why? Why must they make this trail where they are proposing? Why can't we all enjoy the trails that are already out there and established? There is no need for a "non-motorized" trail to be constructed here. And if this trail is built, what's the next step the CVTA would take in shutting down other portions of the Pine Nuts? I just have a sneaking suspicion that if you give them an inch they'll take a mile. And that is the last thing we need. Also, how would the BLM go about managing this trail? What would it cost to build and maintain it? Who's going to pay for it? I'll tell you right now that I won't.

So, lastly, would the BLM and the CVTA be willing to risk devastating local businesses that thrive on the fact that people enjoy their public lands and expect those lands to be there for their children and so forth? And with a proposed trail that cuts directly through the land, what are yours and CVTA's motives from there? Nobody wants to do something that blatant without having some other planned lurking behind the scenes. I would greatly appreciate a response from you, the BLM and the CVTA on this matter. And if there are any town meetings that I can attend I would like to know when and were. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2012 11:40 PM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Subject: Stop CVTA!

Sent from my iPhone

November 20, 2012

To: Mr. Buttazoni, Planning and Environmental Coordinator

[redacted]

RE: Proposed Carson Valley Discovery Trail, 1610 LLNVC02000

This letter serves to lodge my comments and concerns regarding the proposed Carson Valley Discovery Trail. The trail sounds like a beneficial project for the BLM land and the general area. However, I would like to bring specific concerns to your attention regarding the proposed Mountain Clover Road access point and trail (Juniper Ridge or North Pine Nut Loop, the map isn't clear).

The proposed project will increase travel on this road, and this will lead to problems that will affect other agencies, residents and users. I am familiar with this road in all types of weather conditions.

Mountain Clover Road is currently an unmaintained, single lane dirt road serving two residences. The road is only being maintained by locals via sporadic grading and a light application of gravel (i.e. private effort). The road has no compacted class II roadbase or other acceptable base or surface material and is therefore prone to deep rutting during wet weather. Since it is not constructed to recognized standards, a pickup truck will easily sink to its axles during periods when the soil under the road is saturated.

Since this is a single lane road, two vehicles meeting head-on would require one vehicle to pull off the roadway to allow the other to pass. During wet or snowy conditions, the vehicle off the road would have great difficulty getting back onto the road without ending up stuck. Imagine two vehicles pulling horse trailers accessing the new trail going opposite directions. Most likely, the local residents who currently maintain the road would end up rescuing the vehicles stuck in the road, then end up fixing the ruts when the road dries out. Excessive erosion into the nearby seasonal drainage will result. This is a harsh, inequitable burden to place on a few good-hearted locals. In summer, heat from a catalytic converter idling over the dry grass could easily start a devastating wildland fire.

For these reasons, I do not believe public access via Sunset Drive and Mountain Clover Drive is a good idea unless the project includes grading and paving both roads. Sunset Drive terminates at Jacobsen Lane at a steep angle. In icy conditions, a pickup truck towing a horse trailer could easily end up jackknifing at the stop-sign and sliding into cross traffic. This grade should be improved as part of the road improvement requirements in order to develop the Mountain Clover trail access point and new Loop trail.

If the access from Jacobsen Lane to the proposed trailhead is improved via grading and paving to modern standards, I believe this is a good project for the area. However, if the current road conditions are allowed to remain, users, residents and the county road department will suffer an unnecessary burden due to the current substandard road construction. Please advise how your office decides to mitigate this impact.

Regards,

[redacted]

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November 20, 2012

Brian Buttazoni
Planning and Environmental Coordinator
5665 Morgan Mill Road
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: 1610 (LLNVC02000)

Dear Mr. Buttazoni:

Please accept this letter in the above file in addition to our letter of November 14.

We have now had additional time to think on the proposed trail and trailheads, plus had the opportunity to attend the scoping meeting held on November 14.

We are strongly opposed to development of the entire trail. Our reason is that the east side of the Carson Valley and the west side of the Pinenut Mountains are very different from the west side where other trails have been established. In particular, the Pinenut Mountains are replete with existing trails that have been established over the last 150 years. Many trails were created to reach mining operations. These trails and many of the mines are still in existence. Just to point out two: Sunrise Pass and Slater's Mine Road. During my participation on the Douglas County Search and Rescue organization, I spent many, many hours and days in the Pinenuts performing rescues and exercises. This gave me the opportunity to become very familiar with Douglas County and the west side of the Pinenuts. I have ranged throughout these mountains and foothills from Rattlesnake Mountain and Mount Como to Holbrook Junction. Additionally, I have frequently ridden my mule and taken my ranch truck throughout the area. Two things are true: access is easy and many trails exist today.

I am also very concerned that the additional use this trail will cause will bring careless people to the area with the threat of wild fire. In the last year and one half, to my recollection, we have experienced at least six fires in this area. I do not recall the names of each, but about half were human caused and half were lightning strikes. As I mentioned in my first letter, a year ago last July we had two lightning

strikes in my immediate area: one on our property and one by the Chucker Mine. The proposed trail will not make much difference in the lightning strikes, but the human caused ones it will. I do not want to be like [redacted] and live in a moonscape the rest of my life (as a result of the Ray May fire). Due to weather and wind conditions, the fires are fanned much worse on the east side than on the west side. Just note the difference in containment of the fire set by the kids dipping lizards in gasoline starting a fire up Kingsbury Grade and the one above the old Adams Ranch compared to the ones on the east side over the last year and one-half. The two on the west side were readily stopped. Not so the ones on the east side. They are difficult at best to suppress and take several days. Consult the East Fork Fire Chief about this; he knows.

This trail will attract more people to the areas it covers. We already have enough intruders here. And, policing the area simply does not happen. The Douglas County Deputy Sheriffs do respond, but after the fact. There is no patrolling. And, BLM officers are never here. In the eight years we have resided here, I have filed three complaints with the Douglas County Sheriff: one trespass, one assault with a dirt bike, and one destruction of property and trespass. A junk car was dumped on BLM land off Out-R-Way about four years ago. I contacted the BLM law enforcement ranger by leaving a telephone message. He called back two weeks later and the car got removed two months later. We do not want more intruders.

Given the existing open access to the Pinenuts and the trails that are currently available, spending money to develop trailheads and another trail makes little sense. It is a colossal waste of money and resources. Let's educate our children and feed the homeless and downtrodden instead.

No Trailhead at Monarch Mine

We are adamant that no trailhead be established at this abandoned mine. The expense is too great and one is already proposed within a mile off Out-R-Way. Further, it has come to our attention a dedicated right-of-way already exists on Windmill Road about ½ mile north of the intersection of Jacobson Lane. It is on the east side of the road and connects with BLM land to the east. It is much more suitable than Mountain Clover Road/Sunset Ridge in that it is all flat and opens into a large flat area of BLM land. Once on BLM land, there are existing trails

accessing the same areas. It would be easily developed for vehicle and trailer ingress and egress. Further it would be much easier to service the area and would enhance law enforcement since it is so open to passersby and observation.
We suggest it be considered as an alternative trailhead in place of Monarch Mine should the decision be to go ahead with the trail.

Archeological/Cultural Evaluation
About five years ago, the BLM made an emergency closure of the area north of Douglas County Fairgrounds because a dirt bike rider discovered the tooth of an ancient creature. Eventually, some trails were reopened and limited access was allowed. Now, several years later, there seems to be little concern over the area since Walmart development was allowed to remove significant "fill" from an adjacent community borrow area and many dirt bikes and ORV utilize the area routinely.
The EA should evaluate the entire area for its archeological significance. It has been said to me that the Coronado expedition came through the area and Conquistador helmets have been found. Rather than laugh this off, the BLM should be sure no artifacts exist that could entice the public to take them.

Insuring the Future
At the scoping meeting, we understood that the EA, trail construction and future maintenance would be funded by the Carson Valley Trail Association. We assume they are a non-profit with block grant funding. That means the association could go out of existence quickly if the leadership loses interest or future funding goes away. Such an event would leave the BLM with the burden of paying for the upkeep of the trail and facilities itself or allowing them to deteriorate.
Consideration should be given to insuring this cannot happen. Perhaps a bonding requirement should be required similar to the mechanism required of mining on public lands or a trust fund similar to cemetery funding.

Insuring Non-motorized Use in the Future
As currently proposed, this trail and the trailheads would be for non-motorized use. Since it is to be sold to the public on this basis, a covenant should be put in place so that the use is restricted in perpetuity. The non-motorized use must be an express condition subsequent for existence of the trail and facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to express these concerns.

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 7:13 AM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Subject: Trail

The Carson Valley trail association Is completely out of line with the Trail. There is no reason that can't use the trails that are already there and be mindful of the quad, motorcycles , horseback riders and mountain biker, which all seem to get along and share the trails. So why is it that the hikers get to be special and have their own trail there's tons of trails in the sierras that the motorist can't use.
I am a 35 year old Nevada born and pineuts raise man. I have been hike, bike and camping out there my hole life. Build the trail make a nice thing that's great, but why do you need to shut things don for everyone else. Please listen to the people on this.

