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Marin County's Rodeo Valley trail in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Horse Hill... 'every town needs hills for horses'

Horse Hill is a very special place on the border of Mill Valley and Corte Madera, adjacent to Highway 101 in Marin. Fourteen privately owned horses graze freely. The horses are able to graze on this land thanks to an arrangement between the Marin County Open Space District (MCOSSD) and the Alto Bowl Horseowners Association (ABHA). ABHA is a non-profit coalition of horseowners that work in close collaboration with the County to remain in compliance with the Open Space regulations...Just like all Open Space in Marin, people are welcome on Horse Hill with little interference from the horses. When not under saddle, the horses have little interest in the trails. They are mostly interested in the grass. People walking with their canine companions are also welcomed. The horses simply ask that the dogs stay with their human companions, either on leash or by voice control, just as they would around other wildlife. *-Robert Eichstaedt, ABHA Manager. www.horsehill.org*

Sonoma County's Open Space District honored for conservation efforts.

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District was honored for innovation and excellence in conservation work by the Trust for Public Land and the National Association of Counties.

Only three counties were recognized nationwide. The district was one of the first agencies in the country to be created and funded by a sales tax to protect agriculture and open space. The quarter-cent sales tax has helped protect almost 70,000 acres of farms and ranches, greenbelts, natural resources and recreational lands.

-Santa Rosa Press Democrat, March 4, 2007. www.sonomaopenspace.org

Stewart Horse Camp: Point Reyes National Seashore

Superintendent Don Neubacher reports that a concessionaire has yet to be named. There have been some horse-friendly amendments to the plan although the riparian setback - to protect red-legged frog, coho and steelhead habitat - continues to intrude on existing campsites. Planners are taking a closer look at the area west of the bathrooms as a site for expansion. The bathrooms need to be adapted for handicapped access - \$300K for that project! *www.nps.gov/pore/parkmgmt/index.htm*

HELPING PRESERVE LAND, FACILITIES AND TRAILS FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA EQUESTRIANS...AND THEIR HORSES

Bay Area Barns and Trails (BABTT) helps preserve the equestrian heritage in the 'Great Outdoors of the San Francisco Bay Area' by providing financial support and technical assistance to equestrian organizations, public and private landowners, land and trail trusts, and non-profit organizations which are working cooperatively to preserve and maintain publicly accessible barns, stables, pastures, staging areas, horse camps, and trails throughout Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma Counties.

Santa Clara County Open Space Authority/Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space Preserve

The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority owns over 13,000 acres of land and manages 1,000 acres as easements and mitigation lands. In its continuing effort to preserve land in a balanced manner, the Board has developed Study Areas for the different geographic regions within its boundaries. In the western foothills of Santa Clara County lies Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space Preserve which includes over 8 miles of trails for hikers, bicyclists and equestrians who want to explore the eastern slopes of the Santa Cruz Mountain range...Rancho Canada del Oro's parking area has 24 paved parking spaces, a vault toilet, horse trough, and a gravel lot for 10 horse trailers. Picnic tables are also available near the parking lot.

-www.openspaceauthority.org/properties

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BAY AREA BARNS & TRAILS
Education, Preservation, Stewardship,
and Capacity Building Grants

2007 \$16,075
 2000 - 2006 \$98,019
 TOTAL \$114,094

ALAMEDA/CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

October 2007 \$5,000
 Tilden/Wildcat Horsemen/Metropolitan
 Horsemen: 6th Annual 5-Day Labor Day
 Weekend Ride: East Bay Regional Parks
 District and the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council:
 Stewardship

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

July 2007 \$2,600
 M & M Stables/El Sobrante: Support
 Manure Hauling: Stewardship

September 2007 \$2,500
 Muir Heritage Land Trust
 Support trail planning, construction and
 management: Stewardship

MARIN COUNTY

May 2007 \$2,500
 Friends of Marin Stables/Marin Municipal
 Water District:
 Support restoration of seasonal creek
 adjacent to horse paddocks: Stewardship

November 2007 \$500
 Alto Bowl Horseowner's Association/Marin
 County Open Space District:
 Habitat Restoration/Invasive Plant Removal:
 Stewardship/Volunteer Support

SOLANO COUNTY

May 2007 \$2,500
 Solano Land Trust: Support Lynch Canyon
 Grand Opening: Stewardship

