

CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: JOEL ROJAS, AICP, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING,
BUILDING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT
DATE: APRIL 7, 2009
SUBJECT: PALOS VERDES NATURE PRESERVE – PUBLIC USE
MASTER PLAN
REVIEWED: CAROLYN LEHR, CITY MANAGER
Project Manager: Ara Michael Mihranian, AICP, Principal Planner

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Review and provide Staff with direction on the PUMP Committee's recommendations pertaining to permitted land uses and activities (archery, paragliding, farming, etc.) in the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve;
2. Provide Staff with direction on additional issues to be addressed in the final PUMP document, such as nighttime use of the Preserve, annual reporting requirements, and monitoring and enforcement;
3. Receive and file the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy 6-month report on trail use at the Portuguese Bend Reserve; and,
4. Disband the PUMP Committee and direct Staff to come back at a later date to recognize the PUMP Committee with City tiles.

BACKGROUND

In August 2004, the City Council approved the NCCP subarea plan for final review and approval by the Resource Agencies. The Council approved NCCP requires the City and the PVPLC to develop a Public Use Master Plan (PUMP) document that identifies how public use of the Preserve should be managed. Specifically, the PUMP is to address issues such as public access, trailhead locations, parking, trail uses, fencing, signs, and other issues that may arise.

On June 6, 2006, the City Council formed a 15-member PUMP Committee (plus one ex-

officio member) to assist the City and the PVPLC with the development of certain components of the PUMP document, such as the development of a trails plan. The PUMP Committee began its tenure on July 12, 2006. Between July 12, 2006 and January 30, 2008, the PUMP Committee met 32 times. During this time period, the Committee formed its final recommendations for the Preserve Trails Plan (PTP), which identified the trail routes and trail uses for the greater Preserve.

On February 23, 2008, the City Council held an adjourned Saturday meeting to receive the PUMP Committee's recommendations on the PTP. Based on the Council's review of the Committee's recommendations, the City Council officially named the approximately 1,200-acre Preserve the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve and designated the ten sub-areas that make up the greater Preserve as "Reserves" while renaming the Canyons Reserve to the Portuguese Bend Reserve. That same day, the Council began its review of the proposed trail routes, trail uses, and trail names for the Preserve. After conducting three public hearings (February 23, 2008, March 18, 2008, and April 29, 2008), on April 29, 2008, the City Council adopted a Preserve Trails Plan for the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve.

The PTP that was adopted by the City Council on April 29, 2008 will be just one component of the PUMP document, albeit the biggest component. The PTP was singled out and forwarded to the City Council for consideration before the completion of the entire PUMP document so that the City and the PVPLC could immediately begin implementing the PTP. Upon the completion of the Council's review of the PTP, the PUMP Committee reconvened to continue working on the remaining components of the PUMP Document.

The PUMP Committee held three meetings (May 21, 2008, June 4, 2008, and July 2, 2008) after the Council's adoption of the PTP to discuss some additional issues that will be included in the PUMP Document. The topics the Committee reviewed included public amenities to be found in the Preserve (picnic areas, overlooks, fencing, etc.), public access (trailheads, etc.) and permitted land use and activities in the Preserve (paragliding, archery, farming, and bicycle skills training area). The minutes from these three Committee meetings are attached for Council review. It should be noted that the minutes from the PUMP Committee's final July 2, 2008 meeting were not formally adopted since the Committee did not conduct a follow-up meeting to adopt the minutes.

The Council is being asked tonight to review the Committee's recommendations pertaining to permitted land uses and activities in the Preserve, to provide Staff with direction on items to be included in the PUMP document that were not reviewed by the PUMP Committee, and to receive and file the PVPLC's six month report of trail use at the Portuguese Bend Reserve. Furthermore, the Council is being asked to officially disband the PUMP Committee. Based on Council direction at this meeting, Staff will complete the PUMP document for review and approval by the City Council and the resource agencies at a later date.

DISCUSSION

The following discussion explains in detail the four (4) components of Staff's recommendation:

1. **Review and provide Staff with direction on the PUMP Committee's recommendations pertaining to permitted land uses and activities (paragliding, archery, farming, etc.) in the Preserve**

The following is a summary of the Committee recommendations on land uses and activities proposed to be permitted in the Preserve based on information presented to the Committee from the respective organizations:

- **Paragliding**

According to Section 12.16.045 of the Rancho Palos Verdes Municipal Code (RPVMC):

No person shall land, release, take off in, or fly in any balloon designed to carry passengers, helicopter, parasail, hang glider, or other aircraft from any city-owned land except in areas specifically set aside therefore or with the express written permission from the city.

The City's approved NCCP states that paragliding can be allowed in the Preserve provided that impacts to habitat can be minimized. With that in mind, City Staff contacted representatives from the Rancho Palos Verdes Paragliding Society (RPV-PGS) to give a presentation on their proposed use and operation within the Preserve to the PUMP Committee.

On June 4, 2008, the RPV-PGS gave a presentation to the PUMP Committee on paragliding within the Preserve (see attached minutes). According to the presentation (see attachment), paragliding has been occurring on the southern slopes of the Palos Verdes Peninsula for many years. All pilots are certified and insured for \$1,000,000 by the United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (USHGPA). All visiting pilots must be members of the USHGPA and are given a site briefing on the rules and regulations.

The RPV-PGS is requesting permission for individual paragliders to launch from one location in the Preserve, off the Burma Road Trail near the entry gate to the Portuguese Bend Reserve (see attached presentation map). The launch site coincides with the location of a City Council approved donor overlook which has been recently constructed. This location is approximately 500-feet south of Del Cerro Park and would encompass approximately 400 square feet of area. In regards to landing, the RPV-PGS is not proposing to designate an official landing zone within the Preserve. Rather, there are two proposed landing zones located outside the Preserve at the beach area adjacent to the Trump National Golf Course and at the area along the dirt fire road in the Gateway Park. Only in cases of emergencies may a landing occur in an open area of the Preserve.

Based on the paragliding presentation, the Committee recommends that the City Council allow the launching of paragliders at the Portuguese Bend Reserve within the designated area off the Burma Road Trail with landings to occur outside the Preserve and to amend the Preserve Trails Plan to include a pedestrian trail to the launch area. The Committee stressed that they do not support landing in the Preserve.

This Motion passed 6-1-3 with Member Shaw dissenting and Members Bell, Cicoria, and Wessel abstaining.

It should be noted that the City has received comments from the adjacent neighbors that are in opposition of allowing paragliding in the Preserve. The neighbor's opposition primarily focuses on privacy and safety concerns. Attached are the neighbor's comment letters including a neighborhood petition and photographs.

- **Archery**

On June 4, 2008, representatives from the Palos Verdes Archery Club gave a presentation to the PUMP Committee on their use of a portion of the City's RDA property at Portuguese Bend since 1989 for a roving field archery range. The property is now within the Abalone Cove Reserve. Permission to use City land was granted by the City Council in 1989 through the approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 10 (see attachment). The conditions adopted by the City Council in 1989 specify the parameters for using City land, including the City's ability to revoke the approval with a 30-day notice or immediately in incidents involving landslides or geologic conditions that prove to be an imminent hazard to health, safety and welfare. To date, the City has not had reported problems with the operation of the Archery Club. Furthermore, there is no lease or fee paid to the City for the use of City land, however, the Archery Club maintains the fire road on an annual basis.

According to the representatives from the Palos Verdes Archery Club, the organization maintains a membership of approximately 195 paid members. Paid members receive a key to the entry gate off Palos Verdes Drive South that is changed on an annual basis. The membership fee covers, among other things, the annual maintenance of the dirt road. Concerns were expressed by the PUMP Committee with membership being contingent on payment of annual dues. Representatives indicated that membership is open to anyone who owns an archery bow. The Archery Club is used between dawn and dusk in accordance with the City park hours. The Club occasionally conducts special events, such as tournaments, competitions, and picnics.

Based on the information provided at the meeting, the Committee recommends that the City Council allow the archery club to continue operating at the Abalone Cove Reserve under the existing Conditional Use Permit.

The motion passed 6-3-1 with Members Bell, Shaw, and Wessel dissenting, and Member Cicoria abstaining.

If the Council approves the continued operation of the Archery Club in its present location in the Preserve, Staff recommends that the existing conditional use permit be reviewed and updated to reflect the current operations and conditions. Furthermore, the Council may wish to consider entering into a lease agreement with the Archery Club for the use of City land.

- **Farming**

Farming currently occurs at the Alta Vicente Reserve (Upper Point Vicente / Civic Center) on the southeastern slopes along the Prickly Pear trail. The farming use is operated by Mr. Hatano based on a lease agreement with the City that is set to expire on March 31, 2011 unless renewed (this lease agreement includes the farming at Lower Point Vicente). The City Council approved NCCP allows the continued operation of any farming activities in the Preserve provided that such activities are not expanded.

Mr. Hatano attended the July 2, 2008 PUMP Committee meeting and briefly summarized his farming operation. He explained that his business is a family operation that has been in place since 1947. He gardens an assortment of flowers on-site including cactus and sunflower. He hopes to continue his farming operation by passing it onto his son in the future. The Committee pointed out that the lease only grants Mr. Hatano permission to use City land for farming and that the lease agreement would have to be modified to allow his son to farm the property.

Based on the information presented at the meeting, the Committee is recommending that the City Council allow Mr. Hatano to continue the agricultural use at the Alta Vicente Reserve as stated in the existing lease agreement provided that the farming is sustained in its present location, at a no more level of intensity, and until restoration can occur.

This motion passed 9-1 with Member James dissenting.