[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 12:14 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Buttazoni, Brian L; Jeremy Vlcan
Subject: Re: East Carson Valley Trail

2nd Comment X

[redacted]

I'm forwarding this message to Brian Buttazoni at the BLM and to Jeremy Vlcan who is the Trail Operations VP for the Carson Valley Trails Association. (I receive the CVTA email and forward it to the appropriate person.) Brian and Jeremy are more knowledgeable about the details of this proposed project that I am.

Thank you for sharing your comments.

[redacted]

On Tue, Nov 20, 2012 at 10:28 AM, [redacted] wrote:
Hi, my name is [redacted] and I am writing in regards to the East Carson Valley Trail your group is planning to construct. I am very concerned about what your trail may harm to the access of our public lands through it's proposed zone and the Pine Nut range. I frequent the trails across the valley and the Pine Nuts on a very regular basis. And to know that many of those trails that I enjoy are possibly at stake. As a Native Nevadan for more than 21 years these are the lands that I have come to appreciate and respect. But I am not the only person who enjoys these lands. People who enjoy shooting, ohv use and four-wheeling are also residents who recreate across the Pine Nuts. And to have a good majority of OUR public lands taken is very frustrating.

So, now I will ask you some questions about your proposed trail. First, how is this going to affect those who enjoy recreating across the valley? Who will build the trail, manage and upkeep it? Why must it be built through the path at which the CVTA is proposing?

As stated above, I frequent the trails across the valley and the Pine Nut range regularly. There are hundreds of miles of trails out there. Everything from double track roads to single track trails. Why can't people just enjoy what already exists? Digging up a trail that will total I believe some 47 miles will disturb more wildlife than the occasional dirt bike or truck that buzzes by for a second or so. In all honesty, I do not think a trail needs to be constructed across this valley at all. And what seems to me to be a deliberate attempt at closing down the Pine Nuts, what else is at stake if this goes through? Does your group have more plans for the future at constructing more trails and shutting down hundreds of acres?

Lastly, I just want to say that respectfully, I do not support this trail at all. It appears to me that this trail is a blatant attempt at closing off our public lands. Nevadans have had their public lands handed down from generation to generation and have come expect that they will be there for future generations to come. But the efforts of your group seem to be threatening that inheritance.

If there are any public meetings that others including myself can attend and voice their opinion I would greatly appreciate on being informed when those will take place.

Thank you,
[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 12:56 PM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Subject: Carson Valley Trail

To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to the 45 mile non motorized trail running through the Johnson Lane and Pinenut area. We use this area often with our off road vehicles. We share the area when we see horses we pull over to let them pass or if they have stopped, we drive by slowly and acknowledge their presence. This area should be open to all of us. We all live here to enjoy the area and our outdoor activities.

Thank you for reading this email and listening to me.

Respectfully

[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2012 9:34 AM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Subject: Carson Valley Discovery Trail Comments

Good Day Mr. Buttazoni,

We wish to express our strong support to construct the segment of the Carson Valley Discovery Trail and associated loop segments discussed at November 14, 2012 workshop.

A trail system designed and built to accommodate all non motorized trail users my encourage those using other "social trails" to use this one. Areas damaged by user created trails may be abandoned voluntarily allowing the desert to regenerate itself for the enjoyment of all users.

Many trail users prefer established, marked and marketed trails such as the Tahoe Rim Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail. It is reasonable to expect that this trail if constructed will attract many new users from casual day users to expert multi day users.

This trail would provide excellent winter season use opportunities when other area trails at higher elevations are under snow.

This trail if constructed would be a complimentary addition to the existing trail system located in the Carson Valley. It would provide a unique experience not currently found on other trails. The user would experience the beauty of the Great Basin in the eastern half of the Carson Valley with its Pinyon Juniper forest and interesting geological features.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project

Respectfully Submitted,

[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

cv discovery trail

1 message

[redacted] Fri, Nov 23, 2012 at 9:14 PM

To: "Buttazoni, Brian L" <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

To Brian Buttazoni
I & My neighbors have great reservasions as to the need to have our neighborhood turned into a parking lot on weekends and weekdays for that matter.
We are a small neigborhood on [redacted] which would serve as the access road to a proposed trail head for Hot Springs Mountain.
Concidering the proposed trail head is approximately 1.5 miles out the dirt road at the end of Lindsay Ln there is no way anyone would drive that far out a dirt road when they could easily access the trail from our street. That is just one of mine and my wifes concerns . This is possibly the same problem that will exist on Vicky Way that will push more people to our street or the closest streets to the trail by Santa Barbera St.
Another trail head site was mentioned at the Park across from Pinion Hills School although this is Douglas County Parks land it is very accessible and has parking.
We also feel that the proposed trails either already exist or are very close to existing trails and see no need to duplicate the existing trails or access. If a trail head is needed then why not use the trail head at Stephenie Way used by the Equestrians.
To open a new trail head at the end of Lindsay Ln. creates a remote trash deposit site for the people who already seem to dump on our public lands with no reservations as to the damage to the enviroment. See the attachment of what someone just left us to cleanup. This is just one of the many pieces of trash that we will cleanup this year with the Pinenut Mountain Trails Association. In one year I pulled 7 cars and 2 dump trailers full of trash from the very area that the trail head would be established believe me when I say it will be a new dump.
This trail is not going to be policed or maintained on a regular basis except by volunteers and that will not be sufficent to stop its constant use by the motorcycles & quads that frequent this area already. As a result of it will open up 45 miles of new riding for the motorcycles & quads.
We have very little use for more trails in the valley and it seems to be the feelings of most of the residents in this area that it is unnecessary to carve a new trail around a mountain where they already exist.
If you would like to tour the mountain I would be pleased to show you what we are talking about.
THANK YOU
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Buttazoni, Brian <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

1610 (LLNVC02000)

1 message

2nd Comment

[redacted] Fri, Nov 23, 2012 at 11:36 PM

To: "Buttazoni, Brian L" <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

Brian,
This is a follow up to my comments e-mailed to you on 11/8/12 and regards the proposed 43 mile trail system in the Western Pine Nut mountains.

After attending the Nov. 14th workshop at Pinon Hills School and talking with CVTA personnel, I am registering my opposition to the proposed trail system for the following reasons.
1.) Based on my thorough knowledge of the Northern section of the proposed trail, I don't see any reason to create the trail in an area that is criscrossed with existing roads ad trails. Hot Springs mountain has several options already in use that can provide access from any side of the mountain to the highest points of the mountain. The topographical map provided indicates tails along the south side of the mountain. For what purpose? One can already traverse the mountain on existing paths.

2.) Trail head parking. The map indicates a new parking area about 1/3 of a mile along an existing dirt road from the end of Lindsay Ln. There are already wide spots along the dirt road that can be used for parking and very few, if any, people use them. People don't want to drive their cars on the dirt road. Most park either right at the end of Lindsay Ln or on the pavement of the street itself. There is an existing dirt road up the south side of the mountain, at the end of East Valley Road, that many people walk up. It is easily accessed from the intersection of Lindsay and East Valley. I know because that is where I live. I see cars parked along our narrow street on a daily basis. They have access to the area where CVTA wants to put a trailhead but rarely is it used by hikers....they prefer to park on the street.
In addition, there is a large existing parking area at the end of Stephanie Way that would provide access to the proposed trail. When I asked the gentleman that is eeemingly leading the cause for CVTA why they couldn't use that parking area, one of the reasons he gave was that no one want to walk to Hot Springs Mountain from there. Isn't the idea of the trail so that people can get out and walk the Pine Nuts?? That's like saying no one would walk Horse Thief Canyon unless a parking area was provided halfway up the canyon!

3.) Much of the existing recreation in the proposed Northern section is done on motorized vehicles, from motorcycles, to larger and larger ATV's and often full size trucks. There area areas where no trails existed 15 or more years ago that are now full vehicle width roads. I can point out new trails that have been established in just the past two to three years. I believe it is naive to think that once a trail is built that motorized vehicles won't use them. As I said in my previous submission, a sign means nothing to many of the people who ride thoughtlessly across the area where the trail will be located. The hikin trail will turn into a motorized trail in short order.

4.) I talked to members of the CVTA who obviously have little or no knowledge of the proposed trail area. When I mentioned the number and location of existing trails/paths on Hot Springs, they seemed surprised that there was a way to get from North to South over the mountain(also West to East and vice versa). Seemed like none of them had thoroughly investigated the proposed route. Which brings up another CVTA issue. Again referring to the guy who was speaking for the CVTA at the workshop, when I asked him about where in the valley he lives, he was very evasive and wouldn't answer. He also brushed off many questions/concerns, won't look you in the eye when speaking to you, and generally is bored with interacting with a person. He had the same demeanor at the Douglas County Commissioners meeting. I'm wondering if he is just a person who obtains Grants from various Government Agency's and then works to spned the money and then move on to the next paying gig??

