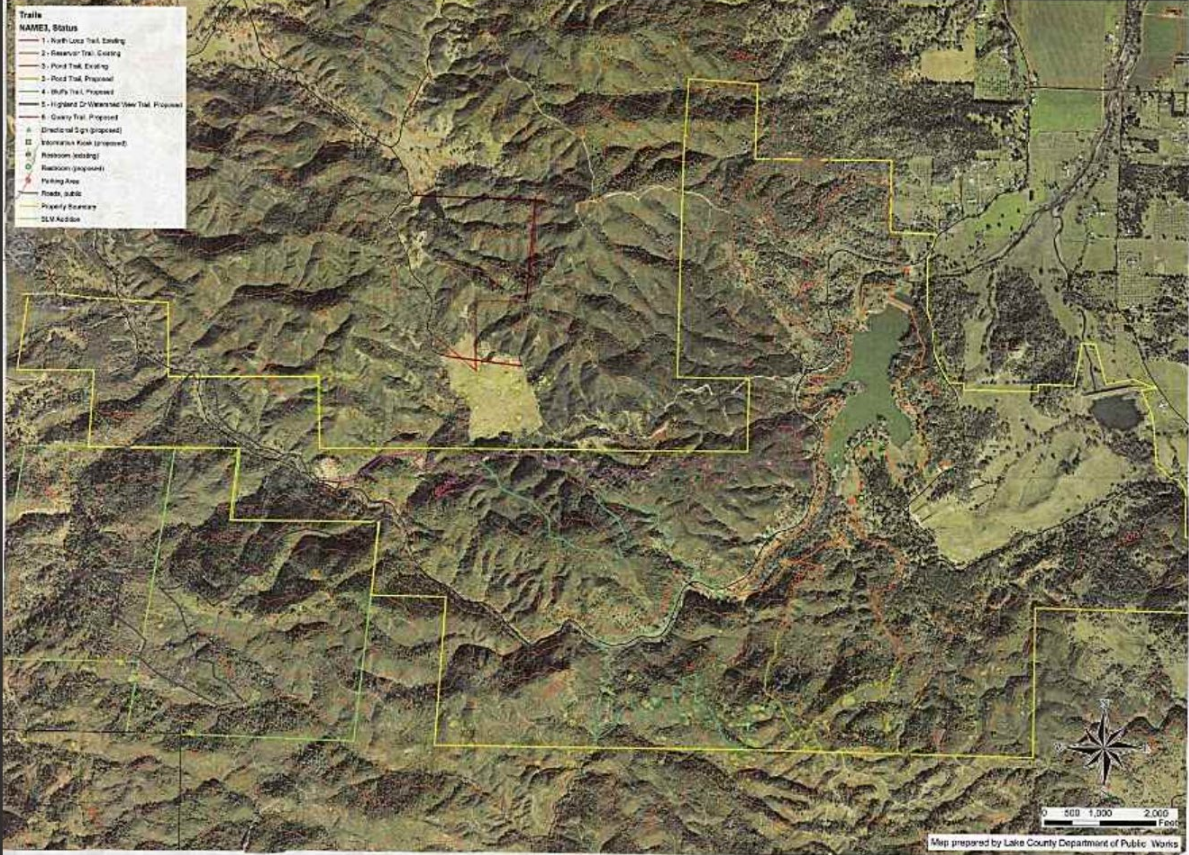
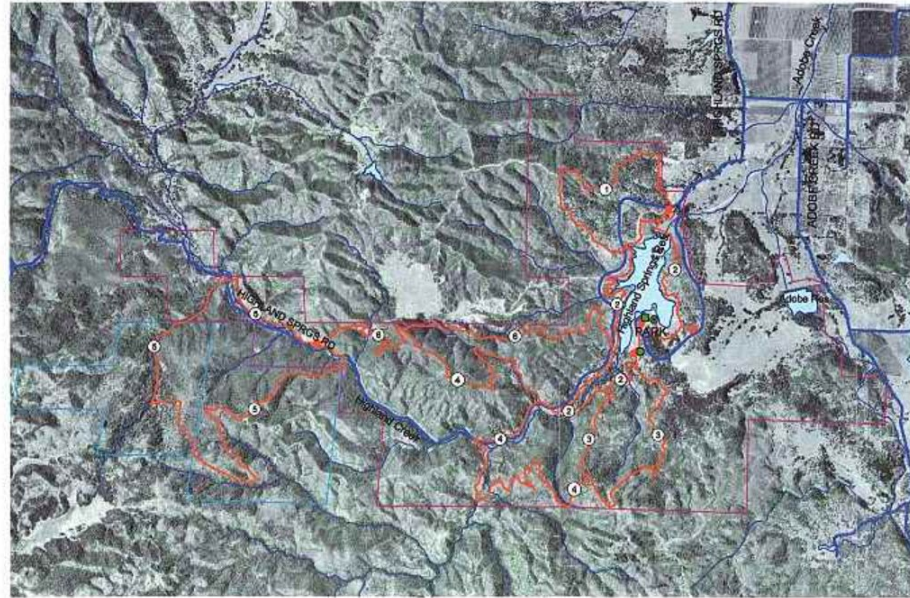


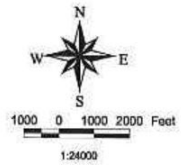
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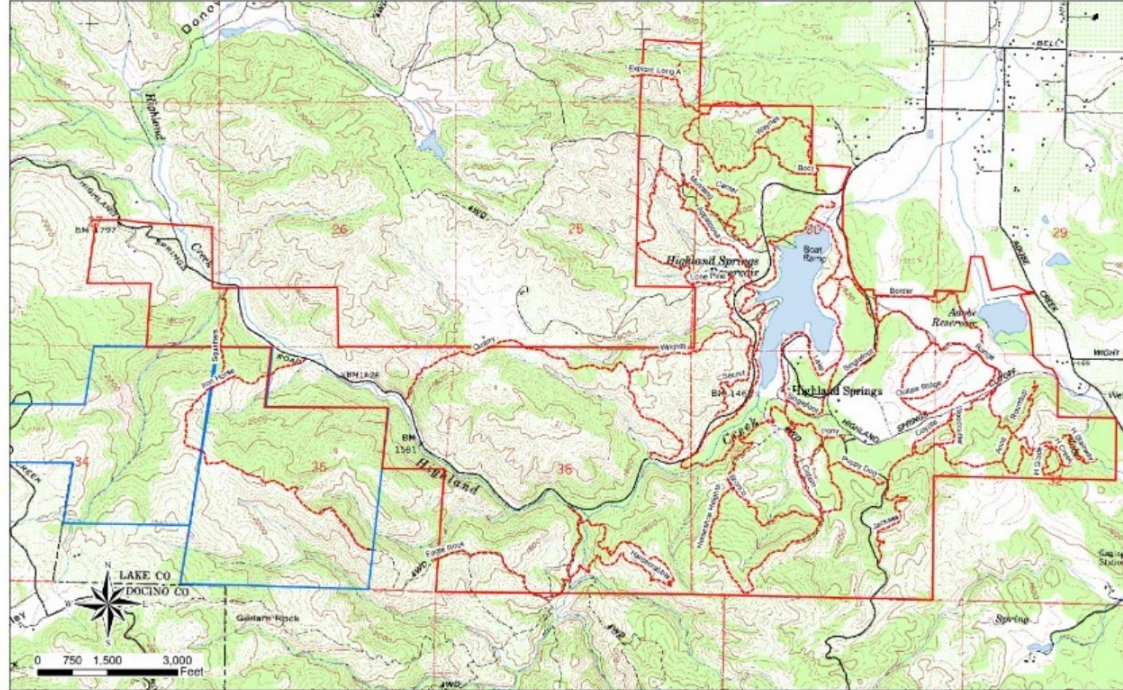