October 2007 \$2,500
 Michael Muir/Access Adventure/Solano
 Land Trust: Construction of Ramps and Rush
 Ranch Improvements

SONOMA COUNTY

May 2007 \$475
 Back Country Horsemen: Support
 Construction of Manure Bunker in Annadel
 State Park: Stewardship

Bay Area Barns and Trails (BABTT) Grants Available to Bay Area Equestrians

Equestrian coalitions, public or private landowners, land and trail trusts, and non-profit organizations are invited to apply for financial aid to assist with land, trail and barn acquisition, restoration, or construction. Public education and organizational capacity building grants are also available. Grants - ranging from \$500.00 to \$5,000 are often awarded to match funds earned during equestrian-sponsored rides or events.

Application for 2008 Stewardship, Acquisition, Education and Capacity Building Grants: www.bayareabarnsandtrails.org

Equestrian Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) TeleConference - June 2007

On June 27, ELCR hosted a teleconference, which brought together equestrians from throughout the United States. The purpose of the meeting was to answer the fundamental question: How can ELCR help its partners succeed in their efforts to preserve equestrian opportunities? Comments ranged from problems of sharing lands and trails, the reluctance of land managing agencies to heed the needs of horse owners and the importance of connecting with local, regional and national elected representatives...there needs to be a recognition - followed by action - that horses are an integral cog in the land preservation arsenal. Saving land should be priority...how to manage the land and fund equestrian-friendly programs and management - while necessary, is the second tier of preservation...first save the land, landbank it if you must...Support land trusts, public agencies...vote for park bonds. Help raise funds for your 'partners.'

'Loss of open land has been identified as the greatest threat to the future of all equestrian recreation and industry. By educating horse people and encouraging partnerships with conservationists and other user groups at the local level, the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource is mobilizing thousands of equestrians to work for land access and protection in their communities. We recognize that without such concerted efforts, the equestrian world as we know it is at great risk. ELCR educates horse people about the crisis and brings them together with conservationists to stem this serious loss. Our many programs include:

- Coordinating and working with riding groups, such as the Friends of Callithea Farm in Maryland, to form nonprofit organizations to purchase and save their riding areas.
- Assisting landowners to work with land trusts to create easements that will protect land for horse use.
- Partnering with such groups as USEA, AQHA, USPC and MFHA, as well as state horse councils, breed organizations, trail riders, and discipline organizations to save their riding places.
- Serving as a clearinghouse for information about land and access protection.

The 'Resource' recently moved to the Kentucky Horse Park where it will continue to expand partnerships with many other equine-focused organizations. - www.elcr.org



Being resourceful with self-directed "Stewardship"!

Photo from Maureen Pinto, Golden Gate Dairy Stables, Muir Beach

"Land for Horses - Stabling, Competing, Enjoying" In practical terms: 197 acres = one nice farm...95.5 miles of 4' wide trail...are lost- every hour - for the past 20 years"...Join your local open space preservation organization...help save land for wildlife...agriculture... recreation... your family. -Natural Resource Conservation Service www.nrcs.usda.gov

C O U N T Y N E W S

East Bay Regional Park District Acquires Pleasanton Ridge Lands

"In its largest land deal in 17 years, the East Bay's regional park agency is teaming up with a high-tech millionaire to buy 1,476 acres of hilly grasslands and oak forests to expand Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. The \$6.63 million sales agreement to acquire Tyler Ranch along Sunol Ridge is a recreational gem. Rising from Niles Canyon near sea level to 2,000 or more feet, the ridge has wide dirt trails for hiking, bicycling and horse riding, and panoramic views of the San Francisco Bay to the west and the San Ramon, Livermore and Central valleys to the east."

-Contra Costa Times - Denis Cuff

The East Bay Regional Park District operates 50 parks and 20 trails totaling more than 75,000 acres. Founded in 1934, the District provides a variety of recreation opportunities for the residents of the Diablo Valley and the entire East Bay, from fishing, swimming and boating to jogging, cycling, and horseback riding. But the one objective of all the East Bay Parks is to protect the natural resources so that the residents of this area will be able to enjoy them for generations to come.