I have been using the area around Hot Springs Mountain and the local Pine Nuts as a running/mountain biking area for close to 18 years, I know the area very well and would be more than willing to walk the area with any

official and point out everything I have discussed and why it doesn't make sense to create new trails in the region.

Thank you,

[redacted]

Gmail [redacted]

Proposed Carson Trail, East side of Carson Valley, RE: 1610[LLNVC02000]

1 message

[redacted] Sat, Nov 24, 2012 at 5:22 PM

Mr. Buttaazoni,

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

Proposed Carson Trail, East side of Carson Valley, RE: 1610[LLNVC02000]

1 message

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Scoping Comments for Carson Valley Discovery Trail

1 message

[redacted] Sat, Nov 24, 2012 at 7:32 PM

To: "Buttazoni, Brian L" <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

Project Name: **Carson Valley Discovery Trail**
Your Name: [redacted]
Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? **YES**
Affiliation (if applicable): **NONE**
Mailing Address: [redacted]
Comments:

Please consider the following scoping comments during the preparation of the NEPA documentation for the Carson Valley Discovery Trail:

1. The trailhead proposed for construction on the northwest side of Hot Springs Mtn is sitting on top of Carson Wandering Skipper habitat that has been occupied in the past and appears to show what would be a direct impact to CWS habitat and possibly the Skipper. As late as 2010, a report done for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service documented the habitat. Marcy Hayworth, butterfly specialist for the Reno office of the USFWS, has been on this site. Some form of USFWS review is warranted. Please address this issue.

2. Whether or not the proposed trailhead on the northwest side of Hot Springs Mtn is moved to avoid direct impacts to CWS habitat, dumping the trail onto the existing dirt road as mapped may have indirect impacts on Carson Wandering Skipper habitat and Skippers. A purposeful increase in the amount of foot, bicycle and horseback traffic in the skipper habitat could have a negative impact. Please address this issue.

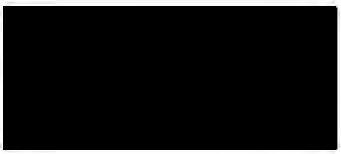
3. I do not believe the BLM will be capable of keeping motorized vehicles off the trail. To date, CCDO has not been able to keep motorized vehicles off access roads built for power lines, access roads permitted to construct power lines that were to have been closed after construction, or any other road / trail area that needed closing due to resource damage protection. Motorcycles especially, but possibly ATV's and pickups will try to use the trail. BLM's law enforcement officers have no presence on the west side of the Pine Nut Range. If the Douglas County Sheriff's office is the intended enforcement venue, that office will not be able to be effective for a variety of reasons. The Trail volunteers will have no law enforcement capability. Please do not state that monitoring will be done to ensure compliance with non-motorization without having established a threshold that triggers action to stop offenders. Please do not list monitoring as the sole mitigation measure. The BLM must determine how monitoring is going to be done, who will do it, and what will be done if established thresholds are breached and who will enforce this. All of this, including the thresholds must be part of the proposed action and alternatives that are analyzed in NEPA. Please address this issue and develop the mechanisms needed for analysis and management of this trail.

4. Construction of this trail with all of its loops will have a cumulative effect on the fragmentation of wildlife habitat along the west side of the Pine Nut Range and the Hot Spring Mtn area. The BLM has stated that it will not close any roads or trails even though miles of these are added by off road vehicle use every year. Take Hot Springs Mtn as an example. There are many unauthorized trails that now exist up that hill system that were not there 10 years ago. The map showing the proposed trail doesn't show the true picture of the trails. Without closing some of these out whether they were authorized or not, the proposed trail will contribute to the fragmenting effect of habitat for certain wildlife species, especially migratory birds. This will have seasonal and overall effects on the quality of wildlife viewing that the trail supposedly supports. This must be discussed in the NEPA document.

5. Construction of the trail around and to the summit of Hot Springs Mountain will probably preclude use by the small herd of mule deer that currently uses the top portion of the mountain. An advertised, established trail will draw use above what occurs now. While it isn't important on a population scale, trail users will not see one of the premier species that would be of interest.

5. The north-south dirt road on the west side of Hot Springs Mtn is currently being periodically maintained by a private citizen who harasses road users but who isn't permitted to do the maintenance. Will the Trails group be performing this maintenance as part of the trail system?

I request that my email address not be published as a part of my comments. November 24, 2012



Buttazoni, Brian <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

Discovery Trail comments

1 message

[redacted] Sat, Nov 24, 2012 at 8:46 PM

To: "Buttazoni, Brian L" <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

Hi Brian,
Thanks for holding the public scoping for the Carson Valley Discovery Trail. I think it went pretty well. It was clear to me that education is one of the key issues we face as we move forward with this project.

It seemed that many of the comments that evening revolved around land use. There were a few area residents who feel that they are losing access to the land they love due to the misuse of the land by a few. They feel that it is dangerous to be out in the Pinenuts on weekends. They also feel that there are already too many trails. This is where I feel education is very important. I think that people think all trails are equal. They don't understand that poorly built trails are unsustainable and soon will be replaced by another and yet another. This is the degradation that many residents spoke of. They don't understand that having well designed, well built and designated use trails might mean fewer trails in the long run.

I support this project and am willing to help out however I can.
Thanks again.
[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 25, 2012 10:56 PM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Subject: proposed trail

To whom it may concern:

I am writing with extreme concern about the proposed non-motorized trail that would be built through the upper Johnson Lane area.

My family and I moved to [redacted] area 20 years ago because we loved the location and its easy accessibility for riding our dirt bikes out into the upper pit area and beyond. The way I understand it, the proposed non-motorized trail would close off much of the area where we have been riding for years. I don't understand why each group needs their own dedicated trail. We have been sharing the land for years. My children were taught to pull over and stop a respectful distance away from anyone on horseback and to give the horses the right-of-way. There are often hikers on the trails and we give them a wide berth so to not cover them in dust. Why can't we continue to share as we have for so long?

I hope you won't take away the recreational activity that our family has enjoyed for so long.

Sincerely,
[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian L

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 2:59 PM
To: Buttazoni, Brian L
Subject: Carson Valley Discovery Trail

Good afternoon!

[redacted]

I would like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail Mailing List

Please add my comments to those that you are collecting.

I strongly feel that any trail should be available to all the citizens. It should not be limited to a few. The trail should be available to hikers, horseback riders, dogs, and yes motorized vehicles. I do use some of the local trails, and do not find that there is any issue in sharing the trail with other off road vehicles, horses or hikers.

Thank you for taking into consideration my comments.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

Carson Valley Discovery Trail Project Comments

1 message

[redacted] Mon, Nov 26, 2012 at 7:36 PM

To: "Buttazoni, Brian L" <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

[redacted]

Hello Brian,

My wife and I attended the workshop at Pinon Hills Elementary. The paper that was handed out indicated that November 26th was the due date for comments. We live at [redacted]. Our comments will be in regard to the Loop Trail East of our neighbohood, I think it's called the South Pinenut Loop (the trail color was a little confusing).

In general we feel this is a good project with more positives than negatives. At the meeting and in the letter we were sent it was indicated that we should submitt comments to assist the BLM in evaluating the CVTA's proposal.

To assist the BLM in evaluating the CVTA's proposal and whether there are existing concerns or conflict of uses for the Carson Valley Discovery Trail project, your input is requested at this early stage.

☐ *Do you have knowledge of sensitive or unique resources within the proposed project area?*
----There are some areas on the upper portion of the trail [redacted] that I have some concerns about. On the East mountain top where the two loops meet between the 5800 and 6000 ft topo lines and "dimple" out to the west. This area and especially West of it is fairly fragile. There are a lot of old weathered Juniper and Pinion along with some thin flaking shale rock formations along this narrow ridge that pushes out from the main mountain to the West. Having once been a teenage boy I know what can happen to thin shale rocks and old weathered trees. **I would like to have some input on how this part of the trail is routed to avoid damage to these beautiful, unique, and sensitive areas.** I can E-mail photos if needed.

☐ *Do you have knowledge of conflicts between recreation users within the proposed project area?*
--This area is curretly very well preserved and mostly sees just foot trafic. Currently the dirt bikes and quads don't use this specific area. There was some pretty destructive tree cutting on the East side of the mountain a while back where a 4x4 truck tried to work up a steep slope. I have hopes that this project could help prevent some of this damage.

☐ *Do you have knowledge of conflicts with the proposed trailhead/access points?*
----My wife and I, along with our neighbors have some concerns about the trailhead north of Blue Bird Rd. **We are very concerned that overnight parking/camping will be allowed or "tolerated".** The trailhead looks to be marked quite a bit up hill from Out-R-Way road. It might

be more indirectly monitored/controled if it's kept closer to Out-R-Way rather than hidden up the hill. We would probably prefer that the Trailhead to the south of us (for the same mountain) on Pinenut Rd go in first to see how well it's managed. **Fire is a big concern since we all live in a pinion and juniper forest.**

☐ *Do you have other information about the proposed project area that could assist us with our evaluation?*
---In general new mountain bike trails tend to "drop off" the high points of existing trails. The difficulty of making new trails up hill has partially stopped the spread of new trails. A high horizontal ridge trail like this seems to be a bit of an invitation to drop off trail and form new downhill trails. How will we protect these beautiful slopes from being covered with "new" trails ? In this area a new set of tracks can last 10 years. I have a set of quad tracks from someone driving accross my property that are just going away after 15 years.