- **Bicycle Skills Training Area**

At the June 4, 2008 PUMP Committee meeting, members of CORBA made a presentation for a proposal to establish a bike technical skills training area. Specifically, CORBA is requesting that the City identify a technical skills area for bicycle riders somewhere in the City that would range between a few hundred square feet to 2 acres. CORBA's presentation to the PUMP Committee did not identify a specific location. However, ideally, the location of the skills area would be adjacent to or near the Preserve. One of the reasons why a specific location was not identified was so that CORBA could request the City Council to determine whether such a skills training is acceptable and if so, the Council could identify a location for such a use on City-owned land, similar to proposed concepts identified in

the Council adopted Vision Plan.

When this item was presented to the Pump Committee, CORBA was not seeking the Committee's approval, but rather the Committee's support of the concept with the understanding that the skills training area would shift some of the technical riding occurring at the Preserve to an official designated area minimizing potential impacts to the environment. As noted in the attached July 2, 2008 PUMP Committee meeting minutes, the Committee was unable to adopt a motion that supported this proposal (see attachment). Ultimately, the motions made that evening did not pass and the Committee decided not to take action on this request.

At this time, CORBA is requesting the Council's consideration of a bicycle technical skills training area located at the Gateway Park adjacent to the Portuguese Bend Reserve (see attachment). The proposed location is outside the Preserve and could be designed to be isolated from other users with a landscape buffer and existing topography. CORBA's proposal, if supported by the Council, would be built and maintained by the bicycle community, similar to other public and private partnerships. Although it is recognized by members of CORBA that this evening's agenda may not be the appropriate opportunity to discuss this request because the proposed use and location is outside the Preserve and would not be addressed in the PUMP document, CORBA would like an opportunity to receive some feedback from the Council on whether such a concept should be further explored and brought back for consideration at a later time.

2. **Provide Staff with direction on additional issues to be addressed in the final PUMP document, such as nighttime use of the Preserve, annual reporting requirements, and monitoring and enforcement**

After the PUMP Committee concluded its review of the PUMP related issues, some additional issues were raised by the public to Staff regarding use of the Preserve. Staff believes these issues should be addressed in the final PUMP document and therefore is seeking City Council direction on the following issues:

A. **Night-Time Use of the Preserve**

According to Section 12.16.030 of the Rancho Palos Verdes Municipal Code (RPVMC),

No person shall be or remain in any park or municipal building at any time between one hour after sundown and one hour before sunrise, unless attending or participating in city authorized activities.

In February 2009, the City was informed that CORBA's recreational mountain biking club (SBMBC) was listing on its website calendar night rides in the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve (Portuguese Bend Reserve) between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. City Staff contacted the organization informing them of the Municipal Code section that

prohibits the use of the Preserve after City park hours and that violators could be subject to penalties and fines pursuant to Section 1.08 of the RPVMC. In response, CORBA removed the night rides from its calendar. However, at the same time, City Staff was also informed that night hikes were being conducted at the Preserve by the Sierra Club. As a result, organizations such as CORBA are requesting that the City Council allow limited access in the Preserve during evening hours for recreational purposes.

The law prohibiting park access at night helps prevent illegal activities and adverse impacts to nearby residents. While the current law makes no distinction between individuals and organized groups, the language does allow evening use for City authorized activities. Thus, if the City Council is inclined to allow established organizations, such as CORBA and the Sierra Club, to access the Preserve properties outside of the allowed hours under limited circumstances, Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a policy that authorizes City Staff to issue an annual permit to organizations. To do so, Staff recommends that the following items be addressed in the permit process to ensure minimal impacts to the surrounding environment and neighboring properties:

- Set a limit of 20 individuals participating in the night-time activity
- Identify where parking will occur
- Prohibit night time activities from occurring after 9:00 p.m.
- Limit an organizations' nighttime use of the Preserve to no more than once a month
- Identify the specific Reserve location night time activities will occur.

B. PUMP Implementation, Oversight, and Future Review

To ensure that appropriate management practices are put into place, the City's NCCP devotes an entire chapter (Chapter 6) to "Preserve Management" and identifies the PVPLC as the designated Habitat Manager for the Preserve. In 2006, the City Council authorized the PVPLC to begin managing the Preserve for the City. In this role, the PVPLC is responsible for implementing the NCCP's Preserve Management Plan. Primarily this involves the preparation of a Habitat Management Plan, conducting select plant and animal species monitoring, the preparation and implementation of a Habitat Restoration Plan, and the preparation of other associated plans and monitoring reports. In addition, pending funding, the PVPLC is also responsible for implementing the approved Preserve Trails Plan, which involves basic trail maintenance, sign installation and fencing. It should be noted that a new operating agreement between the City and the PVPLC that specifically describes the duties of the PVPLC as preserve Manager is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the City Council in May 2009.

The final PUMP document will contain a section on plan implementation and future plan review. It is envisioned that once the final document is approved by the City and the Resource Agencies, the Plan will be implemented in the following manner:

- City Staff including Preserve Rangers monitor trail use. PVPLC staff can add supplemental information on trail use observations. This will be done primarily via use of the PVPLC's KEEPERS, PVPLC Staff who are in the Preserve working on projects, and any observations or comments submitted by the public.
- City Staff will ensure that the approved users and activities of the Preserve, such as agriculture use, archery use, etc. operate in accordance with the approved Plan.
- The PVPLC will perform needed trail maintenance such as cutting back overgrown brush on trails other than fire roads, which is the responsibility of the City. Likewise, City will oversee any needed trail repairs.
- Pending availability of funding, the City and the PVPLC will proceed with the closure of unapproved trails.
- PVPLC Staff and City Staff will pursue projects involving trail improvements, trail development, trailhead development, and overlook improvements as funding becomes available. The funding options include the awarding of grants, private donations or grants, and/or City Council approved funding through the City's annual budget process.

It is also envisioned that as the City and the PVPLC Staff implement the Plan as summarized above, public use issues will be encountered and brought to the City's and PVPLC's attention by Preserve users and nearby residents. Since the PVPLC is the City's Preserve Manager, and has been since 2006 (2001 for the Forrestal Reserve), Staff is proposing that oversight of the PUMP implementation be the responsibility of the PVPLC.

Specifically, Staff is proposing that the PVPLC, through its present role as Preserve Manager, serve as the lead organization for an annual workshop related to the implementation of the PUMP. Similar to how it operates now, the PVPLC would take appropriate action to address any concerns raised by the public or other stakeholders by bringing these concerns to the monthly meetings that currently occur between the City and the PVPLC. As the City's Preserve Manager, PVPLC may request that the City take a certain action. In addition, Staff proposes that the PVPLC conduct an annual public workshop to allow Preserve users and nearby residents to receive information about the Preserve and also to provide input on the implementation of the PUMP. Staff proposes that the PVPLC collect the public comments and working together with City Staff, present an annual report to the City Council that would cover the year's work efforts, improvement activities, and any recommendations to modify to the PUMP document based on City and PVPLC Staff observations and/or public comments received at the annual workshop.

If this oversight and review process is acceptable to the City Council and the PVPLC Board, Staff will incorporate such a review process in the final PUMP Document. As

such, Staff is seeking Council direction on the proposed oversight and review process.

3. Receive and file the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy 6-month report on trail use at the Portuguese Bend Reserve

On November 20, 2007, three months before the PUMP Committee's PTP recommendations were presented to the City Council, the Council was asked by members of the public and the PVPLC to consider a temporary closure of portions of the Portuguese Bend Reserve (then called the Canyons Ecological Reserve) to allow the habitat to re-establish while the City determines where the official trails are to be located and the allowed uses for each trail route. The "time-out" was requested because the drought of 2007 had a severe impact on the vegetation combined with an unofficial trails network that was not marked and therefore unclear to trail users where they were permitted to go. As such, the Council issued a temporary "time-out" on all areas of the Portuguese Bend reserve with the exception of the use of fire roads. The temporary "time-out" went into effect on January 31, 2008.

At the Council's February 23, 2008 Saturday meeting, one of the many items the Council was asked to consider was lifting the temporary time-out. Based on input from City Staff, the PVPLC, and members of the public, the City Council agreed to lift the temporary "time-out" when the following management tools are implemented:

- Installation of signs including trail marker signs on all designated trails that indicate the trail name and the approved trail uses and the installation of signs at the entrances to the Reserve
- Implementation of an educational program
- Implementation of an enforcement program
- Implementation of speed limits (this was ultimately determined not to be needed since the recommended speed limit was for only one trail, the Fire Station Trail, that was designated by the Council as pedestrian/equestrian rather than multi-purpose).

On June 3, 2008, the City Council was informed by City and PVPLC Staff that the Council directed management tools were in place. As such, the Council authorized the lifting of the temporary "time-out." The Council also requested that a 6-month review occur after the re-opening of the closed portions of the Portuguese Bend Reserve. The 6-month review was intended to occur separately from the PVPLC's Annual Management Report on the entire Preserve and was to focus on the specific items listed above. On June 6, 2008 all trails identified in the PTP were open for public use.

As directed by the Council, the 6-month review for the reporting period between June 6, 2008 and December 6, 2008 is attached for the Council's review. The report summarizes the results of monitoring efforts and implementation of the directed management tools, trail maintenance, and trail closures for the Portuguese Bend Reserve. Specifically, the report covers education outreach efforts, the installation and

maintenance of signs, including trail markers, and the enforcement efforts implemented by the City through the CORE Deputies.

Based on observations of the PVPLC Staff and information received from the public and the PVPLC's KEEPERS (Keeping an Extra Eye on the Preserve for Environmental Review and Stewardship) property reviews, the report concludes that trails are being used by all regardless of designated uses. However, it appears that the use of unapproved trails has decreased since the installation of trail markers and implementation of education efforts. As stated in the report, "[i]t appears that signage, education, trail closures and law enforcement have been somewhat effective at keeping trail users on approved trails during the initial six month monitoring period. Though it is unclear to the exact degree, compliance with the specific use designation of approved trails (pedestrian, equestrian, and bicyclists) has not yet been realized."