-www.ebparks.org

Annual 100 Mile 6-Day Ride Earns \$20,600 for the Ridge Trail and East Bay Trails

Tilden-Wildcat Horsemen's Association and Metropolitan Horsemen's Association 6th annual ride in the East Bay hills - Aug. 29- Sept. 3, 2007 attracted 56 riders and 80+ volunteers! Bay Area Barns and Trails donated \$5,000 to the 'bank'. This ride has now earned \$85,000 for the Bay Area Ridge Trail and for equestrian improvements on East Bay trails. -Morris Older at 925-254-8943, ebhillsride@comcast.net

Muir Heritage Land Trust Awarded Nearly \$2 Million for Fernandez Ranch Restoration & Public Access Project

...excerpts from MHLT Press Release: June 28, 2007

Muir Heritage Land Trust (MHLT) has been awarded \$1.92 million from the highly competitive California River Parkways Grant Program for its Fernandez Ranch project off of Highway 4 between Martinez and Hercules. The property will offer tremendous public recreational opportunities and wonderful benefits to wildlife and water quality. Project partners include the State Coastal Conservancy and the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. Approximately \$900,000 of the grant will support public-access amenities including a staging area for cars and horse trailers; a pedestrian and emergency-vehicle bridge spanning Rodeo Creek; approximately 3.5 miles of multi-use wildland trails, of which 1/2 mile will be ADA accessible, and four picnic areas with interpretive elements. Final plans, permitting and major construction will start in 2008. Fernandez Ranch is expected to open to the public in 2010....

Since it's founding, the Muir Heritage Land Trust has protected over 2000 acres for people to enjoy through recreational opportunities that include wildlife observation, hiking, horseback riding and environmental education.

- www.muirheritagelandtrust.org, www.ridgetrail.org

Kids and Ponies in Tilden Looking for Concessionaire

Chronicle Watch tells of the lonely, vacant Pony Ride Ring in Tilden Park...near the Steam Train. Isn't there anyone out there who wants to introduce children to their very first pony? Kids and ponies need an angel (on horseback) to ride to the rescue.

Contact Pat O'Brien, pobrien@ebparks.org 510-544-2001

Pinole Watershed: 7.5 Miles of New Ridge Trail dedicated Nov. 3, 2007

200 people attended the opening ceremony for a long awaited trail, on a beautiful fall day, as the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) dedicated a new section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The trail travels 7.5 miles through beautiful Pinole Watershed and has spectacular views of the East Bay hills and the Carquinez Strait. It connects to the Ridge Trail in Sbrante Ridge Regional Preserve (an East Bay Regional Parks District property), creating a nearly 10 mile continuous stretch of Ridge Trail. With this new addition, the Bay Area Ridge Trail now has 310 miles open to the public. The new trail is also a key link in a planned 50-mile loop trail around the Carquinez Strait. The Pinole Watershed, previously not open to the public, is accessible to hikers and equestrians. The trail can be accessed just west of the Alhambra Valley Road and Bear Creek Road intersection in Pinole. Note! Trail use requires an EBMUD Trail Use Permit: portal.ebmud.com/store/storekeeper.cfm - www.ridgetrail.org

Save Mount Diablo Forging Ahead

'... 2007 was another great year. We just signed papers on a new acquisition, Irish Canyon and now have 23 months to raise the \$1.344 Million purchase price. We are planning more hikes, small and large events on our properties and on Mt. Diablo. We hope you will join us!

- www.savemountdiablo.org

You Can Help Plan Future Recreational Use of Coyote Valley

www.openspaceauthority.org/Preservation/coyote_valley_greenbelt_recommendation.pdf
-www.greenfoothills.org



MONTEREY
HORSE PARK

MONTEREY HORSE PARK: SHOVEL IN THE GROUND CAMPAIGN

The Monterey Horse Park (MHP) is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation formed to preserve open land for public recreation and to create an international center for equestrian training, competition and education.

In December 2005, MHP signed an exclusive negotiating agreement with the County of Monterey, giving MHP the right to raise funds, conduct necessary environmental and engineering studies and work with the County on milestones necessary to achieve the transfer of land and begin construction on the designated 390-acre site at the former Fort Ord... MHP needs to raise \$1.9 million by July 1, 2008; \$200,000 of this amount must be raised by October 1, 2007. A capital campaign for Phase One construction will begin this winter - and will include an array of naming rights for Monterey Horse Park facilities. Donations needed to create this once in a lifetime opportunity to create a permanent, international level equestrian facility in California. www.montereyhorsepark.org

**SAN MATEO COUNTY
GGNRA San Mateo Equestrian Plan**

The September 16th GGNRA public meeting in San Mateo was well attended by horse and stable owners interested in the plans for 3 stables that will come with new GGNRA/Rancho Corral de Tierra lands in San Mateo County. The Equestrian Plan will determine environmental "Best Management Practices", requirements for public access, public services or outreach.