Since this area is currently so well preserved it does seem like a risk to add a trail system that could lead to long term damage, but the project will likely also protect the area from other future damage.

Regards,

[redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

Re: CVTA info request/feedback

1 message

[redacted] Thu, Nov 29, 2012 at 10:03 AM

Cc: Jeremy Vlcan <jeremyrvlcan@gmail.com>, "Buttazoni, Brian L" <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

[redacted]

I receive the email sent to CVTA through our website CVTA's and forward it to the appropriate person. I'm forwarding your comments to Jeremy Vlcan, CVTA's Trail Operations VP, and Brian Buttazoni at the BLM.

[redacted]

On Thu, Nov 29, 2012 at 9:52 AM, [redacted] wrote:

> A comment on the Discovery Trail in the east Carson Valley. Why don't you post your signs on an existing trail instead a causing environmental damage creating a new trail? Why are motorized users being singling out unfairly, villainized, and discriminated against without evidence? Is there no evidence between coexistence of all users? I am positive that we can all share the existing trails. Creating a new trail that already goes directly through were people already shoot, motorcycle ride, 4X4, horseback ride, hike (though rarely due to desert conditions), and bike ride is only going to cause disdain.
>
> Just my thoughts,
>
> [redacted]

Buttazoni, Brian <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

Re: Carson Valley Trails Project

1 message

[redacted] Fri, Nov 30, 2012 at 8:20 AM

To: "Buttazoni, Brian L" <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

Brian,

Thank you for the reply. Unfortunately, after talking to some folks I did realize that I had missed the public opportunity to attend the meeting about the trail. I wasn't even informed about the trail until after the meeting was already done.

Now, my only concern with this trail is that I worry about possible and periodic shut downs of land in the Pine Nuts. I'm an avid off-road enthusiast and I am always riding around out there. With all the time I've spent out there I'll bet I've only touched the tip of the iceberg in the amount of trails and roads that exist out there. So, my question would be, why does the CVTA have to construct a brand new trail from Hot Springs Mountain all the way to China Springs? Isn't there enough trails out there that we can all enjoy together?

I ran into a couple gentleman last weekend who were riding horseback in the Pine Nuts and as I always do, I took it real slow and way off to the side of them to get around. But I stopped to apologize to them for coming in a little fast because they were around a blind corner. We talked about this trail that CVTA is proposing and how it doesn't make sense, since many of the people enjoying the lands out there already, respect each other and give appropriate space when passing.

Respectfully, I just don't think that this proposed trail needs to be built. There are plenty of ways to get from where they want to start it and end it without ever having to break ground in building a new one.

Thank you for the response again, Brian.

[redacted]

On Thu, Nov 29, 2012 at 2:19 PM, Buttazoni, Brian L <bbuttazoni@blm.gov> wrote:

> Stephen:
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> As you know the formal public scoping period for the trails project closed on Monday November 26. Approximately 65 comment letters have been received.
>
> It will probably take the CVTA and BLM into early next year to review and categorize the comments. Based on those comments, CVTA will be reviewing the project and looking for opportunities to make adjustments to address some of the issues raised. CVTA may also be doing additional outreach to the public in early 2013.
>
> In spring or summer 2013 the project will likely be presented again as a part of additional scoping. Everyone on BLM's mailing list will be notified if and when additional public workshops are held in 2013.

Buttazoni, Brian <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

Re: Carson Valley Trails Project

1 message

[redacted] Fri, Nov 30, 2012 at 8:42 AM
To: "Buttazoni, Brian L" <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

I appreciate the clarification about not shutting down any motorized use. Maybe it's people's natural assumption that once you get government and outside groups involved that the worse is going to happen.

If this trail is constructed then, how would it affect OHV users, 4x4 users and so on? Who will manage the trail?

On Fri, Nov 30, 2012 at 8:26 AM, Buttazoni, Brian L <bbuttazoni@blm.gov> wrote:

> We will review your comments along with all the others.
>
> I would note that I have heard repeatedly from folks that this proposal would "shut down the Pine Nuts to motorized use." I don't know where this information originates from, but it is not a message the BLM is sending out.
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> Brian L. Buttazoni
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> *NEPA Specialist*
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> Sierra Front Field Office
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> 775-885-6004
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> 775-885-6147 (fax)
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> **Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2012 8:20 AM
> **To:** Buttazoni, Brian L
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Buttazoni, Brian <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

Carson Valley Discovery Trail.

1 message

[redacted] Thu, Dec 6, 2012 at 11:55 AM

To: "." <bbuttazoni@blm.gov>

Mr Buttazoni

[redacted]

Sorry I'm a little late, but we have been out of town.

[redacted]

I would like to find a detailed map, where I can see were the Trail is going to be.
I have looked on the Internet , but I'm not able to find this.

On the map we received, it seams very close to our property. [redacted]

Also, are there any detailed info of the proposed use of the trail, like Walk, Bike, Horse, Motorbike use, etc.

Thank you

[redacted]

Skip Canfield

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2012 2:46 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Nevada State Clearinghouse Notice E2013-092 (Scoping - Carson Valley Discovery Trail)

Please see NDOT's remarks below in the Agency Comments section. Thanks, Terri

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From: scanfield@lands.nv.gov [mailto:scanfield@lands.nv.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 11:21 AM
Subject: Nevada State Clearinghouse Notice E2013-092 (Scoping - Carson Valley Discovery Trail)

NEVADA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of State Lands
901 S. Stewart St., Ste. 5003, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5246
(775) 684-2723 Fax (775) 684-2721

TRANSMISSION DATE: 10/25/2012

U.S. Bureau of Land Management

Nevada State Clearinghouse Notice E2013-092

Project: Scoping - Carson Valley Discovery Trail

Follow the link below to find information concerning the above-mentioned project for your review and comment.
E2013-092 - http://clearinghouse.nv.gov/public/Notice/2013/E2013-092.pdf

- **Please evaluate this project's effects on your agency's plans and programs and any other issues that you are aware of that might be pertinent to applicable laws and regulations.**

- **Please reply directly from this e-mail and attach your comments.**

- **Please submit your comments no later than Wednesday November 21st, 2012.**

Clearinghouse project archive

Questions? Skip Canfield, Program Manager, (775) 684-2723 or nevadaclearinghouse@lands.nv.gov

____No comment on this project ____Proposal supported as written

AGENCY COMMENTS:

For any work performed within the state right of way, a temporary and/or permanent permit will be required from District II. Thank you. Thor.

Thor A. Dyson, P.E., CPM - District II Engineer
310 Galletti Way/Sparks, Nevada 89431
(775) 834-8300 - phone/(775) 834-8390 - fax

Signature:

Date:

Requested By:

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Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

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Attn: Brian Buttazoni, Planning and Environmental Coordinator
5665 Morgan Mill Road
Carson City, NV 89701-1448

November 19, 2012

Re: DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2012-0028-EA

To Brian Buttazoni:

Thank you for allowing the Washoe Tribe the opportunity to comment on the proposed Carson Valley Discovery Trail. The Washoe Environmental Protection Department (WEPD) is concerned with the environmental impact of the project. WEPD is concerned with the human waste and garbage that could result from the proposed project. WEPD is also concerned with potential erosion issues associated with trail construction and implementation. WEPD is aware that significant cultural archeological sites may exist throughout the proposed project area. The Tribe's concerns are to protect, avoid and minimize impacts to archaeological resources. The Washoe Tribe Historic Preservation Office may have additional comments regarding this project.

Please keep us informed on the status of this project. Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact me at (775) 265-8682.

Sincerely,

Marie Barry, Environmental Director

cc: Darrel Cruz, THPO

919 Highway 395 South, Gardnerville, Nevada 89410
(775) 265-8682 • Cell Phone (775) 720-3850 • marie.barry@washoetribe.us • FAX (775) 265-3211

Cultural Resources Office/Tribal Historic Preservation Office
Protect, Preserve and Promote Washoe Heritage and Culture

November 10, 2011

Bill Hay
865 Coloma Drive
Carson City, NV. 89705

RE: Discovery Trail

Dear Mr. Hay,
Thank you for consulting with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California on the Discovery Trial Project. The project is within the ancestral territory of the Washoe Tribe.

After review of the proposed project and discussion with you I have several comments for your consideration.
We wish to be kept informed on the archeological surveys conducted on the trial system and continue consultation on avoidance and or mitigation measures if needed. We prefer avoidance as the preferred alternative.
Signage should be posted at trial-heads informing the public on cultural sensitivity and include information on the Archeological Resources Protection Act.