In the Report, the PVPLC is recommending that resources be allocated for enforcement, preferably a Preserve Ranger, which could serve to both educate users about aspects of the Preserve and enforce current Preserve rules/regulations. As the Council is aware, at its March 21st Budget Policy Workshop, the Council authorized Staff to create a Preserve Park Ranger position which is consistent with the PVPLC's recommendation.

The 6-month review was intended to give the City Council, City staff, PVPLC, and the members of the public a general idea of about the implementation of the directed management tools. This report is to be considered separate from the Annual Reports that the PVPLC submits to the City as managers of the overall Preserve. As such, since the Council will be reviewing the 2007-2008 Annual report at a future meeting and that Staff is recommending that future PUMP Implementation reports will be brought to the Council as part of the PVPLC's management responsibilities, Staff is recommending that the City Council receive and file the 6-month report on the Portuguese Bend Reserve.

4. **Disband the PUMP Committee and direct Staff to come back at a later date to recognize the PUMP Committee with City tiles**

According to the City's NCCP, the PUMP document is intended to address issues germane to the Preserve. On June 6, 2006, the City Council formally appointed 15 individuals (plus one ex-officio member) as the PUMP Committee and charged the Committee with the task to assist the City and the PVPLC in the development of the PUMP document. As reflected in the June 4, 2008 meeting minutes (see attachment), the Committee provided Staff with input on some of the following topics that will be included in the final PUMP document:

- Background on the NCCP and the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve
- Goals and Objectives of the Master Plan
- Passive Recreational Amenities
 - Trailheads
 - Parking

- Bathrooms
- Drinking Fountains
- Fencing
- Lighting
- Land Uses / Activities permitted in the Preserve
- Preserve Trails Plan
 - Trail Routes
 - Trail Uses
 - Trail Names
- Signs
 - Sign Types (Kiosk signs, trail markers, etc.)
 - Informational signs
 - Interpretative Signs
 - Public Safety Signs

At this time, the PUMP Committee has completed its tasks (its last meeting was held on July 2, 2008). As such, Staff is recommending that the City Council officially disband the PUMP Committee and direct Staff to identify a date to recognize the Committee with City tiles for their incredible work effort and dedication as volunteers for more than 2 years.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Resource Agency Review

After obtaining City Council direction on the issues identified in this Staff Report, Staff will complete the draft PUMP document and transmit it to the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife agencies for their review and concurrence. Staff will then bring back the final PUMP document to the City Council for final adoption.

PVPLC Annual Report

In accordance with the City approved NCCP, the PVPLC is required to submit an annual report on its preserve management activities to the City Council on an annual basis. The most current Annual Report, which covers the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, was transmitted to the City Council on March 11, 2009 with the understanding that the Council would be asked to review and file the Annual Report at tonight's evening. The review of the Annual Report is not included in the Council's recommendations for this evening because City Staff and the PVPLC Staff agreed that it is more suitable for the Council to review the Annual Report at the same meeting that a new operating agreement is brought to the City Council for consideration. This is so that the Council can refer to the Annual Report when considering management responsibilities. Staff anticipates bringing the Annual Report and the new Operating Agreement to the Council in May 2009.

Forrestal Management Plan

The Council adopted Forrestal Management Plan is the management document utilized by the City and the PVPLC for the Forrestal Reserve. As previously mentioned, the Forrestal Management Plan will eventually be replaced by the PUMP Document.

Preserve Parking at Gateway Park

The City continues to receive requests from members of the public that adequate public parking needs to be provided for users of the Portuguese Bend Reserve. At this time, the only available parking for this Reserve is at the end of Crenshaw Boulevard near Del Cerro Park. The Council adopted Vision Plan identifies improvements at the Gateway Park that include a public parking lot and trailhead for the Portuguese Bend Preserve. In addition, the Gateway park improvements have been included in the City's proposed Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.). Notwithstanding, the lack of available funding resources prevents the Gateway Park improvements from being constructed.

Until funding resources become available to construct the 25-acre Gateway Park improvements either through grants or City funds, Staff is recommending that the City Council consider opening a portion of the Gateway Park off Palos Verdes Drive South for a temporary public parking lot. Staff believes that if public parking is made available at this location, the demand for parking near Del Cerro Park may shift to this proposed location reducing impacts to the residents adjacent to Del Cerro Park.

At this time, Staff believes that approximately 15 parking spaces can be provided at this location with minimal costs. Some of the improvements needed to provide the parking at this location include the following:

- Realigning the chain link fence
- Installation of signs, including way finding and vehicular directional signs
- Minor grading

If the Council supports providing parking at this location, Staff will develop a specific work program, including estimated cost figures to improve this site, for consideration at a future meeting.

Public Notification

In order to ensure that the public is aware of the tonight's Council meeting, City Staff took extensive measures to make sure the public has been notified. A notice was published in the *Peninsula News* on Thursday, March 19, 2009 and nearly 3,000 notices were mailed to property owners residing within approximately 500-feet of each of the 10 areas that make up the greater Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. Furthermore, a message was sent to the PUMP and Vision Plan list-serve subscribers.

Public Comments

At this time, the City has received several comment letters from members of the public including PUMP Committee members (see attachment). The comment letters are attached for Council's review. If additional comment letters are received before the April 7th City Council meeting, Staff will provide these comment letters to the Council at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- PUMP Committee Meeting Minutes
 - May 21, 2008
 - June 4, 2008
 - July 2, 2008
- Rancho Palos Verdes Paragliding Society Presentation
- Palos Verdes Archery Club Report
 - Conditional Use Permit No. 10 including the Staff Report
 - City Council Resolution No. 89-117
- Lease Agreement Between the City and Mr. Hatano
- CORBA Bicycle Skills Training Area Proposal
- PVPLC 6-month Report on Portuguese Bend Reserve
- Public Comment Letters

**PUBLIC USE MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008
ACTION MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Arlene Block, Barry Bonnickson, Troy Braswell, Eva Cicoria, Al Edgerton, Cassie Jones, Kurt Loheit, Vic Quirarte, Ann Shaw, John Stevens, and Bill James

Absent: Don Bell, Marc Jacobowitz, Gordon Leon, Paul Tetreault, and John Wessel

Also present were Becky Harper (PVPLC) and Ara Mihranian (RPV)

3. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Member Edgerton informed the Committee that he attended the Community Leader's Breakfast on May 10, 2008 and informed the Council about the traffic and parking problems surrounding Del Cerro Park and the entrance to the Portuguese Bend Reserve.

4. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

A. Update on the Final Council Adopted Preserve Trails Plan

Principal Planner Mihranian presented the Committee with the final Preserve Trails Plan (PTP) approved by the City Council. He indicated that the City's website will be updated to include the adopted PTP. He pointed out that there will be some minor clean-up items that Staff will address administratively.

Ms. Harper informed the Committee that at the Portuguese Bend Reserve the Donor One Trail has been named the Rim Trail and the Donor Two Trail named the Barn Owl Trail.

The Committee provided Staff with some minor editorial corrections to the PTP.

B. Update on the Temporary Time-Out at the Portuguese Bend Reserve

Mr. Mihranian informed the Committee that the Council will be asked to consider lifting the temporary time-out at the Portuguese Bend Reserve at its upcoming June 3rd meeting. Staff will provide the Committee with an electronic copy of the City Council Staff Report that will describes the measures taken to lift the time-out, as directed by the Council at its February 23rd meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Receive an Informational Presentation on the General Guidelines to be included in the PUMP Document.

Staff presented the Committee with general guidelines on amenities and improvements with the Preserve. Such amenities include overlooks, seating, fencing, drinking fountains, and signs to name a few.

The Committee provided Staff with editorial comments.

B. Review the Updated Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee was told by Staff that there are two additional meetings left. The next meeting will be June 3rd. Mr. Mihranian indicated that the June 25th meeting will have to be rescheduled to July 2nd.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

7. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS:

Presentations on activities/uses within the Preserve

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Member Stevens, seconded by Member James, moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

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PUBLIC USE MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008 ACTION MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Arlene Block, Barry Bonnickson, Troy Braswell, Eva Cicoria, Al Edgerton, Marc Jacobowitz, Cassie Jones, Kurt Loheit, Ann Shaw, John Stevens, Paul Tetreault John Wessel and Bill James

Absent: Don Bell, Gordon Leon, and Vic Quirarte

Also present were Becky Harper (PVPLC) and Ara Mihranian (RPV)

3. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

None

4. ADOPT DRAFT MAY 21, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Member Shaw, seconded by Member Stevens, moved to adopt the May 21, 2008 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Receive Informational Presentation on the Activities/Uses within the Preserve:**

- i. Archery Club – A power point presentation was given by representatives from the Palos Verdes Archery Club (Paul Farbman, Brad Denton, Sam Hitchcock, and Carol Hitchcock). The Archery Club has approximately 195 paid members. Paid members receive a key to the entry gate which is changed by the Club on an annual basis. The membership fee covers, among other things, the annual maintenance of the road. Anyone can join

provided that they own an archery bow. Members can use the facility between dawn and dusk, similar to the City park hours. The Club conducts various events, including picnics and competitions.

Principal Planner informed the Committee that the Archery Club is able to use City land through the issuance of a conditional use permit in 1989.

- ii. Paragliders – A power point presentation was given by representatives of the Palos Verdes Paragliders (Joe Cataldo and Martin Ginsburg). The paragliders would like to launch at a single location within the Preserve, off the Burma Road trail near the entry gate. The launch area would be approximately 400 square feet. One person can launch at a given time. Landing typically (unless an emergency arises) occurs at two locations, the active recreation area or Trump National (along the shore). Paragliding is not similar to hang-gliding, which is faster and needs more area to land. The paragliders would do annual clearance.

Ms. Harper requested that clearance not occur at the Preserve without consent from the City and the PVPLC.

Mr. Mihranian informed the Committee that the Municipal Code prohibits launching or landing on City property. The paragliders historically have launched from this area because it was previously private property.