It is possible that these elements would apply to all GGNRA stables...'

-Andrea Lucas, Landscape Architect, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Building 201 Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123 415-561-4478 andrea_lucas@nps.gov

Oakland City Stables: the saga continues

Thanks to the persistent efforts of Metropolitan Equestrian Society (MEPS) and Friends of Oakland City Stables, there appears to be light at the end of this tunnel:

Oakland City Stables Rises to a City-Wide Project'

"City Hall was packed Tuesday night with citizens asking for reopening of Oakland's only public stable, standing united against a proposal for a \$17.5 million general use park and plans to deviate the site from a full service stables and equestrian center. Not one member of the public spoke in favor of the plan as described in the Park Prioritization List... This Committee (LEC) said that there would be children's programs offered at the stables in this spring and summer. No programs came into existence and summer programs have been canceled..." The City of Oakland purchased the ranch to make a place where children in the community could learn about horses, ranching and farming. The inner city kids with all their personal issues benefited greatly learning about caring from and for a horse. That was a wonderful use of Public Funds... If Oakland is to continue to offer as many diverse qualities of life as its own population, then the ranch must be saved for equestrian use. . . In response to the onslaught of the public's emails and phone calls as well as the speakers protesting the redevelopment of City Stables, Council voted 3 to 1 to name City Stables as a city-wide project. Council also acted again to uphold the existing Master Plan for the stables honoring the public's mandate for a full service equestrian center with boarding, training, teaching, expanded outreach programs for the public, including programs for inner city youth, families, groups, day and summer camps.

'For \$2 million, which we are willing to raise privately, MEPS will deliver a fully renovated stable, that when properly managed and run, will be financially self sustainable, offering wonderful outreach programs. Our plan is consistent with the City's Master Plan and there is massive public support for this Plan. If the City had chosen MEPS, as a concessionaire, we would have opened for business last month. It's time for Oakland to keep its promises and return this facility to full use."

- Anne Novak (415) 531.8454; annenovak@yahoo.com;
- Lise Stampfli (415) 457.1940; lstampfli@earthblink.net

Equestrian Trails Advocates (ETI) Urge Responsible Riding

As many of you know - because of equestrian perseverance, a new trail was just opened which connects Northgate Road and Castle Rock Road in Walnut Creek. This trail goes behind several houses - where children and dogs play in their own backyards, behind secure fencing - far from the trail's double fence line.

There have been a few issues with rude and inappropriate equestrians riding by - where they are yelling at the kids and dogs for playing and telling the kids to stand still while they ride their horses by.

REMEMBER: This trail is only open by the good graces of East Bay Regional Park District and by many hours of gathering signatures for a petition to open the trail. It is a privilege to have this trail available to us, NOT a right. Therefore, if you and/or your horse are spooked, please exercise proper horsemanship and dismount to lead your horse. The families who live in this neighborhood have every right to play in their own backyards without comments from trail users. Please pass this information along to all equestrians who ride trails. It would be a shame to have a few misbehaving equestrians ruin this fabulous and safe trail access for the rest of us.

-Pamela@LumiPlexionSkincare.com

VISIT, OR JOIN, ONLINE!

www.bayareabarnsandtrails.org



Ribbon cutting at Robertson Arena

Robertson Rodeo Arena

TCLAV (Trails Council of Livermore Amador Valley) along with local equestrians - made it happen. A friendly board and staff at LARPD (Livermore Area Park and Recreation) was also key.

- Dick Quigley, rlquig1@comcast.net

Concord Naval Station ReUse - Opportunities for Trails

Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and Invitation to a Public Scoping Meeting for the Concord Community Reuse Project.