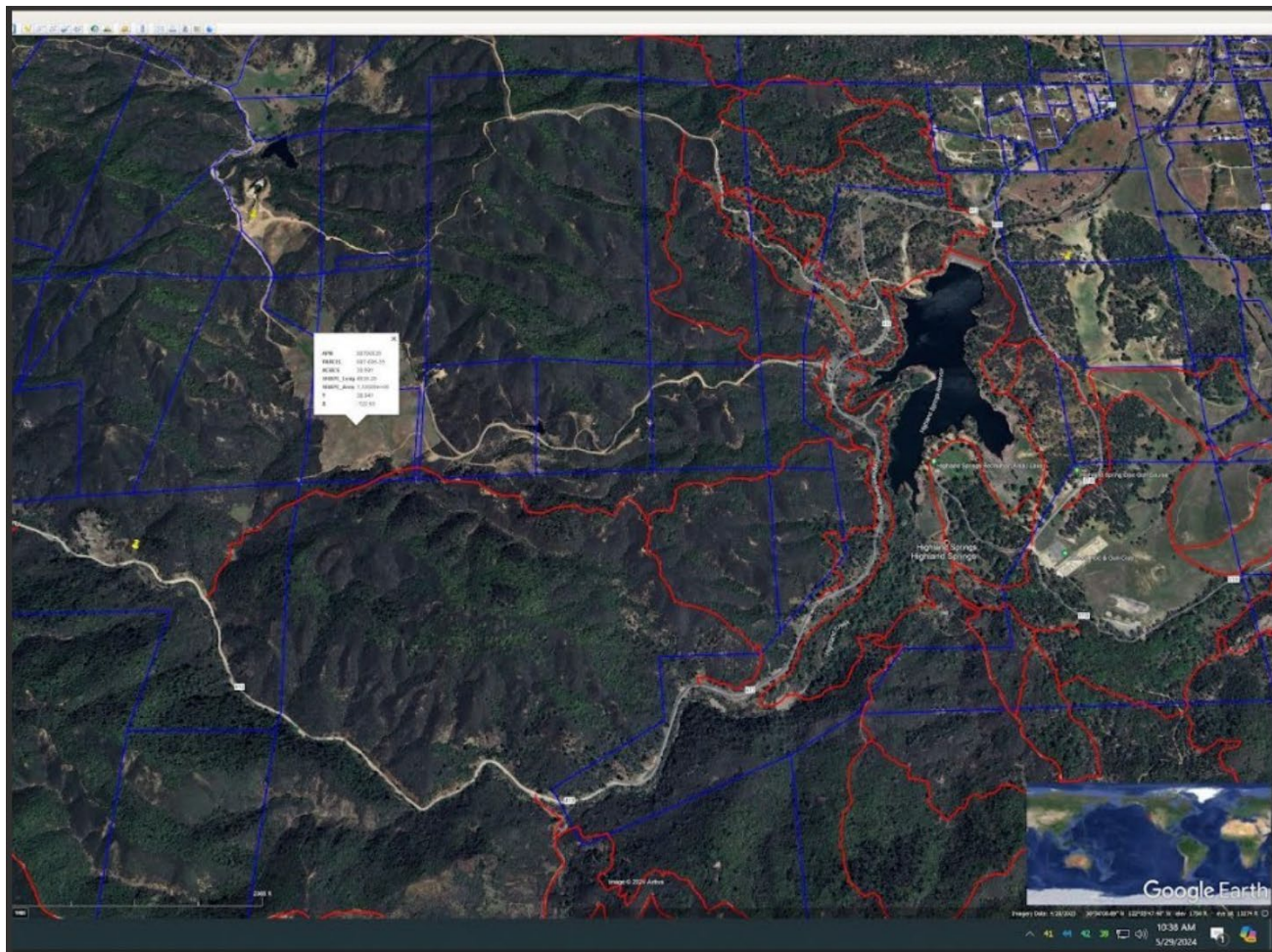
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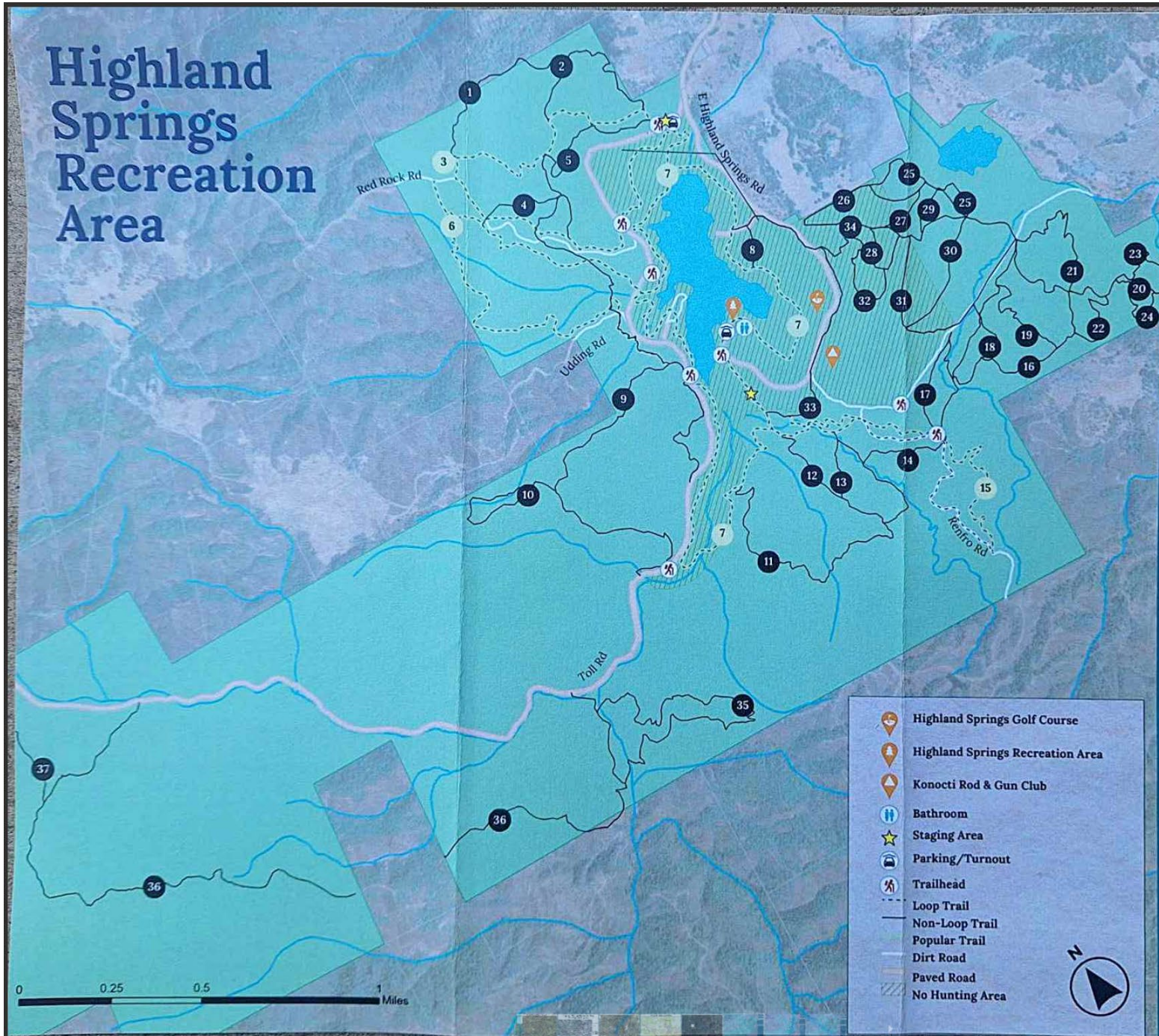