The Committee requested information regarding commercial uses within the Preserve and how the City can regulate such uses and keeping the uses open to the general public.

- iii. Bike Skill Area – A power point presentation was given by members of CORBA (Katy Endicott) regarding establishing a technical skills area for bicycle riders somewhere in the City. Referring to examples of other technical riding areas, the group is requesting an area ranging between a few hundred square feet to 2 acres. CORBA is seeking the Committee's support of the concept of a technical skills area, but stopping short of identifying a specific location as more research is needed regarding location.

The following three speakers spoke in favor of a technical skills area in the City:

- Wes Pruckle
- David Thom

- Eric White
- iv. Agricultural Uses - Principal Planner Mihranian informed the Committee that Mr. Hatano was not in attendance this evening to speak on his farming operation at Alta Vicente Reserve. He stated that there is a lease agreement between the City and Mr. Hatano that allows the use of Alta Vicente Reserve (Upper Point Vicente) and Lower Point Vicente for farming purposes. The NCCP allows the existing farming operation to continue but not to be expanded within the Preserve. Mr. Hatano will be asked to attend the July 2nd meeting.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

None

8. **ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS:**

Presentation from Hatano regarding agricultural uses at Alta Vicente Reserve.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Member Braswell, seconded by Member Tetreault, moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 pm.

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PUBLIC USE MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2008 ACTION MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Don Bell, Barry Bonnicksen, Troy Braswell, Eva Cicoria, Cassie Jones, Gordon Leon, Kurt Loheit, Ann Shaw, John Stevens, John Wessel and Bill James

Absent: Arlene Block, Al Edgerton, Marc Jacobowitz, Vic Quirarte, and Paul Tetreault

Also present were Becky Harper (PVPLC) and Ara Mhramian (RPV)

3. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

None

4. ADOPT DRAFT JUNE 4, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Member Stevens, seconded by Member Shaw, moved to adopt the June 4, 2008 meeting minutes. Member Leon abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

A. **Receive Informational Presentation on the Activities/Uses within the Preserve:**

- i. Agricultural Uses - Principal Planner Mhramian introduced Mr. Hatano who currently leases a portion of the Alta Vicente Reserve for farming purposes. Mr. Hatano explained that his business is a family operation that has been in place since 1947. He gardens an assortment of flowers on-site including cactus and sunflower. He hopes to continue his farming operation by passing it onto his son in the future. The Committee pointed out that the lease only grants Mr. Hatano permission to use City land for farming and that the lease agreement would have to be modified to address his request.

Sunshine gave a presentation on the history of the proposed outdoor museum at Lower Point Vicente.

- ii. Other Use – no other uses were discussed for the Preserve.

B. Formulate a Recommendation for the Following Activities/Uses within the Preserve:

- i. Agricultural Uses – Member Bell, seconded by Member Shaw, moved to recommend that the City Council allow Mr. Hatano to continue the agricultural use at the Alta Vicente Reserve as stated in the existing lease agreement provided that the farming is sustained in its present or no more level of intensity and until restoration can occur.

The motion passed 9-1 with Member James dissenting.

- ii. Archery Club – Member James, seconded by Member Braswell, moved to recommend that the City Council allow the archery club to continue operating at the Abalone Cove Reserve under the existing Conditional Use Permit.

The motion passed 6-3-1 with Members Bell, Shaw, and Wessel dissenting, and Member Cicoria abstaining.

Staff reminded the Committee that the existing Conditional Use Permit may be amended by the Planning Commission in the near future.

- iii. Paragliding – Member Leon, seconded by Member Bonnicksen, moved to recommend that the City Council allow the launching of paragliders at the Portuguese Bend Reserve within the designated area off the Burma Road Trail with landings to occur outside the Preserve and to amend the Preserve Trails Plan to include a pedestrian trail to the launch area.

The Motion passed 6-1-3 with Member Shaw dissenting and Members Bell, Cicoria, and Wessel abstaining.

- iv. Bike Skills Area – Member Braswell, seconded by Member Bonnicksen, moved to recommend that the City Council consider a bicycle skills area in the Preserve or some other area with the location and configuration to be determined by the Council.

The Motion failed 2-8 with Members Bell, Cicoria, Jones, Leon, Shaw, Stevens, Wessel and James dissenting.

Member Shaw, seconded by Member Wessel, moved to recommend that the City Council identify Active Recreation Areas, such as a bicycle skills area, as inappropriate within the Preserve.

The Motion failed 3-7 with Members Bell, Bonnicksen, Braswell, Jones, Leon, Stevens, and James dissenting.

Member Leon, seconded by Member Bonnicksen, moved to recommend that the City Council consider a limited bicycle skills area at the eastern portion of the City's Redevelopment Agency property within the Preserve or some other location within the City.

The Motion failed 3-5-2 with Members Bell, Cicoria, Shaw, Wessel and James dissenting and Members Jones and Stevens abstaining.

The Committee decided to take no action on this item.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

8. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS:

Principal Planner Mihranian informed the Committee that this was the last scheduled meeting. If no new items come up, the Council will be disbanding the Committee at a future Council meeting. He added that the PUMP Document will also be presented to the Council for adoption at a future Council meeting. The Committee will be notified of the Council meeting, as well as provided a copy of the Staff Report.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Member Braswell, seconded by Member Bonnicksen, moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 pm.

RPV Paragliding Society
Information Package
For
City of Rancho Palos Verdes
And
PUMP Committee

June 4, 2008

Summary

The purpose of document is to provide the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and PUMP Committee information on the Paragliding within RPV. Paragliding has been controlled by the members of the Rancho Palos Verdes Paragliding Society (RPV-PGS) for the past decade and pilots have been flying here since the early 90's. All pilots are certified and insured for \$1,000,000 by the United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (USHGPA). In addition, all visiting pilots must be members of USHGPA and are give a site briefing on rules and regulations.

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1.0 Introduction

We, the Paraglider Pilots, who have been flying in the City of RPV from private land for more than a two decades wish to continue flying now that the city has acquired the land ~~from~~ the Conservancy. In that regard, we have met with the Conservancy and city manager (several years ago) discussing the present areas that we use for takeoff and landings, protection of the habitat and liability insurance coverage for the city and property owners on the peninsula.

2.0 Paragliding Background and Environmental Impact

Paragliding originate in Europe in the 1970's about the same time as hang gliding here in the USA. The original equipment was crude but has evolved over the past 38 years into the very sophisticated computer designed equipment we use today. Modern day paragliders are certified for flight worthiness and made of rip-stop nylon with no hard structural support. Pilots wear protective harness, helmet, and carry navigational instruments and radios/cell phones. Pilots receive over 40 hours of ground and flight instruction and are certified by USHGPA. There are four basic levels of certification (Beginner (P1), Novice (P2), Intermediate (P3), Advanced (P4)). Intermediate pilots (P3) have sufficient training and experience to fly 90% of the world sites and have over a 50 hours of air-time. Advanced pilots usually go on to become instructors or competition pilots. All the pilots who presently fly in RPV are P3 or higher or under supervised instruction from several instructors in the area.

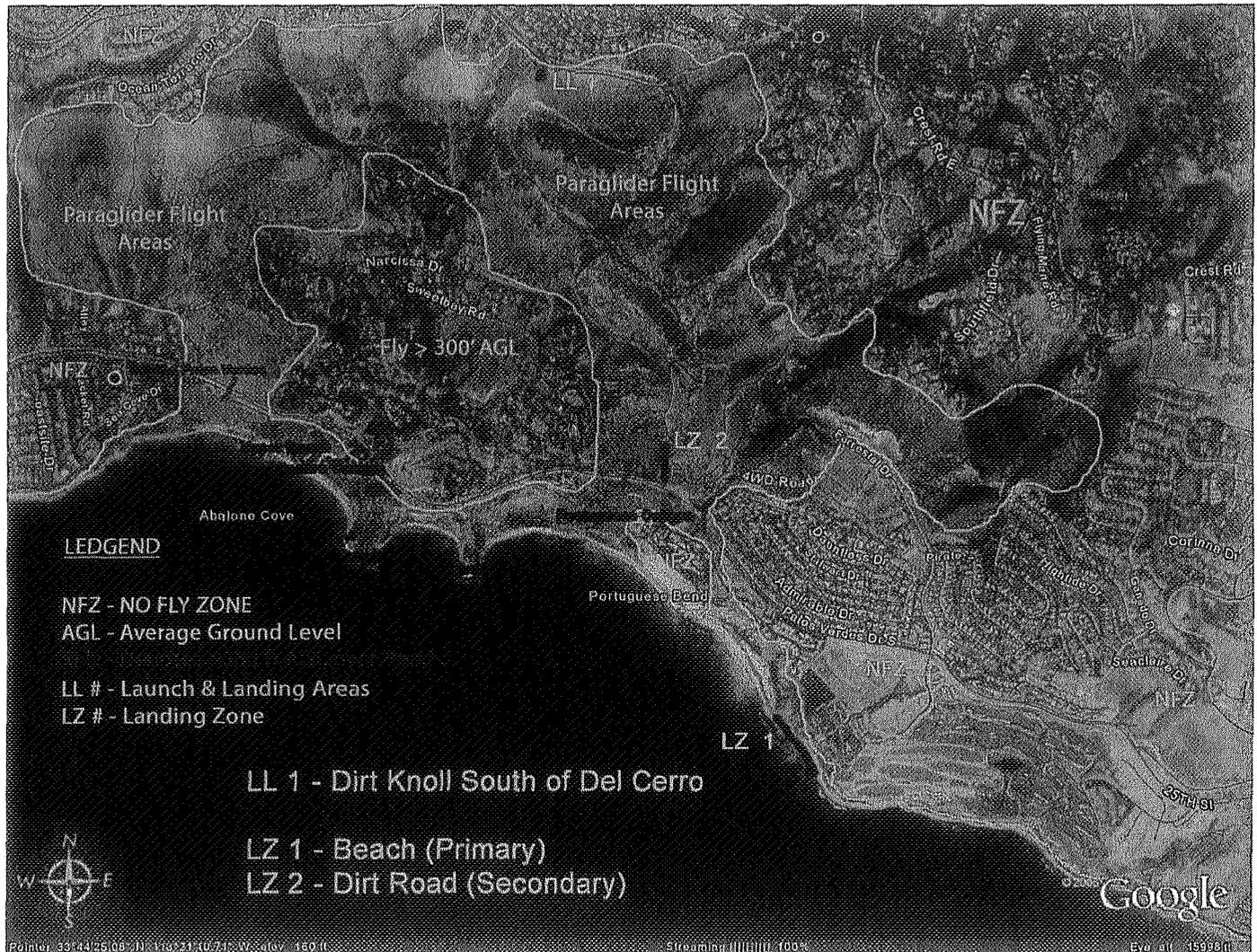
Paragliding and paragliders are the least damaging to the environment than any sport practiced in the city including hiking. Almost 95% of the time, a paraglider is in the air and is not damaging to the Habitat. Take off and landings require a very small area equal to about the footprint of a 3-car garage. If a Pilot "sinks out" and doesn't make it to one of the designated landing areas, he can usually land on one of the many roads and trails in the preserve as done today. Since the actual wing of a paraglider is made of very lightweight nylon, it will not damage native plants, even if it land on them.