www.concordreuseproject.org

“On behalf of the Diablo Arabian Horse Association Board and its 200+ members, I would like to take this opportunity to write to you regarding the importance of creating and preserving public open space on the Concord Naval Weapons Station property. Founded in 1969 by San Francisco Bay Area Arabian horse enthusiasts, the Diablo Arabian Horse Association is a strong advocate of maintaining and creating new open space and trails for equestrian and public recreational use. The Diablo Arabian Horse Association joins the East Bay Regional Park District in strongly advocating that at least half of the Concord Naval Weapons Station property be preserved as public open space to be used for trails and recreation. Public open space and connecting trails to other open spaces is a very important issue to us and should be seriously considered in the preparation of the Conceptual Alternatives and the Environmental Impact Report to create a Concord Community Reuse Project Plan. As more and more land gets developed for residential and commercial use, it is critical that agencies take this opportunity to protect at least half of these 5,028 acres from being developed and insure that future generations get to enjoy this property for trails and recreation. We look forward to participating in the Conceptual Alternatives Development workshop on August 4th and to providing invaluable input on the location, configuration, alignment, construction and installation of recreational trails, particularly those that will be used by equestrians.

- Jill Mitchell, President, Diablo Arabian Horse Association”

Components Common to All Alternatives: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Key elements that form part of all of the alternative concepts include:

- Preservation of hillsides at 30% slope or greater
- A 300 foot wide riparian corridor along Mt. Diablo Creek
- New biking and hiking trails that connect to the existing regional network

...there is NO MENTION OF EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES/TRAILS. Project manager stated (OVER THE PHONE) that equestrian activities are included.

Your WRITTEN comments are needed: the REUSE plan MUST be SPECIFIC. Write to: Michael Wright, Reuse Project Director | Council Chambers City of Concord City Hall | 1950 Parkside Drive | Concord, CA 94519

NAPA COUNTY: Skyline Wilderness Park: A New Covered Arena

Skyline Wilderness Riders is raising funds to construct a covered arena in Napa's Skyline Wilderness Park, a popular site for horse-camping, horse shows and trail riding. The project is being accomplished with volunteer labor and donated funds. Design, site preparation, engineering, grading, sand, and tamping have been completed. BABTT has pledged \$5,000 for the project.

Please Contact merrywidmeyer@aim.com

The park also includes ten spacious horse camping sites, each accommodating 2 horses, 2 rigs, with water and picnic table.

Bathrooms with showers are available within a short walking distance. There are 15 miles of trail to ride, through wooded forest, valleys and hilltops. The park includes access to the Bay Area Ridge Trail. More information:

Skyline Park, 707 252-0481

www.nctaa.com/skyline/horse_camping.htm

SOLANO COUNTY: Lynch Canyon is now open to the public

Solano County has partnered with Solano Land Trust to open Lynch Canyon to the public Wednesday through Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to posted closing time. This agreement is good for three years; it is important that the public support participating agencies and landowners. Lynch Canyon was acquired by the Solano Land Trust in 1996, and is now home to a section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

Hours: Wednesday through Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to posted closing time. Closed Monday and Tuesday. Restrooms are available at the parking area. No drinking water.

Fee: A daily parking fee is required as posted. Annual parking passes are available through County Parks at (707) 784-7905.

www.solanolandtrust.org



ENVIROHORSE : A repository and clearing-house for scientifically sound data and information about the horse and its place in the environment. - envirohorse@yahoo.com



The Bay Area Barns & Trails booth at the 2007 BAOSC Annual Conference.

Bay Area Open Space Council Annual Conference - June 13, 2007

Morris, Karen and Barbara explain how and why horses (and equestrians) are great partners in the land preservation community.

The Bay Area Open Space Council is a collaborative of over fifty-five member organizations actively involved in permanently protecting and stewarding important parks, trails and agricultural lands in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. Its vision is to protect an additional one million acres of open space, thus doubling the amount of protected lands in the region.

www.openspacecouncil.org

Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) Preserves Morgan Hill Land

'In a major push for land protection in the western hillsides of south Santa Clara County, the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) announced that it has reached an agreement with a longtime ranching family to protect a scenic 868-acre property in Morgan Hill. The proposed purchase, to be completed in March 2008, signals a significant expansion of POST's conservation work in South County and introduces an effective land trust partner with whom local landowners can save agricultural and open space properties from rapidly encroaching development.

www.openspacetrust.org/news

GGNRA Marin Equestrian Plan due for Completion Fall 2008

The environmental review (EA) process should be ready to be circulated for public review and comment in Spring 2008... and be completed by Fall 2008

Project Purpose: To improve equestrian sites, facilities, programs, and management on GGNRA land in southern Marin County in a manner consistent with NPS plans and policies so that park natural and cultural resources are preserved and protected.