TRAILS AT HIGHLAND SPRINGS





Highland Springs Recreation Area



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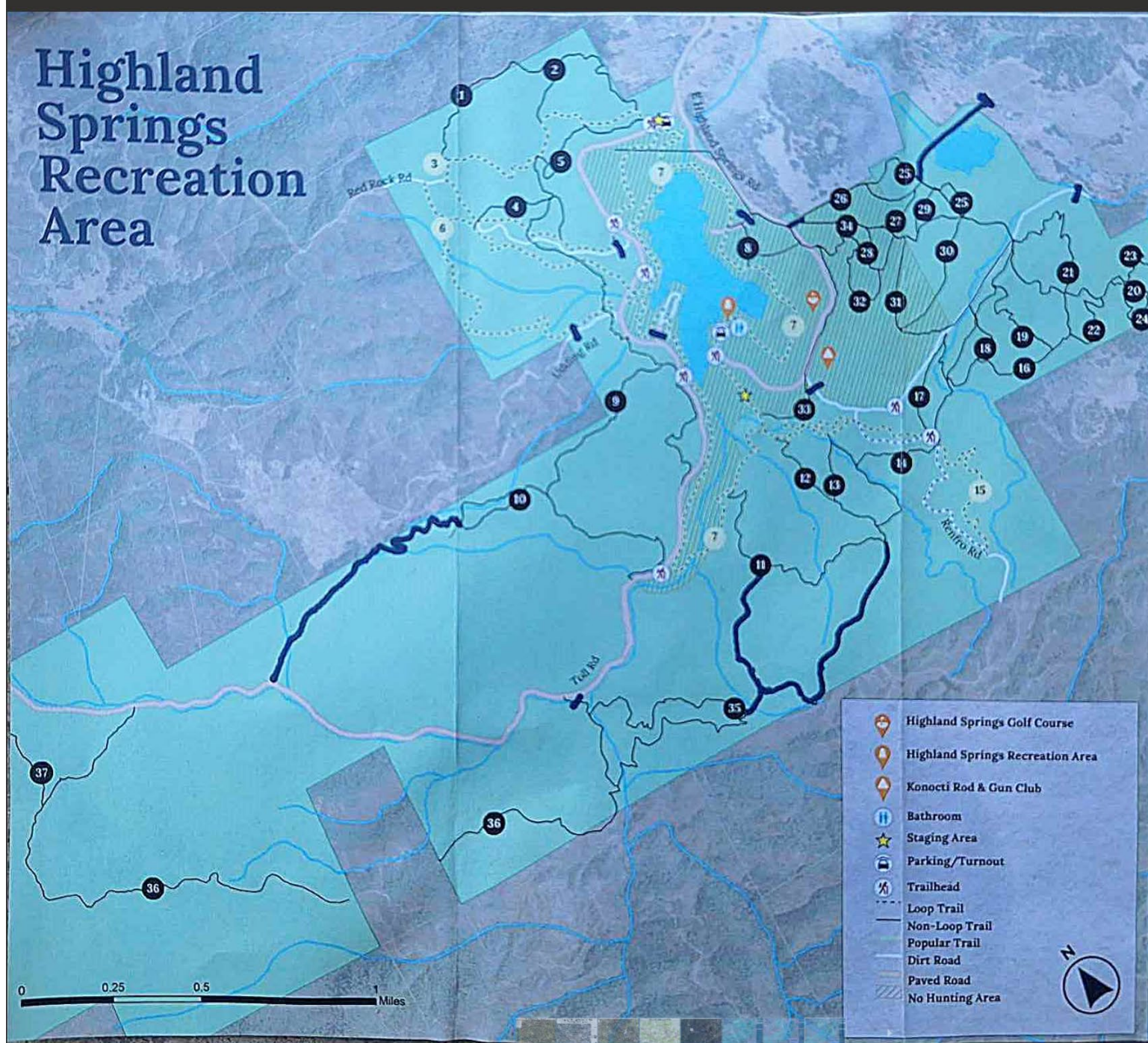
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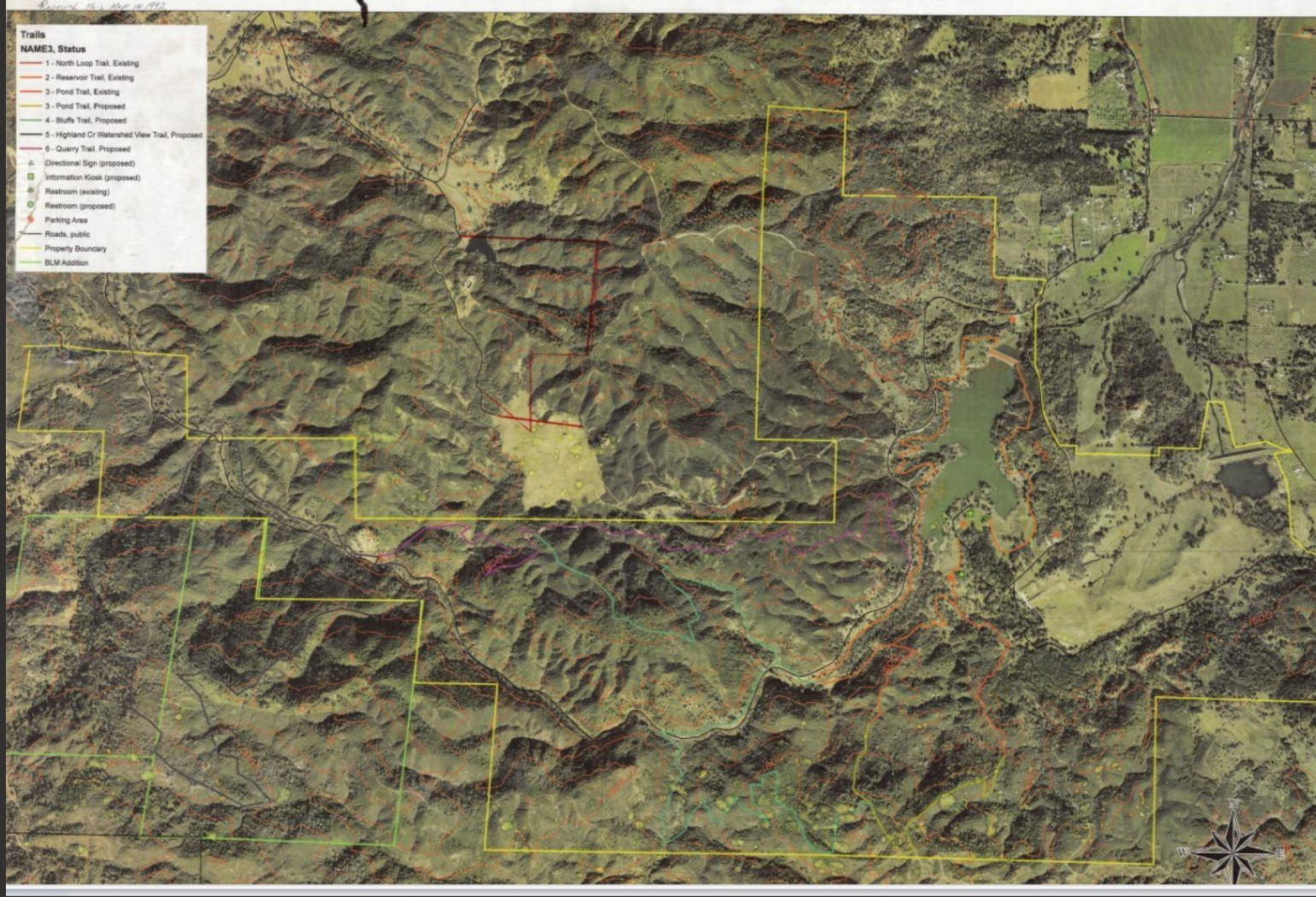
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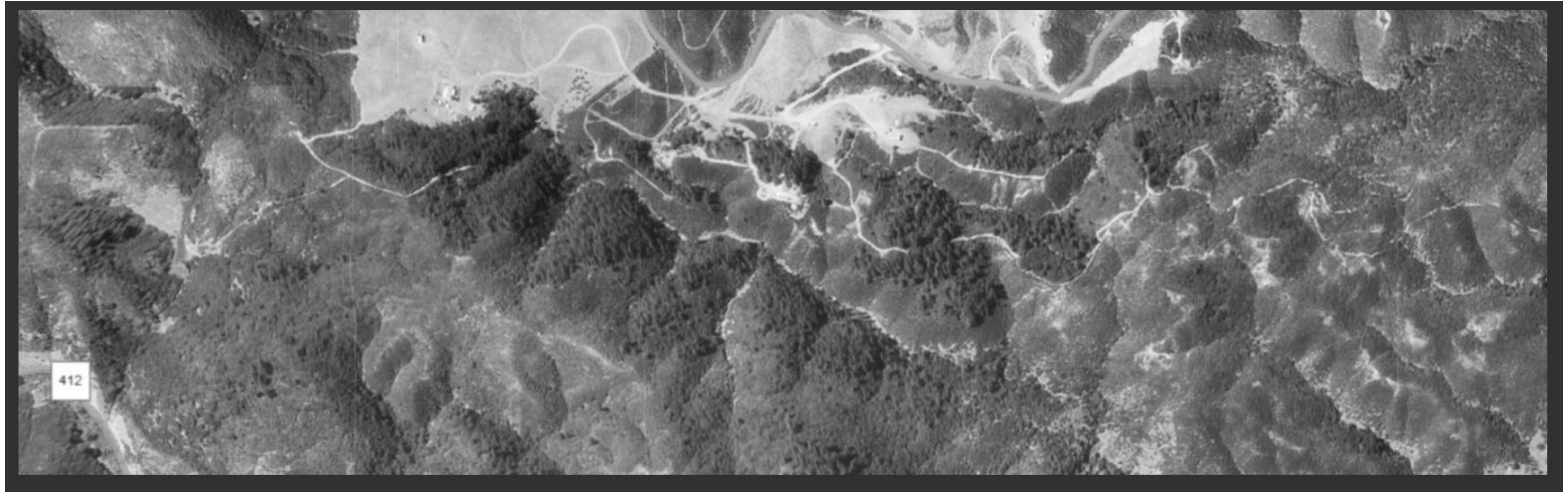
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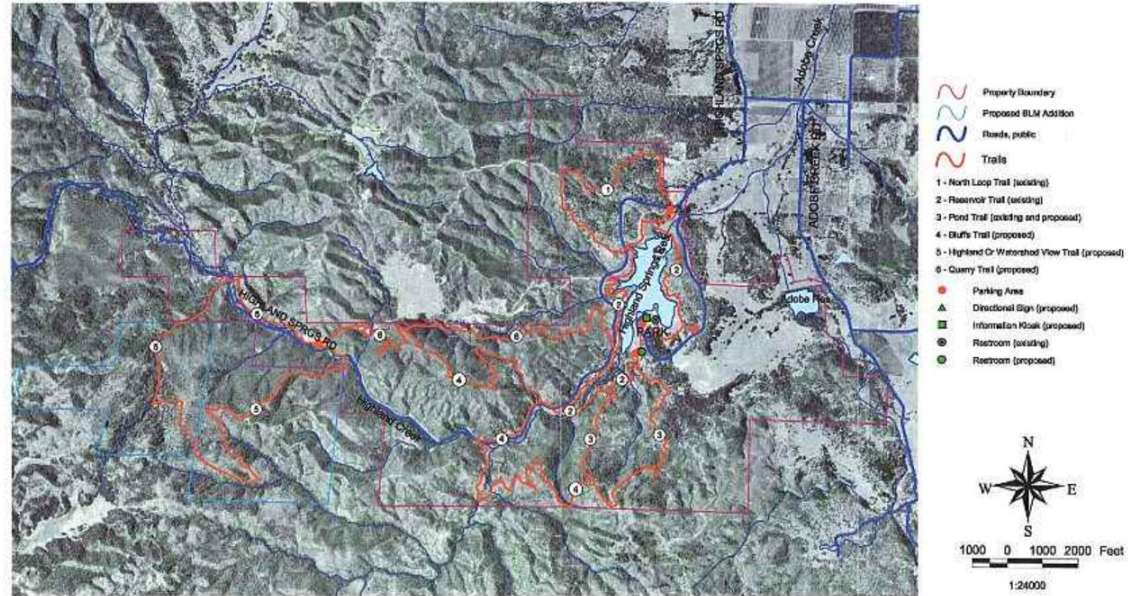