Thank you and call me if you have any questions

Darrel Cruz, CRO/THPO

Cc; Washoe Cultural Resources Advisory Council

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Building Division
Engineering Division
Planning Division
Code Enforcement

January 14, 2013

[redacted]

RE: Proposed Carson Valley Discovery Trail and Ott Way Trailhead

[redacted]

I am writing in response to your letter dated November 8, 2012, sent to the County Manager regarding concerns with a potential trailhead being placed at the end of Ott Way on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land to access the proposed Carson Valley Discovery Trail. The County has forwarded your comments to Brian L. Buttazoni, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Sierra Front Field Office with the BLM. At this time, the BLM is reviewing comments regarding the Carson Valley Discovery Trail and does not know if the trailhead you are referring to will remain in the final proposal.

It needs to be noted that Ott Way is a public right-of-way, not an easement as referenced in your letter. Ott Way was offered as a 50' public right-of-way to the County per the attached maps (ref. Doc. No. 06550 and 307669). The County has not accepted Ott Way for maintenance. Since Ott Way is a public right-of-way that provides access to public lands, it cannot be marked as private or gated as you request in your letter.

You could petition the County for abandonment or to make Ott Way a private road, but that would result in the elimination of a point of public access to federal lands and would likely not be supported because it is in conflict with the goals and policies of the Douglas County Master Plan, which encourages the County to maintain trails and public access points to federal lands. Additionally, the right-of-way for Ott Way provides a "hammerhead' turnaround at the end of Old Ranch Road which is needed.

If you have any additional questions, please call me at (775) 782-6215.

Sincerely,

Brandy McMahon

Brandy McMahon, AICP, Senior Planner

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cc: Steve Mokrohisky, County Manager
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Mimi Moss, AICP, Director
Candace Stowell, AICP, Planning Manager
Jeff Foltz, PE, Senior Civil Engineer
Brian L. Buttazoni, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Sierra Front Field Office

PUBLIC WORKS CERTIFICATE

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THIS PLAT WAS PRESENTED BEFORE THE DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19th DAY OF May, 93, AND WAS DULY APPROVED. IN ADDITION, THE OFFER OF DEDICATION FOR ALL PUBLIC WAYS WAS ACCEPTED WITH THE RESERVATION TO ACCEPT AND OPEN AT A LATER DATE. FURTHERMORE, THIS MAP IS IN SUBSTANTIAL CONFORMANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF STATE STATUTES AND COUNTY CODE.

John Ross 5-19-93

JOHN ROSS
CHIEF PLANNING OFFICIAL

COUNTY ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE

I, MARK B. PALMER, DOUGLAS COUNTY ENGINEER, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THIS MAP, AND ALL PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS AS REQUIRED BY THE PARCEL MAP REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, AND I AM SATISFIED THAT THIS MAP IS TECHNICALLY CORRECT.

Mark B. Palmer 5/19/93

MARK B. PALMER
DOUGLAS COUNTY ENGINEER

COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, BARBARA J. REED, DOUGLAS COUNTY CLERK, TREASURER AND EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL PROPERTY TAXES ON THIS LAND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR HAVE BEEN PAID. APN# 35-010-30

Barbara J. Reed 5-20-93
BARBARA J. REED
DOUGLAS COUNTY CLERK-TREASURER
By Debby Weaver
Deputy Treasurer

OWNER'S CERTIFICATE

WE, STODDARD JACOBSEN, TERRY JACOBSEN, VIRGINIA JACOBSEN, MARK AMODEI AS TRUSTEES OF THE JACOBSEN FAMILY TRUST, CERTIFY THAT WE ARE THE LEGAL OWNERS OF THIS PARCEL, AND DO HEREBY GRANT PERMANENT EASEMENTS FOR UTILITY INSTALLATION, DRAINAGE AND PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AS DESIGNATED ON THIS MAP.

Stoddard Jacobsen Trustee
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JACOBSEN FAMILY TRUST

Terry Jacobsen Trustee
TERRY JACOBSEN, TRUSTEE
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Virginia Jacobsen Trustee
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COUNTY OF DOUGLAS }ss
STATE OF NEVADA }

ON THIS 26th DAY OF February, 93 PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC, STODDARD, TERRY AND VIRGINIA JACOBSEN AND MARK AMODEI, PERSONALLY KNOWN (OR PROVED) TO ME TO BE THE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES ARE SUBSCRIBED TO THE ABOVE INSTRUMENT WHO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY EXECUTED THE INSTRUMENT.

LINDA M. BIAGGI
NOTARY PUBLIC

NOTES

- ALL UTILITIES SHALL BE UNDERGROUND.
- DOUGLAS COUNTY DOES NOT INSURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANY LOT DUE TO RESTRICTIONS CREATED BY SUBSEQUENTLY PLACED WELLS AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS. IT IS THE EXPRESSED RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER TO INSURE ACCURATE PLACEMENT AND LOCATION OF WELLS AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS ON EACH INDIVIDUAL PARCEL, DESIGNATED ON THIS MAP. NEVADA STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT A ONE HUNDRED FOOT MINIMUM SEPARATION EXIST BETWEEN THE WELL AND SEPTIC SYSTEM. DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF SYSTEM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FOOT MINIMUM SEPARATION MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH.
- ANY FURTHER DIVISION OF THESE PARCELS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS AS PROVIDED UNDER N.R.S. 278.460 (3).
- A 7.5' PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT SHALL EXIST ALONG ALL ROAD FRONTAGES. A 5' PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT SHALL EXIST ALONG ALL SIDE AND REAR LOT LINES.
- THERE SHALL BE NO RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN.
- THIS MAP IS A DIVISION OF PARCEL 2 AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PARCEL MAP FOR STODDARD JACOBSEN, RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 018550.

UTILITY COMPANIES' CERTIFICATE

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED PUBLIC UTILITIES, ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT AS SHOWN ON THIS PLAT. THIS APPROVAL DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCESSIBILITY FOR SERVICE.

Steve J. Matthews 2-26-93
SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY

T. Common 3-2-93
CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

[illegible] 2-26-93
SOUTHWEST GAS COMPANY

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, THOMAS I. McMANUS, A PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR IN THE STATE OF NEVADA CERTIFY THAT:

1. THIS IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF THE LANDS SURVEYED UNDER MY SUPERVISION AT THE INSTANCE OF THE JACOBSEN FAMILY TRUST
2. THE LANDS SURVEYED LIE WITHIN A PORTION OF SECTIONS 3, 4, 5, 9 + 10 T.12N., R.21E., M.D.M. AND THE SURVEY WAS COMPLETED ON 3-3-93
3. THIS PLAT COMPLIES WITH THE APPLICABLE STATE STATUTES AND ANY LOCAL ORDINANCES.
4. MONUMENTS ARE OF THE CHARACTER SHOWN AND OCCUPY THE POSITIONS INDICATED.

THOMAS I. McMANUS, P.L.S. 6899

RECORDER'S CERTIFICATE

FILED THIS 20th DAY OF May, 93 AT 22 MINUTES PAST 2 O'CLOCK P.M. IN BOOK 593 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, AT PAGE 3978, DOCUMENT NO. 307669

RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF STODDARD JACOBSEN TRUSTEE.

Pamela Kennedy
DOUGLAS COUNTY RECORDER

TITLE CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE JACOBSEN FAMILY TRUST IS THE ONLY PARTY OF RECORD HAVING INTEREST IN THE TRACTS OF LAND EMBRACED WITHIN THE DRAWING BORDER SHOWN ON THIS PLAT. THE FOLLOWING IS A COMPLETE LIST OF LIEN AND/OR MORTGAGE HOLDERS OF RECORD: NONE