The Plan: NPS supports recreational horse use in southern Marin GGNRA lands. To better serve the public and protect natural and cultural resources, NPS is evaluating changes to the stables. The existing Marin stable sites are: Golden Gate Dairy Stables near Muir Beach, Tennessee Valley Stables near Mill Valley, The Rodeo Valley Stables in the Marin Headlands.

NPS will propose alternative actions to achieve consistency with NPS goals, policies and directives. Stable management and site locations will be reviewed and may change. The programs will be modified and expanded to better serve the riding and nonriding general public. Operations will comply with NPS policies. The stables currently operate on a month-to-month lease with NPS; longer lease agreements will benefit planning for both operators and the NPS. To be included on the Equestrian Plan mailing list, send your address to:

Superintendent; Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attn: Andrea Lucas | Fort Mason, Building 201 | San Francisco, CA 94123
WEBLINK: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/> [go to park site: "Golden Gate NRA"]

San Francisco Golden Gate Park Stables

■ **Golden Gate Park Stables Renovation Project:** A community meeting regarding the proposed facility design of Golden Gate Park Stables was held at the County Fair Building on November 20, 2007. Staff members were present from San Francisco Recreation & Parks Department, San Francisco Parks Trust, and the architecture firm of Tom Eliot Fisch.

The meeting focused on the guiding principles of: 1) Restoring the historic activity of horseback riding to the park; 2) Restoration of WPA buildings; 3) Creating a community asset and improving community access; 4) Improving health and safety for the horses; 5) Economic viability for the vendor; 6) Diversifying recreational opportunities.

The facility would have a total of 42 stalls, with the breakdown of horses to be based on the business model of the selected stable operator (i.e., whether any stalls will be available for boarding). The RFP is anticipated in early 2008, and the vendor's involvement is desired prior to the completion of the design phase. If no speed bumps are encountered, building will begin Fall 2008 and the stables will hopefully reopen in Fall 2009. The project is anticipated to be in the \$11 to \$12 million dollar range (this includes a proposed endowment fund, the current project cost is estimated at \$8-\$8.3M). For info about the RFP contact: Tom Hart, Property Manager - Recreation and Park Department. 415-831-2773, Tom.Hart@sfgov.org

■ **November 8, 2007: San Francisco Voters Approve Proposition G** which enables the City to Establish Golden Gate Park Stables Fund #130510. The Ordinance may provide up to \$250,000 by matching one dollar of City funds for every three dollars donated to renovate the historic stables up to \$250,000.

■ **The Golden Gate Park Stables Draft Environmental Impact Report** found that implementation of the project would result in no significant environmental effects that could not be mitigated to a less than significant level with implementation of mitigation measures. To get a copy of the report and the public comments please call Nannie Turrell, Senior Environmental Planner at 415-575-9047.

Dig deep! BABTT plans to donate \$5,000 to Golden Gate Park Stables in 2008... Please encourage your organization to hold a fundraiser!

Sonoma County - Interim Access: Petaluma's Tolay Park

Regional Parks is conducting upwards of 30 different studies that will help formulate the Park's Master Plan. Meanwhile, an Interim Access Plan, the intent of which is "to provide public access beyond the guided tours and manage the property while preserving existing resources," is expected to last 3-5 years. Interim Public Access & Management Plan: www.sonoma-county.org/parks/park_planning.htm

The County is proposing to significantly reduce access to mountain bikers and equestrians during the Interim phase, based on the threat of a lawsuit claiming lack of "historical use" of bikes or horses on the property and thusly CEQA segmentation because of new impacts by these user groups.

Horse and Bike use: Guided tours ONLY, twice a month for summer only...

The Sonoma County Trails Council has expressed concerns that a large segment of the County's population will be turned away and frustrated by the lack of access to Tolay during the interim plan. Send your comments to Michelle Julene, Environmental Specialist at mjulene@sonoma-county.org -Eleanor Guerin, Tolay Technical Advisory Committee www.sonoma-horse-council.com

Bay Area Barns & Trails Needs YOUR help!