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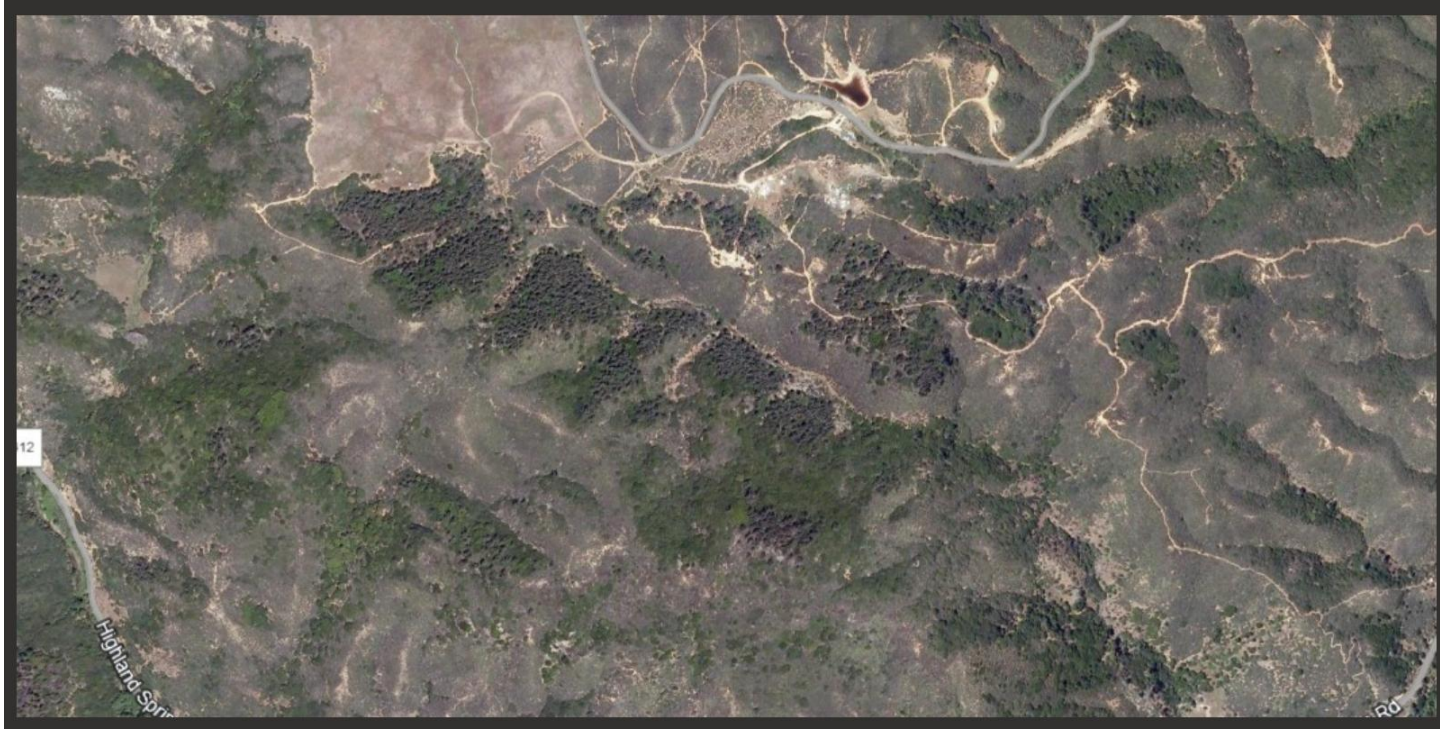




Highland Springs Recreation Area Trail System Proposal















----- Original Message -----

Subject: Draft Use Agreement

Date: Wed, 16 Nov 2011 16:39:23 +0000

From: Gary Hansen <Gary.Hansen@lakecountyca.gov>

To: Carol Biggs <carol-biggs@sbcglobal.net>, Kim & Mike Riley
<riley4@hughes.net>, Karen Sullivan <greymare5@gmail.com>

I have attached a draft user agreement for Highland Springs for your review. Please let me know by email or phone re: comments, suggested changes, etc. It has gone out just to you all for now.

Thanks

Gary

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User Agreement for Horse Council Use of Highland Springs Recreation Area

This Agreement is made on _____ between the County of Lake Water Resources Department (the Department), 255 N. Forbes St., Lakeport, CA. 95453 as the owner and manager of the Highland Springs Recreation Area (the Park), and the Lake County Horse Council, _____ (the Users) to cover the use and maintenance of the Park trails network and facilities.

1. The Lake County Horse Council is an umbrella organization covering all equestrian users of the Park and will provide the needed coordination with all those users to ensure that the Park will be used properly and maintained in a clean and orderly condition.

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3. The Park provides many recreation opportunities and the Users are one of many user groups sharing the Park. These uses may involve the sharing of trail and track use and can include, but are not limited to, picnicking, hiking, mountain bike riding, and hunting.

4. The Users have historically provided and maintained an information kiosk at the Highland Springs Dam parking area and will continue this for their use and for the use of the County and Park users. The Users will provide adequate notice to the County of their group events and assist in posting other event notices at the information kiosk.

5. The Department will pursue development of a Park Master Plan and will implement improvements to the Park facilities as limited by available funding. In addition to the historical range of services provided by the Department, the Users can provide funding to the Department to purchase appropriate trail signage and other needed improvements.

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Signed

Scott De Leon

Water Resources Department Director

Carol Biggs

Lake County Horse Council President / User Representative

Attachment A

Highland Springs Recreation Area Equestrian Trails

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Boot Hill Loop
Kneeknocker Trail
Roundup Trail
Loco Trail
Canter Trail
Puppy Dog Trail
Ann's Trail
Wayne's Trail
Bronco Trail
Madrone Trail (when open)
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WHO ARE THE HIGHLAND SPRINGS TRAILS VOLUNTEERS (HSTV)?

(Previously known as the HS Equestrians, and the Equestrian Women of the Toll Road), the name was changed to acknowledge the enthusiasm, hard work and long volunteer hours put in by an expanding list of Sierra Club members and hikers

PURPOSE

To maintain, preserve and advance the historic foot and horseback trails at Highland Springs Recreation Area, educating and encouraging active participation in safe, sustainable trail recovery, and protecting natural resources.

HIGHLAND SPRINGS HISTORY and FORMATION OF HSTV

Hunting and horseback trails have existed at Highland Springs for over 100 years (there was once a resort hotel there). The Highland Springs Trails Volunteers have evolved over a 4 DECADE period, beginning with a few friends who loved the area and got together now and then to pick up trash, clear some brush or otherwise maintain a trail system that had fallen into disrepair. . Beginning in the mid 90's, the group has volunteered to recover, map and clear trails as HSTV and dramatically expanded its membership and its accomplishments.

The HSTV have recovered approximately 30 miles of overgrown trails and fire roads. Since 2007 they have organized over 25 and more public trailwork days. Their labors & accomplishments include:

- * Botanical surveys
- * Clearing brush and downed trees
- * Clearing critical fire breaks
- * Documenting area history for Highland Springs Historic Archive
- * Educational Presentations
- * GPS tracking all trails
- * Hosting the LC Historic Society for a seminar on the history of the resort and area
- * Identification and protection of endangered native plants
- * Leading hikes for the Sierra Club and wildflower enthusiasts
- * Locating county monument markers
- * Locating historic landmarks such as original hotel and outbuilding footprints
- * Mapping and creating trail maps

- * Picking up trash
- * Protecting sensitive areas from illegal Off Road Vehicle (ORV) use
- * Reporting illegal activities
- * Removing poison oak from trails
- * Signage
- * Installing step-over to allow trail access for hikers and horses and keep ORV out

Though the first members were equestrians, over time their efforts and enthusiasm attracted interest from many other recreation area users including hikers, birdwatchers, joggers, native plant aficionados and dog walkers, so the group recently dropped the word “equestrian” from its name in acknowledgement of the diverse interests of their expanding membership. Collectively, they put in 50-150 hours per month.

