



*Cuyamaca Rancho State Park – General Plan*  
Public Meeting #1 – at Viejas Casino Dream Catcher Showroom, October 3, 2012  
Workshop Portion  
Recorded Written Comments

**Station #2 – “Complete This Sentence”**

*Purpose:*

- Find out: What you value, why you visit, and desired improvements & opportunities

*Instructions:*

- Complete the sentence shown by writing your comment on the tablet

*Written Comments Recorded:*

***Question 1 – “What I value about CRSP is...”***

1. Their commitment to the park and their outstanding mountain bike support unit, their support of local groups including the San Diego Mountain Biking Association, their continued maintenance of the trails we all enjoy – oops I was thinking CRSPIA
2. Equestrian trails, streams & lake, hiking trails
3. My childhood memories & camping experience
4. Trails maintained for horsemanship
5. Horseback riding
6. Trails!
7. The peaceful retreat from the city
8. Its beauty & horse trails & horse camping
9. Equestrian camping and trails
10. Mountain biking!!
11. Bike trails, need more!
12. Bike trails, trails to peaks, a quick way to get to nature
13. The quiet, the feeling of wilderness, the knowledge that there are places that serve as a refuge in the face of the encroaching suburban spread of San Diego
14. It's humanizing
15. CRSPIA, their help to volunteer groups
16. Equestrian trails
17. Open trails
18. I love horse camping and riding in this beautiful place. I've always referred to CRSP as “my heaven on earth.”
19. Natural beauty! Wildlife, seasons, sights & smells.
20. Natural setting, lack of power towers

21. Riding and hiking trails
22. Let's get more kids to experience the backcountry!
23. The potential for more bike trails
24. Well maintained trails; the quiet!
25. The opportunity to ride my horse in an open, natural setting
26. It's closer than the Lagunas!
27. Excellent trails
28. Trails, a beautiful place to ride my MTB...
29. The beauty and recreational opportunities: hiking, biking, camping, riding horses
30. Wilderness for humans & animals
31. Mountain bike & hike trails
32. The beauty, peace & quiet, far away from the city
33. A place for young people (stud's at 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp) to learn about nature – if we don't give them a place like CRSP for this, they'll vote to close all parks –
34. Open/create day use equestrian parking at Green Valley
35. All-purpose trails, access to nature, parking access
36. Easily accessible, short drive to a beautiful park with wonderful trails for me and my horse, and bike trails for my husband.
37. The trails – let's open up more – use that trail machine
38. Nature, camping, family times
39. Continuously evolving trail networks that accommodate bikes, horses, and hikers alike.
40. Natural beauty

**Question 2: "The reasons I visit CRSP are..."**

1. Wildlife
2. Maps and information
3. To ride my horse from the bridge & camp at Los Vaqueros
4. Horseback riding and the staging areas that can accommodate truck/trailers
5. Hiking trails & working to keep them open for trail users.
6. Mountain biking
7. To visit breath-taking vistas on my mountain bike and to enjoy the world around me as often as possible
8. Horseback riding along with hiking
9. Biking
10. Hike, bike, picnic, trail ride (equestrian), bird watch, camp
11. Mt. biking/hiking/trail running/birding/wildlife viewing
12. To ride my horse with my 3 generations of family
13. Escape San Diego and enjoy the feeling of wilderness. Do not let this park turn into Mission Trails East
14. Trail rides with my horse
15. Camp/hike
16. To ride my horse and camp with my family
17. To ride my horses & enjoy nature – I'm unhappy about "culturally" fenced off areas
18. Horse, horse, horse trails, camp, nature, scenery
19. Close to town, a fairly large (for the area) system of bike trails, the 18 mile "grand loop," gets me to nature, family history – I used to enjoy hiking with my late wife
20. Mountain biking/hiking/trail work w/SDMBA/peaceful place to visit
21. Mountain biking
22. Hiking, camping and trail work, all which includes looking at and appreciating nature
23. To walk along the creeks

24. To volunteer w/CRSPIA, ride my horse
25. Replace Los Caballos Horse Camp in north end of the park
26. Volunteering!! Husband & I are retired long time volunteers with 33 years MAU. Thoroughly enjoyed serving the park and assisting the public!!
27. Camping, hiking, biking, family, equestrian, visitor's center – we do it all!
28. Bring back the old horse camp so I can visit again
29. Ride horses to experience park
30. Hike, nature walks, follow the post-fire progress of animals
31. Nature photography
32. To ride my horse in a beautiful place!! Training to be a MAU volunteer. I love CRSP!!
33. Recreation – rejuvenation, other beautiful areas are private and closed to public – keep Cuyamaca open