In summary, paragliding presents the most limited impact of any recreational group currently practicing in the RPV area. In addition we are one if any group to have a 3rd party liability policy for \$1,000,000. Most hikers, bikers, and horse riders are uninsured against 3rd party liability. Our environmental impact is much less than any of the above referenced groups. We also pledge to protect and maintain the habitat around the designated takeoff and landing areas under the guidance of the conservancy.

3.0 Flying Site Descriptions and Maps

The flying site show below designates the flight areas, launch and landing zones, minimum altitude areas and the no fly zones. The area boundaries are as delineated on FAA Sectional flight maps for the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

- Map (1) Proposed RPV Flying Site and Flight regulations



3.1 Launch and Landing Areas [(LL#) is a Map designator]

- LL 1, is an open Knoll located ~ 500 feet south of Del Cerro Park. Pilots have been successfully launching and landing there for more than past decade.

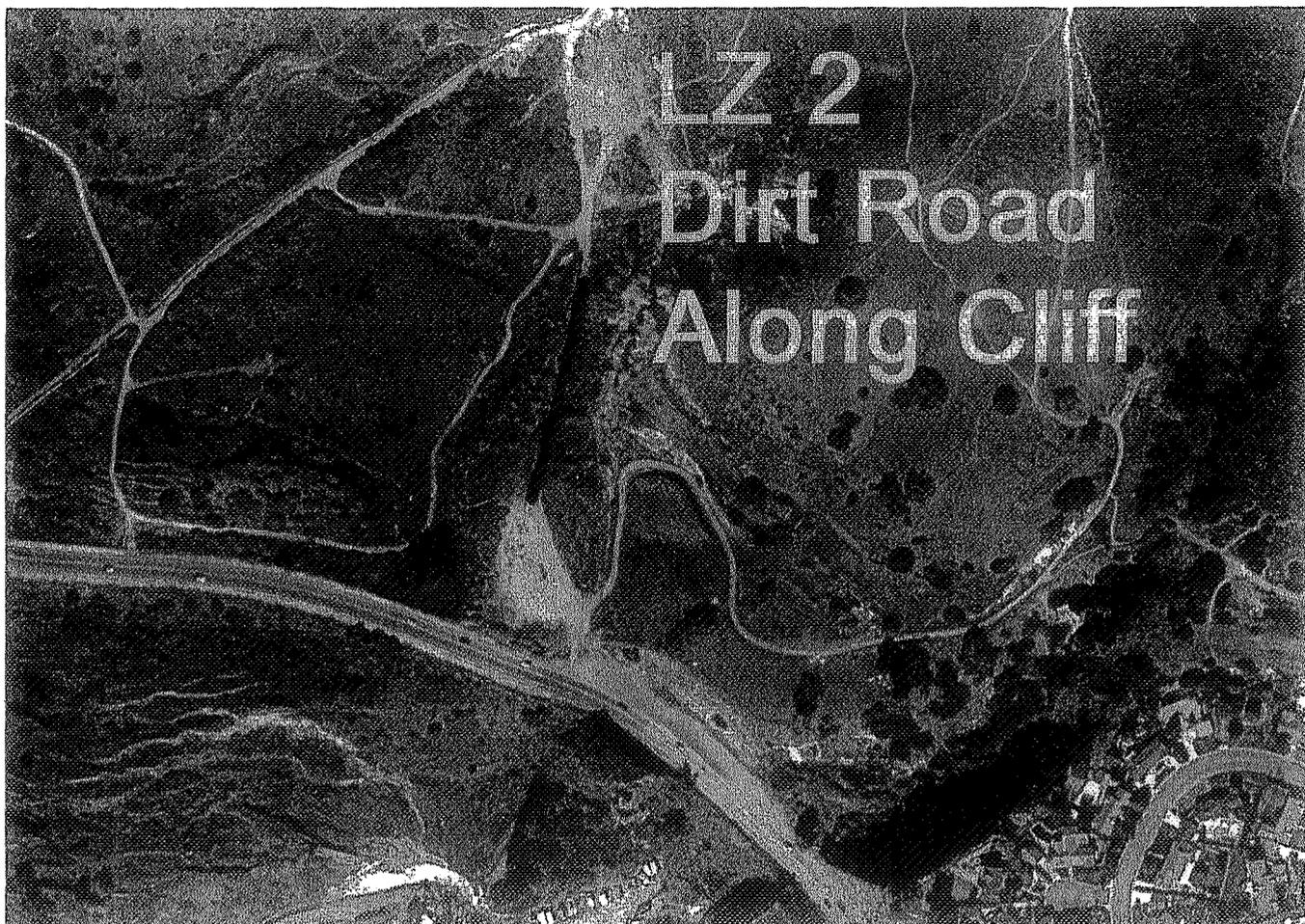
3.2 Landing Areas (only)

1. LZ 1, the primary Landing Zone is any beach area except the Portuguese Bend Beach Club, except in an emergency.
2. LZ 2, the secondary Landing Zone, is the dirt road at the base of the dirt Crenshaw road. It is used when pilots are too low to cross over PV Drive South to the beach.
3. In an emergency any open field or dirt road (a very rare occurrence)

Map (2) LL 1, Detail of Knoll ~ 500 feet south of Del Cerro Park



Map (3) Detail of LZ 2, Dirt road at the end of Crenshaw road.



Pilots normally use a small portion of the road but can land any where along the road depending on wind, bikers, hikers, etc.

4.0 Regulations and Insurance Issues

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is the regulating and controlling body for airspace in the USA for all aircraft including Paragliding. Paragliding is regulated under Federal Air Regulation (FAR) Part 103 controlling Ultra light Vehicles. Part 103 restricts flying to daylight hours, fly in uncontrolled airspace and areas designated as un-congested. The flying site and flight paths described herein meet those requirements with additional safety precautions of pilot qualifications, altitude and horizontal separation. The FAA's main objective is to minimize the possibility of injury or damage to persons or property on the ground, however remote. See Appendix A, for a summary of FAR Part 103.

Every USHGPA member pilot is provided with \$1,000,000 of liability insurance and must sign a personal indemnification wavier.

Visiting Pilots are required to show a USHGPA license and to obtain a site briefing.

USHGPA has a successful historical record of over 36 years in regulating and insuring its' members. USHGPA members fly 100's of sites in the US including, Torrey Pines in San Diego, Marshall in San Bernardino, Malibu, Santa Barbara, and Sylmar in the San Fernando Valley, to name a few. USHGPA insurance will protect the city, homeowners, people, government facilities, etc. against member liability.

5.0 RPV Flying Site Rules & Regulations Issued to Pilots

5.1 General

All areas of our flying site is sensitive to habitat abuse. In general, exercise caution and consideration with regard to the local population and property. Avoid flying over or landing near people, houses and animals. If you land outside the designated LZ's please stay on the trails or roads. Be careful not to damage sensitive habitat. RPV-PG site offers a combination of ridge and thermal soaring and is for paragliding only, no hang gliding is permitted due to the limited landing approaches.

5.2 Local Pilots (Members of RPV-PGS)

All local pilots must be a current USHGPA member.

5.3 Visiting Pilots

All visiting pilots must contact one of the Site Coordinators (See Section 6.0) for a site briefing prior to launch. The visiting pilot(s) will be briefed on sensitive habitat, provided with site maps, rules and regulations.

5.4 Site Rules

1. These rules are established to ensure the highest possible level of safety for spectators, pilots and personal property while providing the maximum enjoyment and utilization of the site for everyone.
2. You are expected to use this site in a courteous manner, demonstrate respect for others and support the letter and spirit of these rules. Use of the RPV-PG site is a privilege and not a right. The Site Coordinators have the authority to enforce these rules by contacting the Local Sheriff. Violation of these rules will jeopardize your flight privileges.
3. Launch & Landing Zones are rated P3 due to the sensitive habitat surrounding them and thermal conditions usually found in the afternoons. Pilots with P2 ratings may fly if they are under direct supervision of an instructor or if they have an instructor's sign-off, which can be obtained by contacting a local instructor and showing him or her your logbook and/or demonstrating Launch and Landing skills.
4. All pilot are expected to be knowledgeable of FAA requirements under FAR 103 and adhere to the general guide-lines therein. (See Appendix A)
5. All pilots must be USHGPA members and/or have in their possession a temporary 30 day USHGPA membership card.
6. Certified gliders and harness, helmet and reserve parachute are required to fly.
7. NO alcohol or intoxicating substances are permitted at Launch or Landing areas or to be consumed prior to flying.
8. Do not leave water bottles, trash, etc. at launch or landing sites – take all trash with you.