Along with the California State Horsemen's Association (CSHA) and Backcountry Horsemen of California (BCHC), the Highland Springs Trails Volunteers support the California Equestrian Trails & Lands Coalition's Safety Considerations for Multi-use Trails

ENDORSEMENTS from local partnering organizations and fellow trail users, including:

LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF SEARCH AND RESCUE

Lake County Sierra Club

Lake County Historical Society

numerous local stakeholders

TIMELINE

1990 Individual trail clearing and work – friendship formed into Equestrian Women of the Toll Road (EWOT's)

2001 Invited by Lake County Director of Public Works Bob Lossius to a meeting requesting public input on trail system at Highland Springs. (county project which sought funding via grant applications)

2002 Researched with veteran Lake County trail-blazers Ann and Wayne Dunnebeck to locate 50+ year old trails system; begin to flag and recover old trails.

2004 EWOT's were presented by the Lake County Board of Supervisors with the Lake County Volunteer of the Year for trash pick up along Toll Road

2006 Meetings with Lake County Flood Control Deputy Director Pam Francis to continue the county's trail plan. Began compiling research on safe multi-use trails. HSTV sent letter regarding safety concerns on HSRA trails from speeding bikes

2007 Lake County's Dept of Flood Control became the Dept of Water Resources (LCWR). Group (then known as HS Equestrians) participated in routine monthly meetings with Water Resources Deputy Director Pam Francis. Per Pam Francis, **the funding that had been sought via grant applications was not obtained, therefore work towards the proposed Highland Springs trail system would continue to rely upon volunteer labor and donations.**

Group's 2007 activities included:

- Continued work on clearing old Dunnebeck trails.
- Utilizing equipment issued to them from the County, We GPS'ed and recovered trails at HSRA.
- Data from GPS was downloaded by County, first given to Tom Smythe, WR water engineer.
- Created a power point program highlighting trailwork and development at HSRA for fundraising purposes.
- BLM SWECO Trailcat was loaned to LCWR for 2 days in February – we flagged the trails assisted operator in identifying trailwork needed.
- Reported off-road offenders, illegal campers with fire rings, illegal hunting, vandalism, illegal dump, and found marijuana growing supplies (ongoing)
- Installed step-over near Disc Golf course
- Installed step-over at gate on Toll
- Posted self-made temporary signs on trails "Please Do Not Ride Wet Trails" (ongoing, at Dept of Water Resources request)
- Sprayed County-provided Round-Up on poison oak encroached trails -multiple trails – approx.10 miles of trail (ongoing)

2008 Full-scale organized public work parties began, with intensified personal volunteer work.

2009 Group's 2009 activities included:

- When County lost the original downloaded data, group re-GPS'd all established and recovered trails at HSRA. Data downloaded to County (again).
- HSTV worked with County Flood Control Water Engineer Tom Smythe to locate property markers on the Dukis property to ensure that Lone Pine and Quarry trail stayed on County property. We did Quarry trail reroute to stay south of the property line. HSTV located rock mounds and surveyor monuments. We informed County staff that property owner was using county property for an dumping ground.

-Ongoing Botanical Survey. Protected rare and endangered lily (Fritillaria Purdy) on county-created Lake Trail

-Volunteer Kiosk built at the trailhead (at the split of the road into the park, below the dam.) We posted there and handed out flyers requesting public input on multi-use trail systems

-To create business case for another loan of BLM SWECO Trailcat, HSTV group created detailed report on specific trail work to be done by the BLM SWECO Trailcat in 2009; including Google maps, potentially wet areas, ephemeral streams.

-BLM SWECO Trailcat was loaned to LCWR for 3 days in May 2009, and HSTV again flagged trail, coordinated that effort and assisted operator.

2010 Group's 2010 activities included:

-More public trailwork days, more poison oak eradication, more community presentations and nature hikes and tours

-Assisted Hooves and Wheels Driving Club in making a business case to improve the recovered trail network through the gun range area and assisted with trail development.

-Working with property owners and Lake County surveyors to locate property monuments to further trail system

-Reorganized into Highland Springs Trails Volunteers

Public Trail Work Days coordinated by HSTV:

2007: November 3

2008: February 9, March 15, April 19, November 15, December 3

2009: February 9, April 18, October 31, December 12

2010: January 30, March 20, April 24, May 15, Sept 18, Oct 30, November 13

Total = 957 Volunteer Work Hours on Work Days (not including below additional hours)

Trail Work and Happy Hour at Highlands:

Beginning in June 2010, we initiated Trail Work and Happy Hour at Highlands. Every Wednesday evening, through the summer, we had anywhere from 3-6 people volunteer for 2-3 hours of work, followed by snacks and drinks and jocularity. Trail Work + Happy Hour dates:

June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

July 7, 14, 21, 28

August 4, 11, 18, 25

September 1, 8 = 319 additional Public Work Hours during summer 2010

TOTAL Volunteer Hours: 1276

2010 TO 2011 HSTV and LCHC members write HSTV Draft Management plan at the request of Water Resources Director Scott DeLeon

HSTV leaders and members serve on LCHC Trails Advisory Committee; Kim Riley elected Secretary for LCHC Trails Advisory Committee.

2010 and forward. 4 more years of partnering with the Lake County Horse Council to have them as umbrella organization to hold the user contract with County of Lake.

Continued botanical surveys and trail work by individuals to present time.

2016 forward. HSTV volunteers Mike and Kim Riley clear and label trail loops for Hike for Hospice.

2022 to 2024 after huge storm, HSTV have cleared the following blocked trails: Boot, Kneeknocker, Puppy Dog, Jackass lower and middle, Coyote, Anns, Lake, Lone Pine, Canter, Round Up and other.

2023 Partnered with the County and the Tribal Ecorestoration Alliance (TERA) to create an accurate map with recent GPS, and more botanical work. Continued work on trail clearing.

2024 Meetings on TERA map with County 1/25 and 3/5 to finalize information on TERA map, and continued trail clearing and trash reporting. Current plans include repair of main Kiosk, painting and updating with map, photos and contact information. County was informed that the TERA map was not comprehensive and has trails missing and other mistakes. TERA map with corrections given to county 12/3/2024 with plan to post corrected map on kiosks. Further botanical discovery with botanist Ed Dearing leading to discovery of at least 5 listed rare species on serpentine knoll off Udding Rd.

Trails cleared or brushed back. Boot, Waynes, Canter, Kneeknocker , Loco, Lone Pine, Puffball, Rattlesnake Ridge, Dead Horse, Quarry, Lake, Singlefoot, Gnarly tree, Puppydog, Jackass lower and middle, Coyote, Anns, High Meadow, Scullys Knoll, East Highland road, Renfro road, Hole in the Wall. HSTV volunteers logged approx 106 hours this year.

GOING TO THE COMMUNITY- Presentations Made for Purpose of Education and/or Fundraising:

2007 - Kiwanis – Power Point

2007 - Back Country Horsemen – Power Point

2007 - Clear Lake Horsemen – Power point

2007 – Lake County chapter of Sierra Club

2008 - Lake County Dressage Society

2009-10-30 Sunrise Rotary

2010-01 Lake County Trails Symposium

2010-04 Hooves and Wheels Society

BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TO HIGHLAND SPRINGS – HSTV events and projects:

2010-02 Sierra Club Hike

2010-06 Sierra Club Hike

2010-05-16 Wildflower / Native Plant Hike

2010-06-13 Hosted the Lake County Historical Society at the Highland Springs Equestrian Camp for special lecture by Dr. Neal Woods “Memories of Highland Springs Resort”

2010-07 Sierra Club Hike

2010-10 Sierra Club Hike

DONE Highland Springs Trail Map (under revision)

DONE: Planning/Building new Kiosk at Dam Staging Area

PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITY:

HSTV leaders have attended all meetings of the Konocti Regional Trails.

HSTV leaders have attended all meetings of Friends of Mt. Konocti

HSTV leaders attend meetings and trail work days for Friends of Boggs (FOB)

HSTV 2010. leaders initiated formation of the Lake County Horse Council, served as members of the LCHC Ad Hoc Steering Committee, attended all meetings, wrote articles for the LCHC journal, and made Highland Springs presentations at LCHC public meetings.

HSTV leaders have been involved with the 2023/2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

COUNTY STAFF WE WORKED WITH

Bob Lossius Director LC Flood Control

Pam Francis Program Coordinator Flood Control

Tom Smythe Water Engineer Flood Control

Brent Siemer Flood Control

Alan Flora WR made a map from our GPS data

Skip Simpkins

Rob Brown, Supervisor

Scott DeLeon Water Resources and Public Works

Mark Miller Water Resources

Gary Hansen Program Coordinator and Director Water Resources

Mary Jane Figalde Water Resources

Anthony Farrington Supervisor

Phil Moy Water Resources

Marina Deligiannis Program Coordinator/Director Water Resources

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Could you please follow up on this?