Janice K. Gordon 2-12-93
JANICE K. GORDON, CHIEF TITLE OFFICER
WESTERN TITLE COMPANY

BASIS OF BEARING

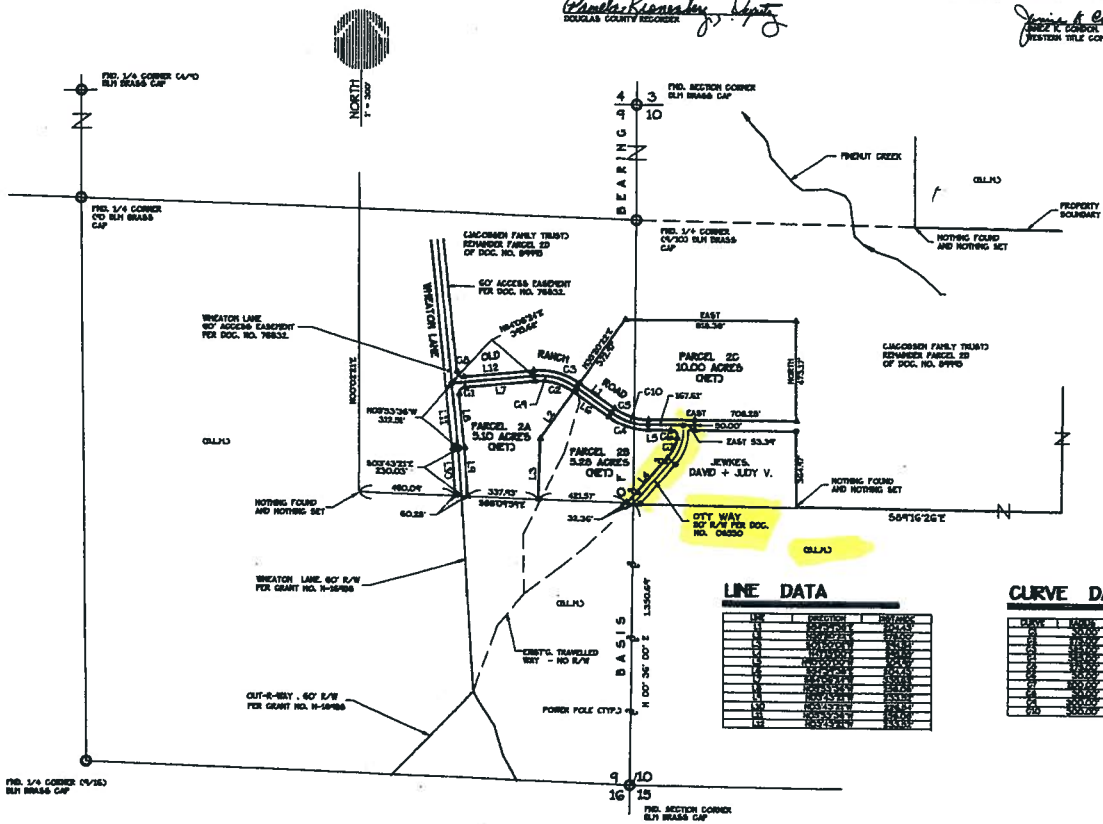
N 00°36'00" E - EASTERLY LINE OF SECTION 9, T.12N., R.21E., M.D.M. AS SHOWN ON THE B.L.M. DEPENDENT RESURVEY, MAY 0 1976.

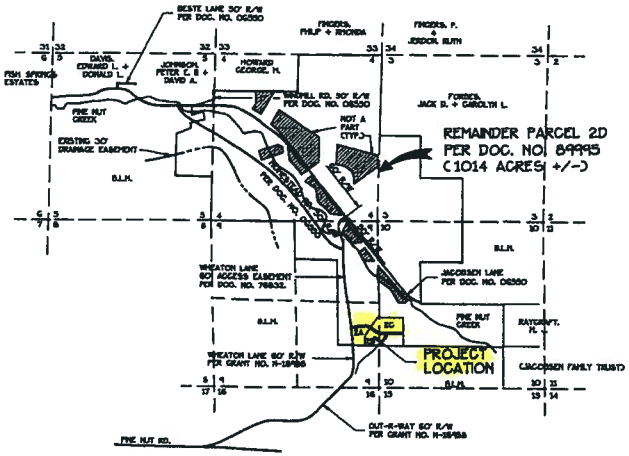
LEGEND

- O FOUND 5/8" I.P. & TAG PLS 2493
- A SET 5/8" REBAR AND CAP PLS 6899
- ⊕ SET CENTERLINE MONUMENT IN WELL

AREA

TOTAL AREA TO BE DIVIDED: 1.034 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.





LOCATION MAP
SCALE: 1" = 2000' +/-

LINE DATA

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
L1	N00°36'00"E	337.93'
L2	N89°23'36"W	330.28'
L3	S00°36'00"W	330.00'
L4	S00°36'00"W	337.93'
L5	S89°16'26"E	330.00'
L6	S89°16'26"E	330.00'
L7	N00°36'00"E	330.00'
L8	N00°36'00"E	330.00'
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L14	N89°16'26"W	330.00'
L15	S89°16'26"E	330.00'
L16	S89°16'26"E	330.00'
L17	N00°36'00"E	330.00'
L18	N00°36'00"E	330.00'
L19	N89°16'26"W	330.00'
L20	S89°16'26"E	330.00'
L21	S89°16'26"E	330.00'
L22	N00°36'00"E	330.00'

CURVE DATA

CURVE	RADIUS	LENGTH	TANGENT	DELTA
C1	300.00'	47.12'	30.00'	9°00'00"
C2	300.00'	47.12'	30.00'	9°00'00"
C3	300.00'	47.12'	30.00'	9°00'00"
C4	300.00'	47.12'	30.00'	9°00'00"
C5	300.00'	47.12'	30.00'	9°00'00"
C6	300.00'	47.12'	30.00'	9°00'00"
C7	300.00'	47.12'	30.00'	9°00'00"
C8	300.00'	47.12'	30.00'	9°00'00"
C9	300.00'	47.12'	30.00'	9°00'00"
C10	300.00'	47.12'	30.00'	9°00'00"

SCALE: 1" = 300'

SHEET 1 OF 1

PARCEL MAP #2

FOR

JACOBSEN FAMILY TRUST

LOCATED WITHIN PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 3, 4, 5, 9 + 10 T.12N., R.21E., M.D.M.

DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEVADA

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R.O. ANDERSON ENGINEERING

3,4,5,9-12-21 &10

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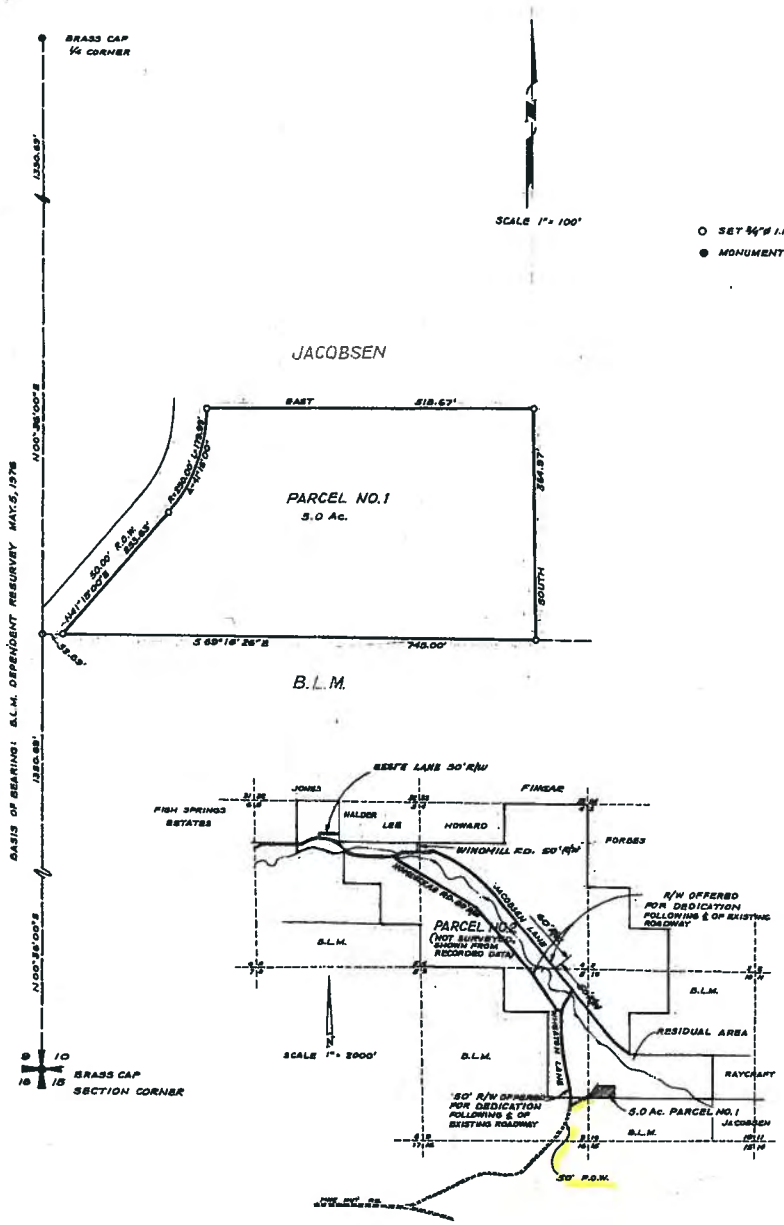

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

THIS MAP WAS PREPARED AT THE REQUEST OF STODDARD JACOBSEN, BASED ON A SURVEY MADE BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION, COMPLETED IN JULY 1976, AND IS TRUE AND COMPLETE AS SHOWN. THE MONUMENTS ARE OF THE CHARACTER AND OCCUPY THE POSITIONS INDICATED, AND ARE SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE THE SURVEY TO BE RETRACED.

Kenneth F. Barrow
KENNETH F. BARROW R.L.S. 2983

REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR - STATE OF NEVADA
KENNETH F. BARROW
No. 2983

OWNER'S CERTIFICATE

I, STODDARD JACOBSEN, OWNER OF THIS PARCEL OF LAND, DO HEREBY GRANT PERMANENT EASEMENTS FOR UTILITY INSTALLATIONS AND ACCESS AS DESIGNATED ON THIS MAP, AND HEREBY OFFER FOR DEDICATION THE ROADWAYS AS SHOWN ON THIS MAP.