5.5 Flight Rules

1. The primary launch and landing area (LL 1), is an open Knoll located ~ 500 feet south of Del Cerro Park. You may launch to the West, South-West or South. South-West winds can produce West & South components so kite first to check for up air direction. Set as far back on the knoll as possible and advise spectators to stand clear of launch.
2. The primary Landing Zone (LZ 1) are all beach areas except the Portuguese Bend Beach Club. In an emergency you may land in front of the Portuguese Bend Beach Club as close to the water as possible to avoid beach goers.
3. The secondary Landing Zone (LZ 2) is the dirt road at the base Crenshaw road. It is to be used when you are too low (<350 feet AGL) to cross over to the beach. In an emergency land on any open field or dirt road.
4. Avoid flying over or landing near people, houses and animals and maintain at least 250 feet Average Ground Level (AGL) and 100 feet to the side. FAA FAR 103 does not specify distances but there intention is to protect people on the ground from possible falling objects (i.e. Camera, piece of hardware, etc.). All loose hardware must be secured with a safety cord.
5. To flying to the Beach you need a minimum of 350 feet AGL to cross over the road – fly perpendicular to the road and cross quickly. At this altitude you can safely make it to the beach and not be a distraction to motor vehicles below. If you are below 350 feet or 500 feet mean sea Level (MSL) land at LZ 2.
6. Ridge Rules - Standard right-of-way apply:
 - **Head-on:** Stay to the right. North or West bound gliders have the right-of-way
 - **Converging:** Glider on right has the right-of-way
 - **Overtaking:** Pass on the Cliff side.
 - **Turns** should always be made away from the cliffs
 - **Slower glider** has the right-of-way.
 - **On approach or landing:** Lower glider has the right-of-way.
7. Launch and land only in designated areas.
8. Any major accidents should be reported to USHGPA as required by USHGPA and a copy e-mailed to a RPV-PGS site administrator, Joe Castaldo, 916 Via Nogales, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274.
9. Pilots shall be aware that fix wing and helicopters frequently fly the coast-line and over the Peninsula. Therefore, be extra careful if you fly above 500 ft AGL or 500 ft from mean shoreline.
10. No Aerobatics or radical flight maneuvers such as loops, wingovers, and spins are permitted.
11. All pilots must land immediately in the case of Fire, Police, or emergency action on the ground or in the air in the designated flying areas.
12. Do not fly over or land on the Trump National Golf Course.

5.6 Parking

1. For Del Cerro Launch, park on Chrenshaw blvd. and hike to Launch area LL1.
2. For Beach Landing Zone, LZ 1 park in public parking on the south side of Trump Golf Course main building.

6. RPV-PGS General Information

1. **Our address:** RPV-PGS, 916 via Nogales, PVE, CA 90274
2. **E-Mail:** joecastaldo@verizon.net
3. **Meetings:** Will be posted by e-mail, and will be held at ~1pm at the launch site on the first Saturday of the month as necessary, followed by launch site maintenance and flying.
4. **Radio Information:** For safety and convenience Members and Guests are requested to use 2-meter ham radios for communication at **146.415mhz** and/or carry a cell phone.
5. **Site Administrators & Primary Site Coordinators:** For a site briefing and rules, please contact one of the following RPV-PGS pilots

	<u>Home</u>	<u>Cell</u>	
▪ Joe Castaldo	373-6646	963-3110	Site Administrator
▪ Dave Armstrong	540-3641	427-4835	Assistant Site Administrator
▪ Martin Ginsburg	872-6596		Site Coordinator
▪ Roman Pisar	722-0284	722-0284	Site Coordinator & Instructor
▪ Henry Golian	818-681-7936		Site Coordinator & Instructor
▪ Andrew Hall	213-5484		Site Coordinator

6. RPV PGS Roster

#	Last Name	First Name	Phone Number
1	Armstrong	Dave	
2	Sverkos	Guss	
3	Castaldo	Joe	
4	DeAguiar	William	
5	DeBarros	Marcello	
6	Ginsburg	Martin	
7	Gloeb	Jeff	
8	Golian	Henry	
9	Hajduczek	Andrew	
10	Hall	Bill	
11	Janik	Marion	
12	Ku	Wing Nang(Thomas)	
13	Masterson	Mike	
14	Pawlikowski	Janusz (John)	
15	Pennings	Loyal	
16	Pisar	Roman	
17	Plesetz	Jim	
18	Richey	Brian	
19	Silviiera	Fausto	
20	Masterson	Mike	

7.0 USHGPA Insurance and Waivers

7.1 All USHGPA members are automatically insured for 3rd party liability against injury and property damage up to \$1,000,000. The insurance will indemnify the city, homeowners, individuals and governmental organizations against liability. USHGPA members are required to sign a waiver and pay annual dues to cover insurance.

7.2 USHGPA Insurance

USHGPA 3rd Party Liability Insurance Policy PILOT LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR USHGPA MEMBERS

There are three named insureds to the USHGPA's third party liability policy and these named insureds are: the USHGPA, current USHGPA members and USHGPA approved chapters and clubs. The USHGPA's Master Policy of Commercial General Liability Insurance provides for a \$1,000,000 per occurrence limit and a \$2,000,000 aggregate limit per policy year for claims resulting from the (potential) negligence of the named insureds. Third party claims resulting from property damage and/or bodily injury are subject to coverage up to the limits described above per policy period. The current policy period is March 1, 2005 to March 1, 2006. Each current USHGPA member is a named insured to this policy. The USHGPA's insurance company will conduct an insurance investigation to determine if coverage is applicable in each specific situation that may occur and result in a claim.

While the policy does not provide first party coverage, or more specifically, coverage for the participating pilot who may cause bodily injury to themselves or who may cause property damage to their gliders as a result of negligence related to their flying, the policy does cover claims resulting from damages that are caused to third parties resulting in bodily injury or property damage to the third party that was caused by the negligence of the participating pilot.

The policy covers hang gliding and paragliding by USHGPA members while flying in the US, US Properties and Canada, or while flying temporarily overseas ie, for the purpose of an international competition or short term flying trips. The policy maintains a \$1,000.00 pilot deductible per occurrence. This \$1,000.00 pilot deductible is the "offending" pilot's responsibility to pay to the USHGPA at the outset of the claims process. This \$1,000 pilot deductible dictates that claims must be in excess of \$1,000.00 for it to make sense to file an insurance claim on behalf of the named insureds. In all cases, the insurance company determines eligible claims and associated charges. This Master General Liability Policy covers flying related activities and claims for recreational purposes but this policy is in no way a health plan or a personal injury policy for the participating pilot.

The USHGPA's Third Party Liability Policy is also not a substitute for commercial coverage for the USHGPA schools or instructors. In fact, there is an exclusion for commercial activities and for paid instruction in this policy. USHGPA certified instructors are not covered by the USHGPA's third party coverage while they are engaged in the act of instruction for hire. The USHGPA's policy is intended to come into play for incidents or claims resulting from recreational sport flying only.

7.3 USHGA RELEASE, WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

In consideration of the benefits to be derived from membership in the USHGPA,
_____ (PRINT NAME)

(Pilot) and the parent or legal guardian of Pilot if Pilot is a minor, for themselves, their personal representatives, heirs, executors, next of kin, spouses, minor children and assigns, do agree as follows:

A. DEFINITIONS - The following definitions apply to terms used in this Agreement:

1. "PARTICIPATION IN THE SPORT" means launching (and/or assisting another in launching), flying (whether as pilot in command or otherwise) and/or landing (including, but not limited to, crashing) a hang glider or paraglider.
2. "SPORTS INJURIES" means personal injury, bodily injury, death, property damage and/or any other personal or financial injury sustained by Pilot as a result of Pilot's PARTICIPATION IN THE SPORT and/or as a result of the administration of any USHGA programs (for example: the Pilot Proficiency System). If Pilot is under 18 years of age, the term "SPORTS INJURIES" means personal injury, bodily injury, death, property damage and/or any other personal or financial injury sustained by Pilot as well as personal injury, bodily injury, death, property damage and/or any other personal or financial injury sustained by Pilot's parents or legal guardians, as a result of Pilot's PARTICIPATION IN THE SPORT and/or as a result of the administration of any USHGA programs.
3. "RELEASED PARTIES" means the following, including their owners, officers, directors, agents, spouses, employees, officials (elected or otherwise), members, independent contractors, sub-contractors, lessors and lessees:
 - a) The United States Hang Gliding Paragliding Association, a California Non-profit Corporation (USHGA); Each of the person(s) sponsoring and/or participating in the administration of Pilot's proficiency rating(s);
 - c) Each of the hang gliding and/or paragliding organizations that are chapters of the USHGPA;
 - d) The United States of America and each of the city(ies), town(s), county(ies), State(s) and/or other political subdivisions or governmental agencies within whose jurisdictions Pilot launches, flies and/or lands;
 - e) Each of the property owners on or over whose property Pilot may launch, fly and/or land;
 - f) All persons involved, in any manner, in the sports of hang gliding and/or paragliding at the site(s) where Pilot PARTICIPATES IN THE SPORT. "All persons involved" includes, but is not limited to, spectators, hang glider and/or paraglider pilots, powered ultralight pilots, assistants, drivers, instructors, observers, and owners of hang gliding and/or paragliding equipment; and
 - g) All other persons lawfully present at the site(s) during Pilot's PARTICIPATION IN THE SPORT.

B. I FOREVER RELEASE AND DISCHARGE the RELEASED PARTIES from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, or causes of action that I may hereafter have for SPORTS INJURIES, however caused, even if caused by the negligence (whether active or passive) of any of the RELEASED PARTIES, to the fullest extent allowed by law.

C. I WILL NOT SUE OR MAKE A CLAIM against any of the RELEASED PARTIES for loss or damage on account of SPORTS INJURIES. If I violate this agreement by filing such a suit or making such a claim, I will pay all attorneys' fees and costs of the RELEASED PARTIES.

