



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

Station #3 – “Destinations”

Purpose:

- Find out: Favorite places, popular activities, and visitation patterns

Instructions:

- On park map, stick a green dot where you typically park your vehicle and a red dot where you generally go to (favorite destination). Connect the two dots by drawing a line along your typical route of travel

Written Comments Recorded:

Map #1

Comments: None, except for "Free, for Now" in reference to parking along Hwy 79's southeastern shoulder, between the Japacha Creek and the Sweetwater River.

25 Green dot respondents; largest concentration along Hwy 79's southeastern shoulder, between the Japacha Creek and the Sweetwater River.

44 Red dot respondents; with the majority of the destinations along the Upper Green Valley Fire road, north to the western part of the Lucky Five Addition/Cuyamaca Lake.

Another set of destinations were strung along the Soapstone Grade Fire Road, past the Los Vaqueros Group Horse Campground, southwest along the Stonewall Peak Trail to the Paso Picacho area.

The shortest distance between Green and Red dots was from the Paso Picacho area north to the Hual-Cu-Cuish Horse Staging Area.

Another long set of Red dots stretched from the western Cuyamaca Lake area southwest along Middle Peak's northwestern and southwestern flanks along the Azalea Springs and Fern Flat Fire Roads southeast to the West Mesa Fire Road.

One solitary Red dot along the Deer Park Trail to its junction with the Pine Creek Road outside the park in the Cleveland National Forest.

Map #2

Comments:

1. Please consider a red dot for us on every bike and horse trail. We use them all. Thanks! 😊
2. Put in shade horse camp here (Lucky 5 Addition). Put water on trail for horses, bikes, hikers.

Around 60 Red dots; 32 Green dots.

Four clusters of Green and Red dots spaced close together at Los Vaqueros Group Horse Camp, Hual-Cu-Cuish Horse Staging Area, Paso Picacho Park HQ; and the previously mentioned "free" parking area along Hwy 79.

Four groupings of isolated Red dot destinations at Cuyamaca Peak, Oakzanita Peak, along the California Riding and Hiking Trail between the Arroyo Seco Trail Camp and the Saddleback Trail Junction, and along the Sweetwater Trail, between the South Boundary Fire Road and the Saddleback Trail/Merigan Fire Road junction.

Two isolated Green dot clusters at the Merigan Ranch (5) and at the parking area along Hwy 79's eastern shoulder at the Lower Descanso Creek Trailhead(3).

Map #3

Comments:

No written comments.

This map contains the least amount of dots.

Three Green dots at Hual-cu-Cuish Horse Staging Area; one at Paso Picacho; nearby destinations are the Los Vaqueros Group Horse Campground and Stonewall peak Trail, respectively.

Five Green dots at the previously mentioned "free" parking area along Hwy 79, with a Red dot destination via the Japacha Fire Road northwest up to the West Mesa, and southwest along the West Side Trail to the Green Valley Campground's Loop A.

A single Green dot appears to have been placed closest to the Oakzanita Springs Campground; however, it may have meant to be placed closest to the Hwy 79 parking area and Lower Descanso Creek Trailhead.

Lastly, two Red dots were placed at the junction of the Harvey Moore, Deer Park, and Upper Descanso Creek trails.