Thanks

Pam

From: Karen Sullivan <greymare56@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, 9 Nov 2009 08:20:14 -0800

Subject: Monument markers and a few other things

To: Pamela Francis <pamelaf@co.lake.ca.us>, Kim & Mike Riley
<riley4@hughes.net>, Rob Brown <rbrown@co.lake.ca.us>

Good Morning Pam!

Good news in that Kim Riley and I found one of the property markers up by the Katherine Dukis property. We found the county one, and also flagged the approx location of the rogue marker. Unfortunately, on the map you printed, there are two markers right next to each other that we need both numbers on...we think because they are so close together that the map printed over one set of numbers over the other set. The number we have is 38.938854; -122927269 and we need the number for the one next to it.



Tom Smythe <tom_s@co.lake.ca.us>

to Kim, Pamela, me ▾

Nov 24, 2009, 1:18 PM



All,

Good news! You found a property corner! Bad news! There are actually 3 property corner **markers** in the area!

I have attached a sketch from Record of Survey 28 / 16 (1980) showing the three property corners. Two should be marked RCE 14961 and one should be marked LS 2716. Do you which one your found, or at least the tagging? As I recall, the ones marked RCE 14961 are probably the real property line. It should be easier to find the other **markers** once we know which one you found. Did anyone get a GPS location? With a good GPS location on one, we can calculate approximate locations for the others.

Tom



Tom Smythe <tom_s@co.lake.ca.us>

to Pamela, me, Kim ▾

 Nov 24, 2009, 1:21 PM



And now the map I forgot to attach...

Tom



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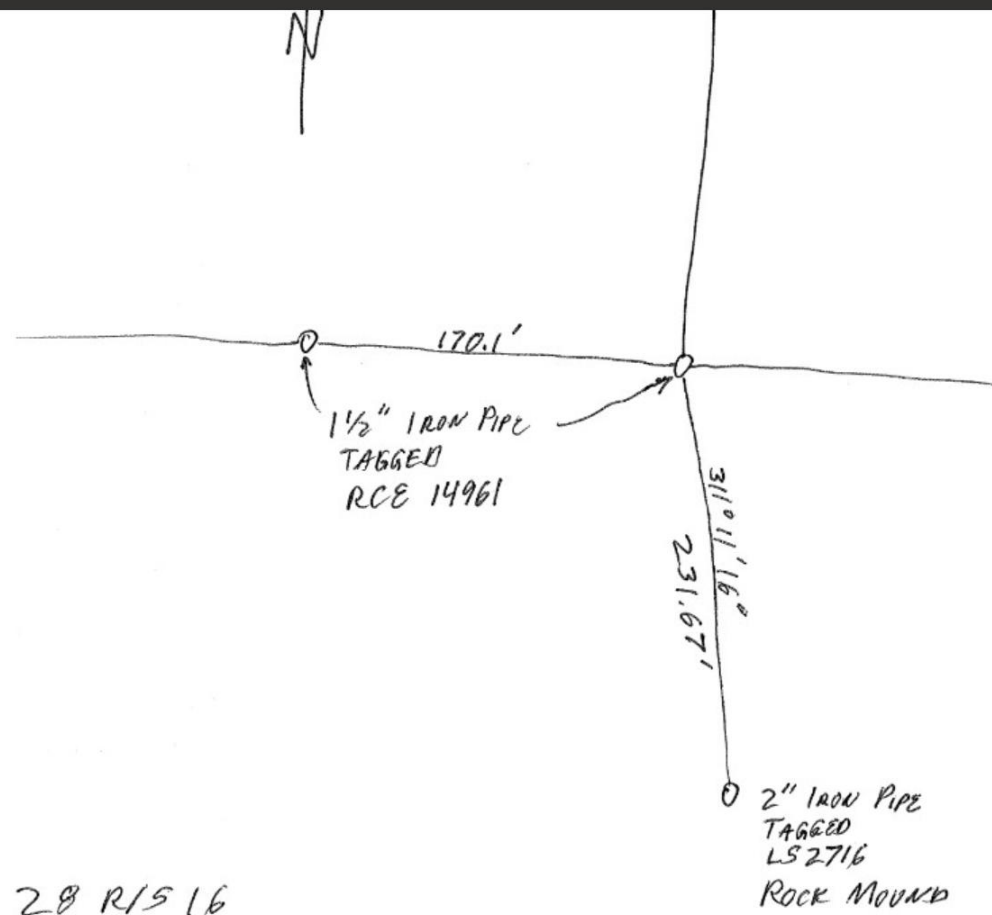
to Pamela, me, Kim ▾

 Nov 24, 2009, 1:21 PM



And now the map I forgot to attach...

Tom



28 R/S 16
1980



Karen Sullivan <greymare56@gmail.com>

Nov 24, 2009, 1:46 PM



to Tom ▼

I believe we found the rockmound, will check coordinates later



Tom Smythe <tom_s@co.lake.ca.us>

Nov 24, 2009, 2:34 PM



to me ▼

If it is just a couple points, you could write down the coordinates of the waypoints and email them. No need to bring in the GPS. Without a tag, the other difference is the size of the iron pipe marking the corner (1 1/2" or 2"). A "rock mound" typically is 1-2' tall, so you would probably remember it.

Tom



Karen Sullivan <greymare56@gmail.com>

Dec 2, 2009, 8:10 PM



to Tom, Kim ▾

Hi Tom,

Here is the waypoint from the property **marker** on the rockpile

N 38.93881

W 122.96210

Does that work with your map and coordinates?

Thanks

Karen



Tom Smythe <tom_s@co.lake.ca.us>

Dec 10, 2009, 11:31AM



to me, Kim ▾

Karen,

The rock pile is not the real property line. It is approx 230 feet too far south.

Please verify the longitude. W122.96210 is west of all the HS property and nearly to the County line.
W122.92610 makes more sense.

Once I put in the coordinates, it will take about 5 minutes to get the coordinates of the real property corners.

Tom



1 of 56



Karen Sullivan <greymare56@gmail.com>

Dec 10, 2009, 1:52 PM



to Tom ▾

Tom, apologies and thanks for doing this. I rechecked the waypoint in the GPS and it IS W122.92610

Thanks, Karen



Tom Smythe <tom_s@co.lake.ca.us>

Dec 10, 2009, 2:36 PM



to Pamela, me ▾

Karen,

Based on the revised coordinates, The other two property corners should be at:

N38.939445 W122.92627

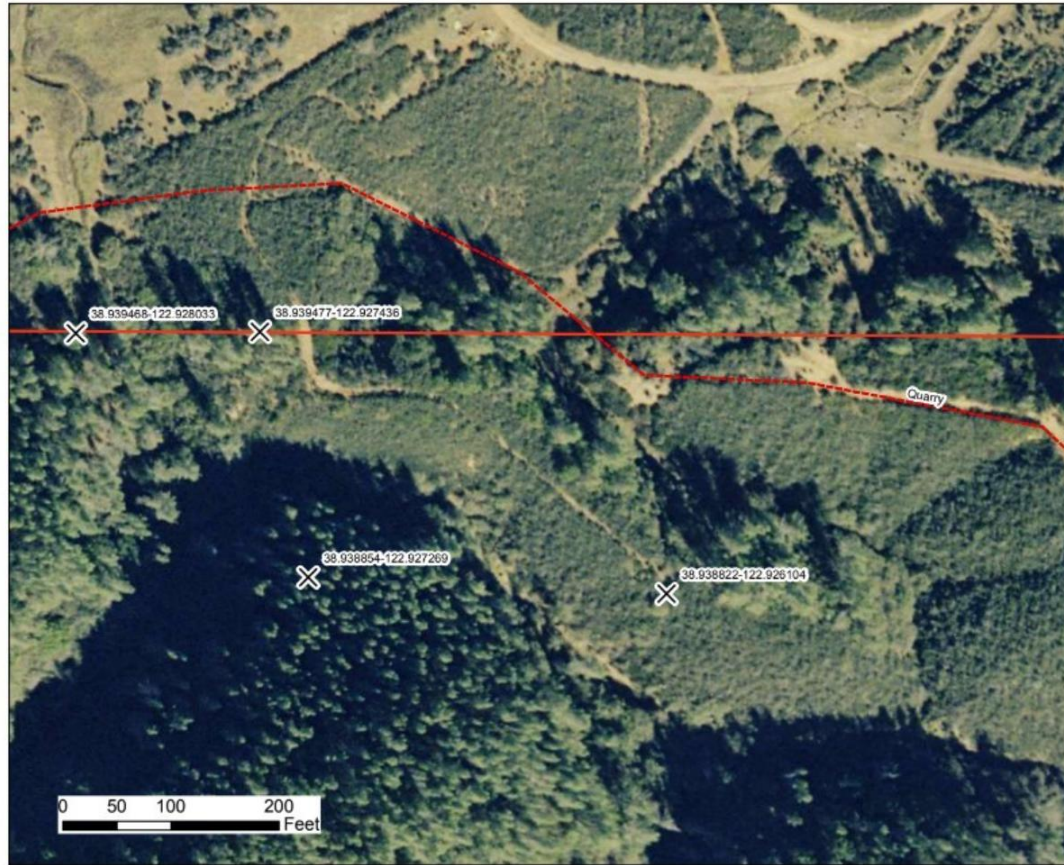
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Both should be 1 1/2" iron pipe with a cap or tag saying RCE 14961.