D. I AGREE THAT this AGREEMENT shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. All disputes and matters whatsoever arising under, in connection with or incident to this Agreement shall be litigated, if at all, in and before a Court located in the State of California, U.S.A. to the exclusion of the Courts of any other State or Country.

- E. SEVERABILITY. If any part, article, paragraph, sentence or clause of this Agreement is not enforceable, the affected provision shall be curtailed and limited only to the extent necessary to bring it within the requirements of the law, and the remainder of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.
- F. CONSTRUCTION. This agreement shall apply to any and all SPORTS INJURIES occurring at any time after the execution of this agreement. This agreement is in addition to and is not intended to replace any other agreements related to liability for SPORTS INJURIES that Pilot may have signed, either in the past or in the future. To the extent that there is any conflict between such agreements, Pilot intends to be subject to the agreement that provides the most expansive release of claims and assumption of risk allowed by law.
- G. I REPRESENT THAT Pilot is at least 18 years of age, or, that I am the parent or legal guardian of Pilot and am making this agreement on behalf of myself and Pilot. If I am the parent or legal guardian of Pilot, I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND REIMBURSE the RELEASED PARTIES for their defense and indemnity from any claim or liability in the event that Pilot suffers SPORTS INJURIES as a result of Pilot's PARTICIPATION IN THE SPORT, even if caused in whole or in part by the negligence (whether active or passive) of any of the RELEASED PARTIES, to the fullest extent allowed by law.
- H. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, OF SPORTS INJURIES, HOWEVER CAUSED, EVEN IF CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE ACTION, INACTION, OR NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF ENGAGING IN HANG GLIDING AND/OR PARAGLIDING, AM FULLY AWARE OF THE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, AND THAT I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS LEGALLY BINDING AND WILL PRECLUDE ME FROM RECOVERING MONETARY DAMAGES FROM THE ABOVE LISTED ENTITIES AND/OR INDIVIDUALS, WHETHER SPECIFICALLY NAMED OR NOT, FOR PERSONAL INJURY, BODILY INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, WRONGFUL DEATH, OR ANY OTHER PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INJURY SUSTAINED BY ME IN CONNECTION WITH HANG GLIDING/PARAGLIDING.

WARNING: BY SIGNING, YOU ARE WAIVING SIGNIFICANT LEGAL RIGHTS. DO NOT SIGN WITHOUT READING!

Pilot's Signature _____ Date _____ Pilot's USHGPA Number _____

Signature of Pilot's Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____
 if Pilot under 18 years of age

Appendix A - Summary of FAA regulation FAR 103

PART 103--ULTRALIGHT VEHICLES

Subpart B--Operating Rules

- 103.9 Hazardous operations.
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- 103.13 Operation near aircraft; right-of-way rules.
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- 103.19 Operations in prohibited or restricted areas.

Subpart A--General

Sec. 103.1 Applicability.

This part prescribes rules governing the operation of ultralight vehicles in the United States. For the purposes of this part, an ultralight vehicle is a vehicle that:

- (a) Is used or intended to be used for manned operation in the air by a single occupant;
- (b) Is used or intended to be used for recreation or sport purposes only;
- (c) Does not have any U.S. or foreign airworthiness certificate; and
- (d) If unpowered, weighs less than 155 pounds; or
- (e) If powered:
 - (1) Weighs less than 254 pounds empty weight, excluding floats and safety devices which are intended for deployment in a potentially catastrophic situation;
 - (2) Has a fuel capacity not exceeding 5 U.S. gallons;
 - (3) Is not capable of more than 55 knots calibrated airspeed at full power in level flight; and
 - (4) Has a power-off stall speed which does not exceed 24 knots calibrated airspeed.

Sec. 103.3 Inspection requirements.

- (a) Any person operating an ultralight vehicle under this part shall, upon request, allow the Administrator, or his designee, to inspect the vehicle to determine the applicability of this part.
- (b) The pilot or operator of an ultralight vehicle must, upon request of the Administrator, furnish satisfactory evidence that the vehicle is subject only to the provisions of this part.

Sec. 103.5 Waivers.

No person may conduct operations that require a deviation from this part except under a written waiver issued by the Administrator.

Sec. 103.7 Certification and registration.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other section pertaining to certification of aircraft or their parts or equipment, ultralight vehicles and their component parts and equipment are not required to meet the airworthiness certification standards specified for aircraft or to have certificates of airworthiness.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other section pertaining to airman certification, operators of ultralight vehicles are not required to meet any aeronautical knowledge, age, or experience requirements to operate those vehicles or to have airman or medical certificates.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other section pertaining to registration and marking of aircraft, ultralight vehicles are not required to be registered or to bear markings of any type.

Subpart B--Operating Rules

Sec. 103.9 Hazardous operations.

- (a) No person may operate any ultralight vehicle in a manner that creates a hazard to other persons or property.
- (b) No person may allow an object to be dropped from an ultralight vehicle if such action creates a hazard to other persons or property.

Sec. 103.11 Daylight operations.

- (a) No person may operate an ultralight vehicle except between the hours of sunrise and sunset.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, ultralight vehicles may be operated during the twilight periods 30 minutes before official sunrise and 30 minutes after official sunset or, in Alaska, during the period of civil twilight as defined in the Air Almanac, if:
 - (1) The vehicle is equipped with an operating anticollision light visible for at least 3 statute miles; and
 - (2) All operations are conducted in uncontrolled airspace.

Sec. 103.13 Operation near aircraft; right-of-way rules.

- (a) Each person operating an ultralight vehicle shall maintain vigilance so as to see and avoid aircraft and shall yield the right-of-way to all aircraft.
- (b) No person may operate an ultralight vehicle in a manner that creates a collision hazard with respect to any aircraft.
- (c) Powered ultralights shall yield the right-of-way to unpowered ultralights.

Sec. 103.15 Operations over congested areas. (Map(1) RPV PGS Site complies)

No person may operate an ultralight vehicle over any congested area of a city, town, or settlement, or over any open air assembly of persons.

Sec. 103.17 Operations in certain airspace. (This does not apply in the airspaced define by RPV PGS, See Map (1), We are in Class G Airspace)

No person may operate an ultralight vehicle within Class A, Class B, Class C, or Class D airspace or within the lateral boundaries of the surface area of Class E airspace designated for an airport unless that person has prior authorization from the ATC facility having jurisdiction over that airspace.

Sec. 103.17 Operations in certain airspace.

No person may operate an ultralight vehicle within an airport traffic area, control zone, airport radar service area, terminal control area, or positive control area unless that person has prior authorization from the air traffic control facility having jurisdiction over that airspace. **(The requested flying site Map(1) is not within these areas)**

Sec. 103.19 Operations in prohibited or restricted areas.

No person may operate an ultralight vehicle in prohibited or restricted areas unless that person has permission from the using or controlling agency, as appropriate. **(This restricted is removed by the Permitted Land use requested in this proposal)**

Sec. 103.20 Flight restrictions in the proximity of certain areas designated by notice to airmen. (All ultralight vehicle must land immediately in case of Fire, police or military Action in the Designated Flying Site.)

No person may operate an ultralight vehicle in areas designated in a Notice to Airmen, unless authorized by ATC.

Sec. 103.21 Visual reference with the surface.

No person may operate an ultralight vehicle except by visual reference with the surface.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES DENYING THE APPEAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 223-REVISION AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 10-REVISION AND DENYING THE FEE WAIVER REQUEST THEREBY ADOPTING THE FINAL NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVING A ROVING FIELD ARCHERY RANGE IN THE PORTUGUESE BEND LANDSLIDE.

WHEREAS, the South Bay Archery Club and P.V. Landholdings Company have requested approval of Environmental Assessment No. 223-Revision and Conditional Use Permit No. 10-Revision to allow a roving field archery range in the Portuguese Bend Landslide.

WHEREAS, after notice pursuant to the Development Code, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 11, 1989, at which time all interested parties were given the opportunity to give testimony and present evidence, and the Planning Commission approved the applications with conditions.

WHEREAS, on July 20, 1989, the Portuguese Bend Community Association filed an appeal with the City Council within 15 days of the decision of the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, October 3 and December 5, 1989, the City Council heard the appeal at which time all interested parties were given an opportunity to be heard and present evidence.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That there will be no significant environmental impacts resulting from this project due to the implementation of the mitigation measures contained in the negative declaration for Environmental Assessment No. 223-Revision which have been incorporated into conditions of approval in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2: That the granting of the Conditional Use Permit will not be contrary to the objectives of the General Plan in that temporary recreational facilities without permanent structures are allowed in the zoning district.

Section 3: That the subject site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the intended use, subject to the conditions of approval contained in Exhibit "A", attached hereto.

Section 4: That the site is serviced by Palos Verdes Drive South whose traffic capacity is adequate to serve the site without suffering significant impacts to its level of service.

EXHIBIT "A"

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Conditional Use Permit No. 10-Revision and
Environmental Assessment No. 223-Revision

1. All final plans including but not limited to the location of parking, portable toilets, registration area, picnic tables, storage shed, signage, fencing, and target areas shall be approved by the Director of Environmental Services. No permanent structures are allowed.
2. Fire prevention measures shall be taken as directed by the local Fire Marshall. Parking shall not be allowed on the dirt access road, barbecues are not permitted and a fire extinguisher must be kept on the site at all times. Smoking shall only be permitted in the dirt parking area not on the archery range.
3. Signage to alert hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians using the trails of the archery shall be placed along the dirt road and the entire perimeter of the range. Exact location, sign copy, colors, size and the number of signs shall be approved by the Director of Environmental Services.
4. The Archery Club shall coordinate with the Director of Public Works a schedule for Public Works monitoring of the drainage pipe and landslide. The site shall not be used for archery during these scheduled monitoring times.
5. The applicant shall make every possible effort through G.T.E. to secure a telephone on site, or the club shall provide a means of emergency communication, such as a C.B. radio or cellular car phone on site during peak use times.
6. All existing debris on the site shall be removed prior to establishment of the new Archery Club. When the Club is no longer using the area it shall be cleared of any debris. The area shall be maintained in a neat and clean manner at all times.
7. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of fire arms in or adjacent to the Archery Club area is prohibited.
8. The range and support facilities shall only be used during daylight hours.
9. Access to the site shall be taken off of Palos Verdes Drive South and the access on Sweetbay shall not be used. The gate shall be locked or monitored to control access at all times.