Stoddard Jacobsen
STODDARD JACOBSEN

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF NEVADA

ON August 23 1976 PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC, STODDARD JACOBSEN, WHO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE EXECUTED THE ABOVE INSTRUMENT.

EDWARD F. BARASOLA
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF NEVADA
DOUGLAS COUNTY
My Commission Expires Aug. 23, 1977

Bonnie J. Barasola
NOTARY PUBLIC

UTILITY CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE EASEMENTS SHOWN ON THIS MAP

Steven A. Ross 12-16-76
SIERRA PACIFIC POWER CO. DATE

E. M. Eastlick 12-20-76
CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE CO. DATE

COUNTY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, MATT BERNARD, COUNTY CLERK IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF NEVADA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PARCEL MAP WAS APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 18th DAY OF November, 1976, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, THE OFFER OF DEDICATION IS REJECTED AT THIS TIME BUT SHALL BE DEEMED TO REMAIN OPEN UNDER N.R.S. 278.390.

Matt Bernard
COUNTY CLERK
by Lois M. Brandt, Deputy

RECORDER'S CERTIFICATE

FILED THIS 31st DAY OF January 1976, AT 11:18 A.M., IN BOOK 177 OF PARCEL MAPS AT PAGE 1394, AT THE REQUEST OF Stoddard Jacobsen DOCUMENT NO. 06550

Warren Clark (Deputy)
PATRICIA J. WILLIAMS, COUNTY RECORDER

COUNTY ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE

I, ROBERT A. DARDNER, ENGINEER IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF NEVADA, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THIS MAP AND THAT ALL CONDITIONS OF LOCAL ORDINANCES AND OTHER REVIEWING AGENCIES HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

Robert A. Dardner 12/27/76
DOUGLAS COUNTY ENGINEER

A DEVISION OF PARCEL MAP DOC. NO. 76832 BY STODDARD JACOBSEN

PARCEL MAP
FOR
STODDARD JACOBSEN

A PORTION OF THE S.W. 1/4 SECT. 10
T 12 N., R. 21 E., M.D.B. & M.

CHRISTOPH J. ALTEMUELLER
CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.
P.O. BOX 59 MINDEN, NEVADA
AUGUST, 1976

10-12-21

DOC. 06550
Jacobsen

Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☒ yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): None
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments:

1) Opposed to blocking access to areas that are already public lands.

2) My property backs up to a proposed area, and if access is blocked to only foot traffic it defeats the purpose I moved here.

3) I enjoy taking my dogs and ATV into this area.

4) Trails already exist, against more regulations & restrictions. A waste of tax payer dollars.

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BLM, Sierra Front Field Office
Attn: Brian Buttazoni
5665 Morgan Mill Road
Carson City, Nevada 89701

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
CARSON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE
5665 MORGAN MILL ROAD
CARSON CITY, NV 89701-1448

Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☐yes ☒ no

Affiliation (if applicable): _____
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: No I do not wont to close The Discovery Trail To motorized Travel. I and my Famley have Been using This Trail For meany years. There are more Pepel useing Atv's every year Then ever. And it is just not Fair To Keep Shuting down arias For us To go. When The Atv World is Growing every year And We are Forsetout and in To Smaller arias Just Dosent make any Sencle To Shut are arias Down So That A hand Full of Walkers can Travel Through a small Porshen of The aria To Pick Flower's. Let Them Do There walk in The arias That Thy alredy Took From us To Biuld There Homes.

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Attn: Brian Buttazoni
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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☒ yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable):
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: As avid trail users we are conceptually in favor of the CVDT, however we would like to understand the proposed foot print & design of the trail heads. Specifically we are concerned with the trail head identified S. East of Fish Springs between Out-R-Way & Ott Way. This proposed site is located off a two track dirt road with poorly drained soil that becomes extremly wet & sticky mud & impassable after a wet rain or snow storm. As we live within a few hundred yards of this site and utilize all of the trails mapped within approx 10 miles, we do not understand how this peticular site in addition to the other near by existing & proposed trail heads off well maintained Pine Nut Rd will improve access to the proposed trail system. Thank you for the opportunity to comment & we welcome the opportunity to participate in future planning work shops for the Carson Valley Discovery Trail —

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Respectfully,
[redacted]

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☒ yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): _____
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: I believe the 45-mile would benefit our valley. The beauty of the pine nuts would be discovered. Using the existing trailheads to connect the valley is an excellent plan. The trail would be a fantastic tourism draw.

There should not be a conflict w/ the motorized vehicles trails. The hiking/biking/equestrian trails are narrower than motorized and although they are in the open range the trails are planned to a ~~specific~~ design.

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☒ yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable):
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: THE NEW proposed DISCOVERY TRAIL which will be used by hikers, MOUNTAIN bikers AND equestrians will be enjoyed with out having conflicts with exsiting motorized TRAIL USER.

- OUR property backs up to the BLM. We belive the NEW TRAILS will improve AND help kept the pubic LANDS SAFER AND open FOR ALL TO enjoy, while helping TO protect the enviroment OF the pine NUTS.
- We Like that the New 45 mile TRAIL would be designed built AND MAINTAIN by experence TRAIL builders which will help protect the Fragile Resources with in the pine NUTS.
- utilizing exciting TRAIL head NEAR Ruhenstroth Dam will provide a TRAIL OVER Looking the CARSON River. which would give Unique experence FOR ALL TO enjoy. FOR MANY years TO come.
- Help improve economy in the area by providing a new draw FOR TOURISM TO the VALLY.

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

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Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☐yes ☒ no

Affiliation (if applicable):
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: It is nice we have access to BLM land any time we want to ride. I don't think we need the 45 mile trail which will limit access to BLM land.

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail

Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☐yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): [redacted]

Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: I am in favor of a dedicated trail and a dedicated parking lot.

The dedicated trail will be a safer experience than the current social trails used by the ~~A~~ ATV's.

I hope that the current bikers / users of this area will take advantage of the parking lot and alleviate the street parking on Leidway Lane.

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☒yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): [redacted]
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: The east side of the Carson Valley needs good sustainable non-motorized trails built to USFS/BLM system trail standards as has been done on the west side. Existing trails on east side BLM land are social trail created by motorized vehicles and mostly not safe or suitable for non-motorized use. I strongly urge approval of the Carson Valley Discovery Trail currently under consideration for the PINE NUT area. [redacted] Well designed and accessible trailheads are needed with adequate parking and located at least ½ mile away from existing residential areas

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☒ yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): [redacted]
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: I am in favor of a hiking trail as long as the following points do not occur.
#1. – No motorized trails, (either singletrack, jeep road, or otherwise) will be closed, altered or re-routed as a result of this hiking trail.
#2 All trail head access/parking will be "stand alone" and not placed on top of popular OHV parking areas.
#3 People who choose to hike need to understand that the Pine Nutt Mountains are a popular destination for all forms of motorized users. Just because they choose to be non-motorized they need to share the land with everyone! this seems to be a problem for selfish non-motorized users.
#4 with the vast amount of criss-crossing OHV routes in the area it will be next to impossible to keep everyone off the trail. The approach should be taken to educate motorized riders to stay off the trail and not with penalties of fines and such.

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☒ yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): [redacted]
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: I frequently run (sometimes walk) on the BLM land East of East Valley. I have to avoid using the roads and trails in some places because I am afraid of being accidently shot or run over by a 2 or 4 wheel vehicle. I am also reluctant to take my dogs because of some unsafe shooters and drivers.

If would be great to have a trail to use where I do not need to be wary of my safety every minute I am out there.

The land is held for multiple purposes and people who are on foot and/or unarmed should also be able to use the land.

Thanks. [redacted]

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Carson City, Nevada 89701

Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☑ yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): _____
Mailing Address: [redacted]
(This is my second time to comment.)

Scoping Comments: The more I think about it, the more I feel like this trail would be a lot more interesting and enjoyable if moved further to the east, on the east side of Juniper Valley or even beyond there. There would be better views, and a feeling of remoteness rather than being just on the edge of residential areas. Also, is there really a need for the proposed trailhead at the SE edge of Hot Springs Mtn.? It seems like the existing equestrian parking on Stephanie Way + the proposed trailhead on Vicky would be adequate. Also, it's an excellent idea to build new trails for this project so that no trails are "taken away" from motorized trail users. It's probably impossible, but signage is needed on every motorized trail that crosses the Discovery Trail, to keep motorized users off. Last thing... Will the trails in the Hot Springs Mtn. area be a problem for the golden eagles that nest there? Thanks for the opportunity to make comments.

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☒ yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): _____
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: I think this trail would be wonderful and an asset to our community.

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☑ yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): _____
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: _____

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☐yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): [redacted]
Mailing Address: _____

Scoping Comments: First, Huge thank you for the trails you have already built!! My suggestions are as follows:

That TRAILHEADS are a good distance from existing homes (2 miles or more) so as to discourage too much staging activity near private property

That current USAGE – i.e. existing popular motorized activity, is taken into consideration.

That ACCESS to the pinenut range is NOT shut off for motorized vehicles.