These are about 200 feet east of where I had them before. In fact, the eastern point is nearly on top of the GPS trail you provided me earlier. A metal detector may be helpful as these points do not have rock mounds.

Attached is a map showing the property corner locations.

Tom





Tom Smythe <tom_s@co.lake.ca.us>

Dec 11, 2009, 8:20 AM



to Kim, me ▾

Kim,

The **markers** at Dukis were set by two separate surveys. The southern **marker** was set in 1953 (1 R/S 71-74). A Record of Survey in 1974 (13 R/S 37) shows that this **marker** is out of line with the previously established section corners to the east and west. It establishes the two norther **markers**. When I did this initial research a few years ago, I asked County Surveyor Steve Farr to look at the maps so we would know what the actual property line was. After reviewing the maps, Steve determined that the 1974 survey was more accurate and best represents the actual property line. This means that the survey point set in 1953, the one you found, is approximately 230 feet south of the property line, and does not represent any real property line. This is why we need to locate the other points to the north. It just goes to show that even surveyors are not perfect and do make mistakes.

Tom

>>> "Kim & Mike Riley" <riley4@hughes.net> 12/10/2009 8:01 PM >>>



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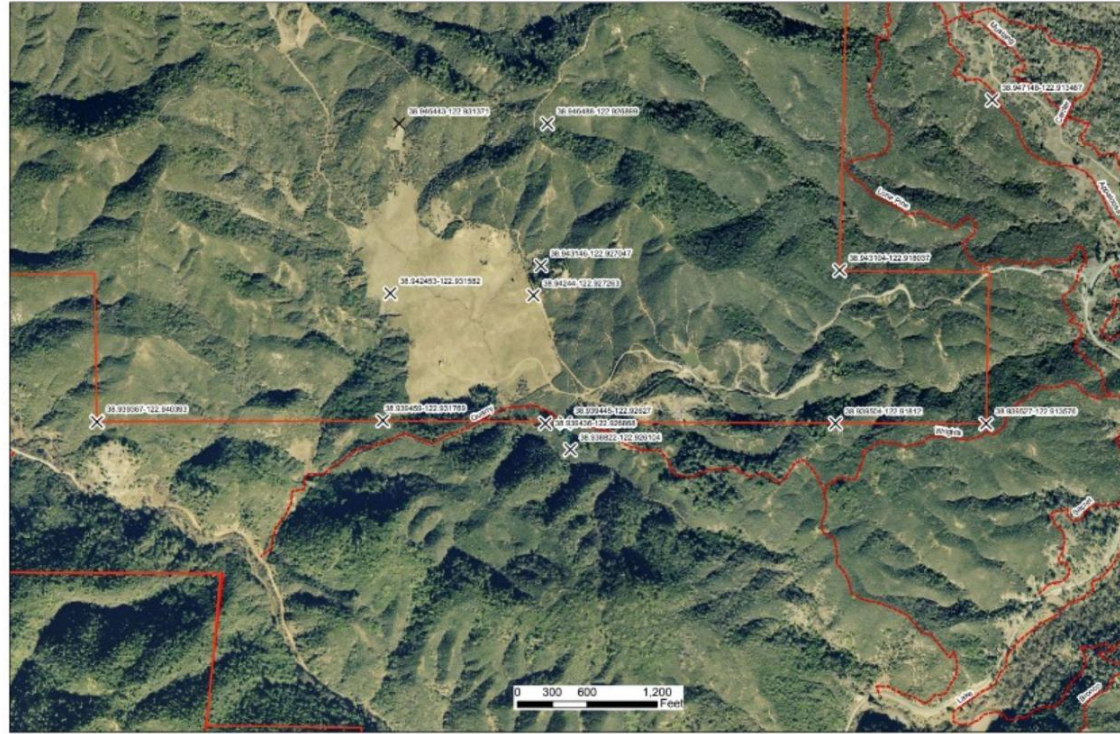
Dec 11, 2009, 8:27 AM



to Tom, Kim ▾

Tom,

Thanks for all the input. Kim and I are surprised that when Pam said the surveyor went out last summer he could not even find the rockpile



8-6-2024

To the Lake County Board of Supervisors and the Community Development Team,

I am a 33 year registered voting resident and taxpayer of Lake County and am submitting my comments regarding the Appeal for the Highland Farms Cannabis project (Appeal (AB24-02) for Highland Farms, LP (UP 20-96). I have worked for 4 decades now as a volunteer with the county and have been on the Mt. Konocti County Park Master Plan committee, the Konocti Regional Trails Master Plan Committee, the Highland Springs Trails Volunteers and the recent Lake County Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan. I also worked with Botanist Ed Dearing on the botanical inventory for Mt. Konocti County Park.

I have extensive knowledge of the terrain, trails and flora at Highland Springs Recreation Area (HSRA). I started with trail maintenance in the early 1990's and in 2001, I was part of a volunteer group invited by Bob Lossius, at the then County Department of Flood Control, to help develop a park-wide trail system. Our group, the Highland Springs Trails Volunteers (HSTV) have been working on recovering those trails and fire roads and keeping them open for 3 decades. We have collaborated with all the department managers and program coordinators to present date. We found county property survey markers, submitted GPS data on all trails to the county, did fundraising for, and installed trail signs, and recently, worked with TERA to provide an accurate trail map. As a founding member of the Lake County Horse Council (LCHC), we also did trail repair by attaining a grant to repair the rutted Lake Trail. The LCHC in 2010, at the request of Director Scott DeLeon, also wrote a Highland Springs Recreation Area Master Management plan for the park, as none existed. The HSTV has been on every boundary line on the HSRC property and we have left much blood sweat and tears on the trails. The Trails Volunteers have also reported trash dumped in creeks, and reported illegal camping, ORV damage and cannabis grows. We have strived to be positive stewards of the park.

We cleared and GPSed the Quarry trail, which in two directions, leads directly to the proposed grow site.

We cleared and GPSed both Lone Pine and Loco trails. Lone Pine touches and parallels Udding Road, and Loco trail crosses Udding road. These trails have had maintenance and GPS tracking data given to the county for 17 years. Why isn't the County enforcing the 1000ft set back to public lands? By definition, and in the county Ordinance, "All State and County Parks are public lands."

Quarry trail also follows a stream than drains the proposed grow site wetlands and empties into Highland Creek

Also as the Trails Volunteers, we started a botanical list with photographs. In working on the trails and identifying the native trees, shrubs and other plants, we made notations of listed rare and endangered plants (California Native Plant Society Inventory list), and in the case of the serpentine bluff bisected by Udding road, we rerouted a trail that went through some sensitive species. We led wildflower hikes with botanist Ed Dearing, who also helped us on the identification of the rare species. We believe HSRA is a true botanical hot spot with many different habitats, from lakeside, to riparian, grasslands, oak woodland, pine woodland and the serpentine, encompassing a huge variety of flora. The serpentine bluff crossed by Udding road has at least 5 noted rare species of plants and possibly more.

With Udding Road as the site access, there will need to be extreme grading of the serpentine. This will produce many negative environmental impacts, including asbestos dust. Currently the road is only accessible with 4WD, is extremely rutted and has listed rare plants on road edge. Why was this not assessed for the permit?

Finally, the environmental analysis did not adequately consider the traffic impacts to the Highland Springs area. Highland springs road does not meet consistent width requirements for a two lane road, and in fact, the section of road by address 7075 Highland Springs Road, Parcel: 007-019-14 is a blind corner, obscured by homeowners vegetation and only 18 to 20 ft. wide in places. There have already been multiple car crashes and fires at that location over the years. The addition of trucks and construction equipment will negatively impact neighbors, park users, and introduce further safety hazards, unless properly mitigated. I drive that road on a regular basis and have nearly been hit many times.

Until a full EIR that analyzes and fully addresses the serious negative impacts to the public recreation area, neighbors, and rare plant species is performed, the permit should not be approved.