Without your support, Bay Area Barns and Trails will be unable meet the needs of its partners who are working on land and facility acquisitions, recreational lands' stewardship and startup/capacity building. With your generous financial contribution, Bay Area Barns and Trails will try to do more to help preserve our equestrian lifestyle: acre-by-acre, barn-by-barn, trail-by-trail! *Please Join Up! Renew!*

Join UP! Your support at any level will help make possible the continuation of our efforts to protect and preserve Bay Area equestrian organizations, landowners, land trusts, and land managing agencies. Your donation is tax-deductible. E.I.N. #68-0442986. **THANK YOU for your generosity!**

OR JOIN ONLINE at www.bayareabarnsandtrails.org Or...mail your check to:

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Images from BABTT's membership gift. 6 beautiful photo-cards displaying horses in areas bordering development by photographer, and horseowner, Aviva Rossi. Your gift when joining at the \$100 level or above!

GIFTS CARDS FOR THE HORSEY SET!

Six elegantly packaged photo-cards show horses enjoying their rural life on San Francisco Bay Area public and private lands. Aviva Rossi, photographer and horse owner, has created a series of photographs that display pastured horses in areas bordering development. A set of six beautifully packaged cards will make excellent gifts for anyone who loves horses, rural areas, the great outdoors, and wants to support the BABTT mission: preserving lands for horses!

The cards are made with actual glossy photographs, suitable for framing. The package of six cards is attractively packaged together and is available for \$25.00. The cost of shipping is included.

(You may also receive one lovely card set at no additional cost as our thanks for joining or renewing your membership in 'Bay Area Barns and Trails' at the \$100.00 level or above.) View all the photos at our website.

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*“Just give me land, lots of land, under
starry skies above, Don't fence me in.
Let me ride through the wide open
country that I love, Don't fence me in.”*

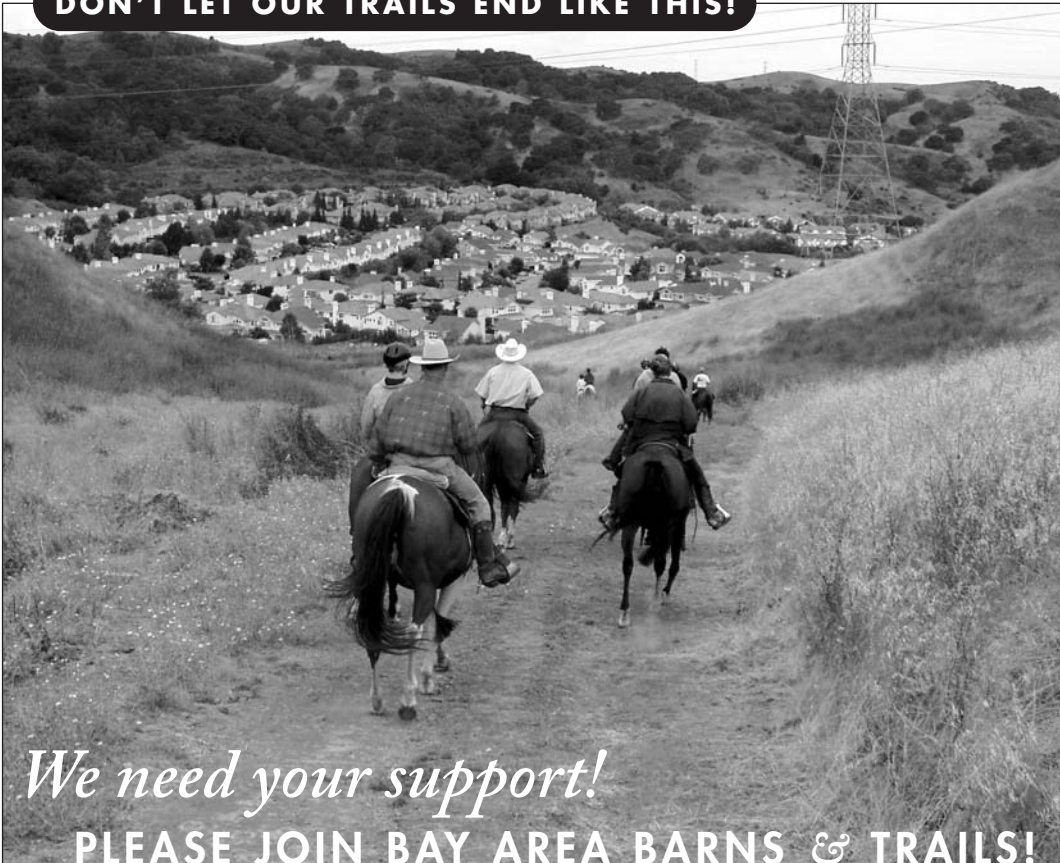
- COLE PORTER



TO:

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