**Question 3: “Some ways I would improve the park are...”**

1. More horse trailer parking, more horse camps, more horse access points, connected trails in & around park
2. More trail access out of GVF horse camp, day use (equestrian) at GVF
3. More trails open to bikes, some bike specific services – bike wash, tool stand, some gravity fed, bike specific trails in the park
4. More open time @ GVF horse camp, more trails, day use @ Hual Cu Cuish
5. Less short-term trail repair and more variety of terrain for all levels of riders
6. Put a N. end family horse camp
7. Keeping GV horse camp open March 1 – November 30<sup>th</sup>
8. Day use for equestrians @ Haul Cu Cush
9. More horse camping facilities
10. More shade trees at Green Valley Falls Horse camp. Also water more available for 25 ft. hoses.
11. More protections for the wildlife and native plant communities
12. Better system for using trail work volunteers. Revamp TMU.
13. POS-electronic ability to pay parking fee. Impossible to expect patrons/users to have \$8 to park. A fee is fine but let's not turn people away due to a fee. Make purchasing a pass (annual) easy.
14. Improve manure disposal system at all horse camps. Copy system from Vern Whittaker
15. Yes!! [this comment has an arrow pointing to the previous comment]
16. Build a park for snow play & parking at Hual-Cu-Cuish
17. Encourage more trail workers through community outreach
18. Don't shorten camping season at Green Valley Falls.
19. Fluctuate park hours with seasonal time changes for longer hours during summer months.
20. More trail access for mountain bikers on single track trails (not fire roads), open more trails that are not on wilderness land
21. Continue free parking
22. Paved bike lanes on Hwy. 79 into Julian, Descanso & Mt. Laguna
23. I'm an equestrian, have been camping at Los Caballos since 1960s – when there were wooden corrals – camped all my vacations during my working years – and in 1995 retired and camp hosted a few years – I love the park – sold my house in Norco, CA to move to Pine Valley – also stayed and hosted Los Cab in '97 for six mo., three in the winter – hosted Green Valley 2011 for April & May
24. Make it so mtn. bikes can access south end of the park w/o riding on Hwy. 79
25. Open northern horse camp. One designed by equestrians, not “planner”
26. Good idea! Come work on the trail! [this comment is located next to the above comment]
27. Family camp for equestrians @ north end of CRSP – please
28. Improve Kelly Ditch Trail all the way to William Heise County Park. They already have done their part!

29. On the trails – have more benches – “sit & rest” spots w/a sign “what you are looking at” – (little hidden spots)
30. Trails are getting overgrown with ceanothus (sp?). I’m hoping to volunteer for this!
31. Stop calling roads trails – if you can drive on it, it isn’t a road! No one likes wide roads!
32. Bike only trails
33. I would like to see a group established to help out to be assistance for emergency situations fire, e-quakes, and natural disasters – to assist with basic help and guidance for other emergency services.
34. More multi-use trails/corridors in wilderness
35. Easier pull-throughs, parking or horse camps. Just a wee bit more grading to level problematic spots more. Thanks.
36. Open more trails to bikes: trails should be multiuse by default unless scientifically proven they cannot support a certain user group
37. Other bike specific opportunities – how about a “bike camp;” bike wash station; tool stand and work area; gravity fed trails; new “flow trail” opportunities; a bike skills area; “B” lines on trails featuring log rolls, rock features, skinnys, bridges

**Question 4: “Some recreational or educational opportunities I would like to see offered at CRSP are...”**

1. Education on snakes & reptiles
2. Camping on the lake
3. More access to organized sporting events
4. Rock climbing
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> that [this comment was written next to the above comment]
6. Downhill (gravity fed) mountain biking opportunities
7. Nature walks w/labels on native plants
8. Mountain mike clinics on safe mountain biking
9. More interpretive signs, nature signs
10. Historical resource signs
11. More training for horseback riding volunteers to promote safe and fun use of the park
12. Multi-use all trails not in wilderness
13. More horse camping & rebuild Los Caballos Camp!
14. More information on the native plants and ecosystems
15. We love the visitors’ center!
16. More flower identification panels
17. Single track trail access for mountain bikers from Green Valley to La Cima
18. Campground at north end for horses
19. Allow sledding/parking during snow
20. Keep trails open
21. More campfire programs
22. Family equestrian riding
23. Single track trail construction education emphasizing sustainable practices in use at the state parks such as Malibu SP
24. Level horse sites at Green Valley, site not level, difficult for larger rigs, more water hookups
25. Los Vaqueros – showers very poor design – you wasted the taxpayer money, but we’ll take it anyway
26. Bike trail connection to Anza Borrego
27. And horse [this comment has an arrow pointing to the above comment]
28. Shared use trails to include mountain bike
29. More multi-use trails. Bikes, hiking, horses