That TRAILS include mountain bikes.

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☑ yes ☐ no - Already Am

Affiliation (if applicable): [redacted]
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: ① I, and the PVMTA support multiple use trails. It is likely that an exclusive use trail will not be well received due to predominant ohv use in the area. I recommend acknowledging the majority and proceeding with multiple use designations

② The length of the trail without water supply renders hiking logistically unfeasible Either plan water supply or ?

③ ending the comment period 12 days after introducing the project is too soon

④ economic vitality → consult ① NV west motorsp.
② Carson KTM
③ Testa Racing
④ Dirt Tricks
⑤ High desert Guns
For input

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☒ yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): [redacted]
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: Coordination between BLM and Douglas County and Horse / off Road vehicles and walkers.

Johnson for off Road.
Stephanie for Horse Rides

no access (except Emergency there a gate off Leslie (stop off Road to insure walking only on Hot springs Trail.

BLM & Douglas County should work now to stop off Road Vehicles off Leslie Lane.

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☑ yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): [redacted]
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: ISSUE: I heard 3-4 people say: "If you build this trail, the ORV crowd will ride on it and force the bikers off it." Brian said he thinks if it is well-managed as a hiking trail, the ORV crowd will stay off it. I say we should build it. Less than half of the ORV riders will ride on it at first. Over time, less and less people will ride dirt bikes on it. To me, if a few dirt bikers continue to ride it, ~~that's~~ I can live with that. It will still be a much nicer trail to hike than 95% of the current roads in the Pine Nuts.

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☑ yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): _____
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: Hot Springs Loop trailheads need good signage through the neighborhoods to keep users off private roads. The CVDT non-motorized use only is a very good idea. This gives a safer & quieter alternative to multiple use trails in the area, but how will this be policed?

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: _____

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☐yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): _____
Mailing Address: _____
_____

Scoping Comments: For Hot Springs area
adequate signs
many people with guns
many motorized bikes + ATVs —
provide signs to direct motorized
vehicles to alternate routes

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Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☒yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): [redacted]
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: 1. IDENTIFY ACCESS TO TRAIL HEAD
BY HOT SPRINGS MOUNTAIN LOOP.
2. ACCESS THROUGH RESIDENTIAL AREA. NOT ALL STREETS GO THROUGH - ROMERO IS A 25' EASEMENT ACCROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY.
3. THERE IS A LOT OF SHOOTING ON BLM PROPERTY BETWEEN ROMERO & THE POWER LINE ROAD.
4. HOW WILL YOU CONTROL ACCESS (KEEP MOTORCYCLES & ATV. OFF.

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Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☒ yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable):
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: I live in [redacted] and am very excited that the CVTA is planning fabulous hiking opportunities on East side of the valley. Myself, family and many friends have enjoyed the Genoa trails + all the foothills, but am thrilled I can walk out my door as well.
I think the CVTA is smart to have public mtg w/ informed planners at every table listening + clarifying - It seems to me there should be no argument by 4 wheel enthusiasts - no over lap or shut down of available resources - More opportunity for all. Thanks - [redacted] Awesome place to live

Comments are due November 26, 2012

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5665 Morgan Mill Road
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☐yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): _____
Mailing Address: _____

Scoping Comments: The entire trail system proposed falls into hunting unit 291. State law shows High powered rifles can be used 1,500 feet from any occupied dwelling. How will this affect both Hikers + hunters

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make sure signs on trailheads include
- non motorized
- you may hear motors in the distance crossing
- you may encounter wild horses, bears, coyotes, shooting

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Scoping Comments: Pleased to see your interested in non motorized vehicle trials. Please try to enforce misuse of trails by motorized vehicles - terrific erosion problems caused - Not to mention peace + quiet

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Scoping Comments: We need a non-motorized trail, please.
Reasons 1- Tear up trails – erosion & whoops not pleasant to ride horses on
2. Machines can spook horses so can shooting
I personally haven't had any "conflicts" with machines in recent years but have been in the past.

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Scoping Comments:

I like the proposal so hikers and Horsemen will have a trail that will not be ruined by motor vehicles.

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Scoping Comments: I am in favor of the proposed trails because I live in the Johnson Lane area and would like to see more Non-motorized trails developed here for the area to use.

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Affiliation (if applicable): [redacted]
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: We are part time residents of The area (Gardnerville). We are also members of The Adirondack Mountain Club (upstate NY). We strongly support outdoor recreation opportunities (non motorized). Hiking trails encourage healthful physical family activities. The climate in this area is conducive to many months of use. We obviously support and encourage the construction of this trail and hope to use it in the future ourselves and with our family.

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Affiliation (if applicable): _____
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: - I strongly oppose any reduction on ~~Es~~ OHV useable area. Your literature indicates you want "close~~d~~ motorized routes", but the trail is not motorized.
- There are many trails in area already & this one will add congestion.
- If the trail is non-motorized, are OHV's allowed to cross it? If not you are effectively closing hundreds of currently used OHV trails to the east.
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Affiliation (if applicable): [redacted]
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: I Have Lived Here All my Life I Ride Horses, Dirt Bikes, Mountain Bikes, Quads Hike And Camp along with Keeping the proposed Area In Question, Proposed Trail System Non Motorized, I Am A Business Owner Employee - Home Owner, I Am Against the thought of Closing Any OF my Outdoor Activites Pleasure Areas! I would Move Out OF the Community IF the Area was Closed OFF to Our Outdoor Activities!

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Scoping Comments: Hiking Trails belong in the Sierras, Not in The dessert!

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Affiliation (if applicable): [redacted]
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: I oppose these trails if they at all require the shutting down of any rights to use them. Examples ~~Motor~~ Motorized vehicles, horses, bike, shooting, hunting or hiking. If these are NOT going to be accessible to all then I strongly oppose them.

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Carson Valley Discovery Trail

Scoping Workshop

November 14, 2012

Objectives:

To identify potential issues and impacts from implementation of the trails project, and alternatives to those issues and impacts.

Key Elements of the Project:

- **A new 45-mile non-motorized trail system for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding;**
- **Utilize two existing trailheads (Stephanie Way and near the Ruhenstroth Dam on USFS lands);**
- **Installation of directional and educational signage.**

The BLM would enter into a long-term trail maintenance agreement with the Carson Valley Trails Association.

What this Project would Not Do:

- **Close any motorized routes in the project area;**
- **Change the Travel Management status for the area which is Open. Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail**

Your Name: [redacted]

Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? yes no

Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: [redacted]

Comments: Although I'm not able to attend your workshops, I wanted to voice my support for the Discovery Trail. Especially during the winter months, it provides a place to get outdoors and hike when there is snow elsewhere. I have been on other Carson Valley trails, and they are excellent. They provide a place to view Great Basin

wildflowers in the spring when the mountains are still covered in snow, and a place to hike vs. ski or snowshoe in the winter. They provide the public with a place to exercise and enjoy the out-of-doors and provide a healthy alternative to sitting at home and watching TV. I am aware that there are concerns of some local landowners in the vicinity of the proposed trail and trailheads of impacts to them from this project – congestion, trash, trespass. In this regard, I would encourage signage that puts responsibility on the trail user to keep dogs under control, pick up after their animals, pack out their trash, and respect private property. There is also a concern about numerous mine diggings and the safety of trail users. I would suggest signage that warns of these adits and fencing or closure of them if possible. Thank you, and good luck!

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Affiliation (if appl[redacted]
Mailing Address:

Scoping Comments: MY CONCERN IS: MY ONLY WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE HOT SPRINGS MOUNTAIN AND SURROUNDING AREA IS ON MY MOTORIZED ATV. I DO NOT HAVE A HORSE, CANT AFFORD ONE, AND AFTER 3 BACK SURGERIES, I AM UNABLE TO WALK THE MOUNTAIN. I DONT THINK IT FAIR THAT I WOULD LOSE THE ONLY MEANS AVAILABLE TO ME, TO EXPERIENCE THIS AREA THAT HAS BEEN AVAILABLE TO ME.

Project Name: Carson Valley Discovery Trail
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Would you like to be on the Carson Valley Discovery Trail mailing list? ☑ yes ☐ no

Affiliation (if applicable): [redacted]
Mailing Address: [redacted]

Scoping Comments: HAVING READ MATERIAL FROM PUBLIC MEETING (ACQUIRED BY NEIGHBORS WHO ATTENDED), I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF ANY SORT OF DEVELOPMENT OR UPGRADES TO THESE TRAILS, PATHS, AND ROADS. USAGE IS CONSTANT AND VARIED - MOTORIZED VEHICLES, HORSES, WALKERS, AND DOGS — ALL USE THESE TRAILS NOW.

WE PURCHASED TO USE THE LAND ADJACENT AS IS, AND BANNING DOGS (OR ANY RESTRICTIONS) WILL NOT WORK. USE IS ESTABLISHED, AND IT IS FINE THE WAY IT IS. LEAVE IT ALONE & SPEND THE MONEY WHERE IT CAN BE PUT TO BETTER USE!

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