



*Cuyamaca Rancho State Park – General Plan*  
Public Meeting #3 – at Mission Valley Marriott “Cabrillo Room”, November 12, 2013  
**Management Zone Map and Matrix Comments**

**Existing Conditions Map Comments**

- 1) Mountain bikes should be permitted on any trail open to equestrians. I respect the nature of historic and cultural preserves but if one group can safely use the trails, others should be able to as well. The impact of bicycles is minimal. A fallen tree is easily and safely traversed by a bicycle
- 2) Safety concerns are for bikers and equestrians
- 3) Isn't the proposed equine staging area the one that was promoting horse camping since the Cedar Fire? That was deemed unsafe then and does not appear from your photo to have changed. Still too close to road, no shade trees, not level enough for safe ingress and egress hauling horses. Would need major grading and mature trees, plus protection from road. Equestrian staging needs more than room for 4 trailers, especially with size of equestrian trailers today. No safe access to/from road. No trail access to speak of.
- 4) Wilderness dictates above “no mechanical conveyances allowed” Natural resources are pristine, condition minimally modified. How does bulldozing, scraping 100's of acres, and burning compatible with this directive for wilderness management? When Yellowstone burned they let it regenerate naturally and learned much. You did not even check local stock or growing conditions. Your experiment is silting into National forest proposed wilderness. We have wonderful scientific universities and many local qualified experts who tried to work with you and you rejected their input (and only took) exclusive input from tree farmers.

**Management Zone Matrix Comments**

- 1) Consider exempting all trails from wilderness regulations to allow use of trail machines and saws for maintenance and multi-use
- 2) Where in the zones is a new, promised horse camp to be?
- 3) We need an equestrian camp in the north park area. This is a perfect activity for families. Finding an area shouldn't be this hard.
- 4) Day staging needs to accommodate more rigs than 3 to 5. This will be a very popular site for equestrians.

- 5) Corridors should be made in the wilderness areas to allow for multi-use condition.
- 6) Primitive area bicycle camps (with water) in north and south areas to allow longer bike/hike utilizing the sheer size of the park.
- 7) Fix this: Off trail hiking is allowed in gateway, front country, back country and wilderness zones.
- 8) Under cultural preserves it states bikes on paved roads only. Bike use should be grandfathered to all existing dirt roads and single track trails.

#### **Preferred Alternative Management Zones Map Comments**

- 1) I would like to see Sweetwater Trail, Eastside Trail, and Westside Trail (between Green Valley Campground and Sweetwater Parking) open to mountain bikes. All trails, including wilderness areas, be open to all uses with perhaps a few exceptions (Conejo Trail).
- 2) Perhaps a third primitive camp could be made allowing backpackers to make a triangle or loop. This may attract more backpackers to the park.
- 3) The preserve boundaries are continuous and none allow for a horse camp in the north end of the park, in fact nearly nowhere in the park.
- 4) Exempt all trails and fire roads from new designations so access and maintenance is not hindered.
- 5) Keep the MAU (Mounted Assistance Unit) camps.
- 6) Don't take out Stonewall MAU camp – Stonewall mine was worked by horses – we are there for the live enactment to bring the equestrian feel to the visitors.
- 7) I'm concerned about the preserves restricting use over the years – a creep of restrictions.
- 8) Cuyamaca City would be a great place for a family horse camp in the north. It is already impacted, has great trail access. And no I learn it will be used for potential revenue generating activities – you'll do well to have it as a horse camp - \$\$\$.
- 9) I too am very concerned about our Los Vaqueros Horse Camp. That camp brings in \$550.00/night. We need that camp to stay open. The trails out of the camp, I see more restrictions against equestrians and group camp. It is a big money maker for the park. Take care of Los Vaqueros Horse Camp!
- 10) It needs to be stated either yes or no that multi-use connectors will be in. "Considered" means nothing 2 years from now.
- 11) Paso Picacho reconstruction: Keep at least the same number of campsites and cabins. Hook ups would be nice.
- 12) Do not put "overnight" at Stonewall Mine if you say horses can't camp there. Either it's too sensitive or it's not.