Thank you,

Karen Sullivan

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attachments:

1. Screen shot of GPS trails on county map showing highlighted Quarry trail going directly to the grow site, as well as Lone Pine and Loco trails touching Udding Road.
2. List of rare plants found adjacent to Udding Road on the serpentine, as well as rare plants noted in Highland Springs 3812288 quadrangle and within several miles of Udding road (within last 10 years)
3. CNPS Inventory location of rare Serpentine cryptantha on serpentine bluff
4. CNPS Inventory location of rare Glandular Western Flax on serpentine bluff
5. CNPS Inventory location of rare Mendocino Tarplant on serpentine bluff
6. CNPS Inventory location of rare Purdys Fritillary on serpentine bluff
7. CNPS Inventory location of rare Bearded Jewelflower on serpentine bluff

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Attachments

Fri, Aug 9, 2024, 9:30 AM

to Eddie.Crandell, Bruno.Sabatier, Jessica.Pyska, michael.green, Moke.Simon, johanna.delong, clerkoftheboard, bcc: Margaux

The Highland Springs Trails Volunteers (HSTV) would like to submit comments on (Appeal (AB24-02) for Highland Farms, LP (UP 20-96). We are concerned that the permit was approved for Highland Farms without adequate EIR of proposed grow site or access road, any traffic studies, or outreach to neighbors or stakeholder groups

HSTV has been a dedicated, hard working group for 3 decades focused on stewardship and improvements to the Highland Springs Recreation Area. Our efforts have cleared and reopened almost 30 miles of trails, inventory and protection of California native plants, rare species, giving wildflower hikes and talks, assisting with a park Master management plan..history presentations at the park, trash pick up, community outreach and partnering, developing a trail map and signage for the park, and reporting illegal activities

Members have worked on Mt. Konocti County Park Master Plan committee, the Konocti Regional Trails Master Plan Committee, The Tribal Ecorestoration Alliance and the recent Lake County Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan and have included members of Lake County Dressage Society, Hooves and Wheels Driving Club, Lake County Horse Council, Sierra Club, Audubon Society, California Native Plant Society and others.

We have been endorsed by: Lake County Sheriff Search and Rescue, Lake County Sierra Club, Lake County Historical Society, Lake County Horse Council and other numerous local stakeholders.

We support the appeal because there have been many violations of Federal, State and County laws and ordinances. These also include: no notification of property owners adjacent to the park of the project no traffic studies, no mitigation of the unsafe corner on Highland Springs road before the park, no consideration or studies on effects of serpentine (asbestos) dust on air and water runoff from grading, no mention of trail proximity to the site site and access road. No biological studies on the serpentine bluff with rare and endangered species, on County land that the access site would cut through.

Please do not grant this permit until all laws and ordinances have been followed and a complete EIR done

The Highland Springs Trails Volunteers.

Current contacts, Karen Sullivan 707 349-1559 Dave Lowrie 707 245 1249

Kim Riley and Dana Adams

Attachment:

Timeline and information for Highland Springs Trails Volunteers

Subject Line: Appeal (AB24-02) for Highland Farms, LP (UP 20-96) Highland Farms complete Trail Map and response to CDD legislation letter to the BoS

To the honorable BOS:

On behalf of the Highland Springs Trails Volunteers (HSRV), please submit this email and the attached files for the public record and in support of the Appeal AB24-02.

The first attachment [Highland Springs Trail map 2012] contains the full and complete map of the Highland Springs Park's trail network, (with only a few small trails added and trail names combined into loops in 2018). This is in response to a letter sent by the Community Development Department (CDD) posted 8/9/2024 that contained incorrect diagrams concerning trails in Highland Springs Regional Park. The second attachment [Water Resources Tom Smythe trail map 2013] also shows historical evidence of the presence of the Quarry Trail.

HSTV EXPERTISE

The Highland Springs Trails Volunteers (HSTV) are experts on the trails and maps for Highland Springs Recreation Area. We know the Highland Springs Trail network better than many people and groups. HSTV did the mapping of all the trails, using the county Garmin E trex GPS and submitted data directly to Water Resources. HSTV is the organization the County relies upon for accurate trail maps of Highland Springs Park. HSTV have maintained and rehabilitated trails in the park on behalf of the County, since 2001. Our first GPS data was given to Water Resources in 2007 and again in 2009 and a comprehensive trail map [Highland Springs Trail map 2012] produced by 2012. with updates in 2018. My earlier submission to the public record has a much more detailed timeline of the HSTV and our collaborations with Water Resources on the trails and maps.

HIGHLAND SPRINGS TRAIL NETWORK

Overall, Highland Springs Trail system spans approximately 30 miles, consisting of at least 30 distinct trails, in which some were later consolidated into loop trails. Many trails in the Highland Park system are regularly enjoyed by hikers and equestrians including the Quarry Trail referenced by the appellant. The Quarry Trail is one of the older trails in the Highland Springs Park's trail network and directly abuts the Park boundary immediately across from where Highland Farms proposes to install its cultivation site and buildings. Please note: Quarry trail existed before it had GPS tracking in 2006, both as a series of roads and trails. Google Earth shows much of Quarry trail. Both attachments show the Quarry trail in its entirety and historical evidence of its presence. Because Quarry trail had GPS data submitted to the county in 2007, it has become part of the county trail system and included in the 2011 Konocti Regional Trails Master Plan and the 2024 current draft Lake County Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan.

TERA BROCHURE IS BEING MIS-REPRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY CDD

HSTV members, including myself, were deeply involved in the creation of the brochure CDD references in its letter to the Board of Supervisors (see figure 5 of the letter). The intent of the brochure was to

provide Tribal Eco-restoration Alliance (TERA) with a specialty map consisting of trail and trail segments tribal elders with mobility issues could use to collect culturally important plants. HSTV, as trail experts, were consulted by TERA to verify trail names and to suggest trails that met TERA's needs.

The attached map of the complete Highland Springs Trail system was used by TERA to develop a "specialty map" consisting of a much smaller subset of trails that met TERA's specific need and could fit on the limited space of the brochure. But to be clear, the map in the brochure that CDD references is not an HSTV developed map as CDD claims nor is it a full list of County supported trails as CDD suggests nor does it supercede the original sourced map HSTV provided to the county. It is a TERA map, developed by TERA interns under a TERA grant for tribal purposes. While perhaps sufficient for TERA's original intent, it does not meet HSTV stricter standards: Not all the trails in the park are listed on the brochure, the lengths of the trails on the brochure are truncated and the accuracy of the trail locations does not meet HSTV's GPS standards.

TRAIL PROXIMITY TO HIGHLAND FARMS CULTIVATION SITE IS BEING MIS-REPRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY THE CDD

As the experts on the trail system network HSTV and as citizens who enjoy Highland Springs Park, we are concerned that Highland Farms is in clear violation of the 1000 foot setback to public lands as described in Article 27 and in detailed in Ordinance 3096 since by definition the ordinance clearly and unambiguously states "All State Parks and County Parks are public lands" for the purposes of cannabis cultivation setbacks.

We are especially concerned that the CDD is obfuscating the situation by suggesting Highland Farms is in compliance because the County Park has to also meet an undocumented and unsubstantiated requirement of having a trail in the area. Per Ordinance 3096 simply by being a County Park is sufficient to have the ordinance apply.

HSTV's concern becomes even greater when the CDD improperly uses distant trails to inflate the distance between the Highland Springs Trail network to the proposed Highland Farms cultivation rather than nearby trails. The CDD claims Highland Park is northeast of the Highland Farms cultivation area but omits the fact that the park is also directly south of the cultivation area (see figure 5 CDD's Legislative Letter to the board posted August 9, 2024.). In figure 6 of the same Legislative Letter the CDD calculates the distance between the trail network by using a point on the Lone Pine trail over 2000 feet away as a reference. The Lone Pine trail is several ridges away and it is obvious from Figure 5, that closer trails than the Foothill exist including the Quarry Trail.

Although it should not be necessary to prove a trail in Highland Park near the cultivation site for Ordinance 3096 to apply, HSTV will confirm that the route for the Quarry Trail takes recreationists it to the border between Highland Springs Regional Park and the proposed Highland Farms cultivation area and follows the border between the two for nearly 1000 feet. It is unambiguously clear by all measures Ordinance 3096 applies and the cultivation site must be moved 1000 ft. from the County Park.

Please read all the supporting documents and maps on the repeal and rescind the permit for Highland Farms until a full CEQA report can be done.

Karen Sullivan

Founding and active member of Highland Springs Trails Volunteers

Attachment 1. [Highland Springs Trail map 2012]

Attachment 2. [[Water Resources Tom Smythe trail map 2013]

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Thu, Feb 26, 2015, 5:54 PM



to KIMRILEY58, me ▾

----- Original Message -----

From: "Rob Brown" <rbrown@co.lake.ca.us>

To: "Richard Coel" <richardc@co.lake.ca.us>

Cc: "Brent Siemer" <brents@co.lake.ca.us>

Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2009 12:20 PM

Subject: Fwd: Highland Springs Update Tuesday, May 26, 2009

Rick,

Is a grading permit required for maintenance of existing trails and roads? Especially if it is owned and supposed to be maintained by the County anyway? We have an opportunity to use volunteers on this project and they are, in my opinion, be treated as if they were dope growers in the National Forest. I am not seeing any of the other potential users (ie. mountain bikers, hikers, etc) doing anything remotely close to the efforts that we have seen by theses folks. If a permit is needed, let me know and I will have this placed on the BOS agenda to do what we need to do to make it happen.....or we could let it go to hell and become a fire hazzard.

Another option would be to revisit the issue of putting this under the control of Parks and Rec. Brent, maybe you could weigh in on some thoughts. In the mean time, I would like to work with the people that actually OWN this land.....the taxpayers, to make it usable for the purpose that they currently have.

Thank you,

Rob Brown