10. Removal of vegetation is not allowed except to create small level areas to allow placement of the hay bales and minor trimming of shrubbery for clear shooting zones.
11. An open split rail or other fence approved by the Director of Environmental Services shall be constructed on the western boundary of the range from the intersection of the dirt road and the drainage pipe, north up the slope.
12. The applicant shall provide on an annual basis proof of membership and insurance through the National Field Archery Association. The insurance policy shall name the City as additionally insured.
13. Should the applicant fail to comply with any of these conditions of approval the City or Planning Commission may initiate revocation procedures for this permit.
14. The City shall maintain the right to revoke this approval and close the archery range on a thirty day notice. Should a major landslide or other geologic condition arise which may prove to be an imminent hazard to the health, safety, or welfare of person or persons in the area, the City retains the right to immediately suspend the use and operation of the archery park and range until the hazard is corrected.
15. The applicant and landowner shall file a statement, in writing, with the City within thirty (30) days of this approval, that he has read, understands, and consents to the conditions herein imposed on the project.

MEMORANDUM



RANCHO PALOS VERDES

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
DATE: DECEMBER 5, 1989
SUBJECT: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 10 - REVISION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 223 - REVISION - APPEAL FEE WAIVER REQUEST (SOUTH BAY ARCHERY CLUB/PORTUGUESE BEND AREA)

Staff Coordinator: Laurie B. Jester, Associate Planner

RECOMMENDATION

Uphold the Planning Commission approval of the project with conditions, thereby denying the appeal and deny the fee waiver request.

INTRODUCTION

This item was previously reviewed by the Council on October 3, 1989. At that time the Council directed staff to work with various departments and review alternative sites for the range. The following section analyzes the Palos Verdes Drive East switchbacks and the RDA parcel south of Palos Verdes Drive South in the Portuguese Bend Landslide as alternate sites.

ANALYSIS

Staff has met with the Director of Recreation and Parks and representatives from the archery club and reviewed the switchback area as an alternative roving field archery range site. It would be possible but very difficult to use this area. Access to a level area for parking would require a small amount of grading and the installation of a barrier to prohibit other cars from driving off-road in the switchbacks. The range area would be across Palos Verdes Drive East to the north, so the archers would have to walk across the street to access the range. Although there is probably adequate site distance, this could be a dangerous situation. The range area would be fairly close to the rear yards of residents on Vista Del Mar and San Ramon. All the surrounding residences are fenced and the range could be adequately secured so people would not wander into the area, unaware of the activity. The range would be highly visible from the rear yards of the residences on San Ramon. Staff does not believe that the switchbacks would be the best location for a roving field archery range.

Staff also met with the Assistant Director of Public Works and representatives from the archery club and reviewed the RDA area south of Palos Verdes Drive South, east of Inspiration Point and

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west of the Portuguese Bend Club as an alternative range site. This area was suggested as an acceptable alternative by the Portuguese Bend Community Association, the appellants of the project. Although this area is fairly close to two residences within the Community Association, the Association feels there is less impact to the community as a whole if the range were relocated. The Association has not consulted with the two property owners who would be closest to the range.

The area has easy access off of Palos Verdes Drive South through an existing locked gate which controls access and a dirt road which leads down onto the site. The road curves past the rear of the two homes off of Palos Verdes Drive South. There is a large level parking area off of the dirt road near the top of the toe berm. Cars parked in this area are not visible from Palos Verdes Drive South and would not draw attention to the use of the area such as would be the case in the switchbacks. The range could be set up so hikers in the area could still use the trails and access the road to the rock beach. This area does not appear to be used as heavily by hikers as the upper slide area and equestrian use of the area was not apparent. There are numerous fissures throughout the site and across the dirt access road. The RDA would allow use of the site by the Archery Club with the conditions that they submit a Hold Harmless Agreement, vacate the site immediately if required for safety reasons and control access to the site. Attached is a memo from the Director of Public Works detailing his concerns and requirements.

The site is distinctly divided into two areas, one area east of the two homes and one area to the west of the homes. The area discussed above is to the west. Staff believes that the eastern side would not be a good location for the range. The area is very broken up with cracks and fissures and is moving more than the western side. The broken up topography would make it difficult for hikers and other people who may use the area to see the archery range and it could potentially be dangerous. The western side is much more open and allows clear visibility to hikers entering the area. Also the eastern side is much closer to the residences in the Portuguese Bend Club.

Staff believes the RDA property south of Palos Verdes Drive South would be an acceptable alternative location for the archery range, but the original location is more desirable. The two residences off of Palos Verdes Drive South would be affected by the traffic on the dirt road which is 85 feet from the rear of the closest home. In the original location the range and access road is separated from the residences by a large ridge and ravine with a 70 foot elevation change and the residences are 500 feet away.

In order to provide a thorough and complete analysis of the RDA site, the archery club would need to submit a new Conditional Use Permit, Environmental Assessment, and Coastal Permit. Notification of the property owners within a 500 foot radius would be required. Additionally, review by the Fire Department and

Trails Committee would be required and a letter of authorization from the RDA. The comments and concerns of all of these groups would need to be taken into consideration during the analysis of the project. Conformance with CEQA and the Coastal Specific Plan would need to be analyzed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Council also directed staff to discuss the possibility of providing archery through the Recreation and Parks Department. A recent survey of Rancho Palos Verdes residents prepared for the revised Parks Master Plan indicates that archery is the lowest recreational priority of Rancho Palos Verdes residents (see attached). Additionally, the Recreation and Parks Department does not have the trained personnel necessary for archery at this time. The club has indicated that they would be willing to teach the sport to anyone who is interested and would cooperate fully with the Recreation and Parks Department.

The archery club also met with the Portuguese Bend Community Association to try and resolve their concerns. Basically, the archery club feels the conditions of the Conditional Use Permit adequately address all of the Associations concerns. The Association disagrees and feels it would be difficult to control access to the site, and all the concerns addressed in their appeal letter would be multiplied by the possibility of uncontrolled access to the site.

The archery club has indicated that they are willing to apply for the use of the RDA site if the Association will support the new location. The Association has verbally indicated that they would. The club would like to use the original site on a temporary basis until applications for the RDA site can be processed. These applications could take anywhere from 1 to 6 months to process after they are submitted, depending on if the applications are appealed.

FEE WAIVER REQUEST

The Portuguese Bend Community Association is also requesting that the City Council waive the \$235 appeal fee. Their request letter states that they feel they are a quasi-governmental entity and a fee waiver is justified. Staff does not feel the association is a quasi-governmental entity but is a group of homeowners that all live in one area. Staff cannot support waiving the \$235 penalty fee.

CONCLUSION

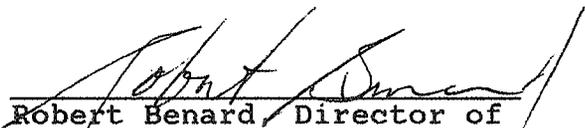
Staff believes that the proposed roving field archery range in the area approved by the Planning Commission complies with the findings for granting a Conditional Use Permit in an open space

hazard zone. If the Council believes that there are too many potential impacts on the adjacent property owners, then staff recommends that the Council uphold the appeal, denying the applications without prejudice and direct the applicant to submit the appropriate applications to analyze the RDA site as an alternative location. If the appeal is upheld and the applications denied the Portuguese Bend Community Association will automatically be refunded their appeal fees.

FISCAL IMPACT

If the fee waiver for the appeal is approved, the City would refund the Community Association \$235.00

Respectfully submitted,


Robert Benard, Director of
Environmental Services

Recommended:

- () Approval
- () Disapproval

Dennis McDuffie
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

City Council Minutes - October 3, 1989
City Council Staff Report - October 3, 1989
Memo from Director of Public Works
Parks Master Plan - Page 49

MEMORANDUM



RANCHO PALOS VERDES

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
DATE: OCTOBER 3, 1989
SUBJECT: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 10 - REVISION AND
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 223 - REVISION - APPEAL AND
FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Staff Coordinator: Laurie M. Brigham, Associate Planner

RECOMMENDATION

Uphold the Planning Commission approval of the project with conditions, thereby denying the appeal and deny the fee waiver request.

INTRODUCTION

The South Bay Archery Club previously was granted approval for the archery use in the Portuguese Bend Landslide in 1975 and used the area until 1986 when grading for the landslide stabilization project began. Now that grading is complete the club has requested approval to again use the same area in the landslide. On July 11, 1989, the Planning Commission approved the applications and adopted the Negative Declaration to allow a roving field archery range.

On July 20, 1989, the Portuguese Bend Community Association appealed the Planning Commission decision to the City Council. The Association is concerned about safety and the increased use of the area with joggers, hikers, and equestrians which they believe would be in conflict with the archery use. They state in the past there were problems with club members drinking, smoking, using firearms, and dumping trash. Additionally, the wild animal population has increased and they are concerned about potential conflicts with this sensitive environment. Lastly, they believe it would be difficult to monitor conformance with the Conditional Use Permit conditions since the area is difficult to access and not visible from any street. The attached appeal letter details more thoroughly the appellants concerns.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is a roving field archery range on approximately 20 acres in the Portuguese Bend Landslide, north of Palos Verdes Drive South, south of the Crenshaw Road cut, west of Klondike Canyon, and northeast from the corner of Sweetbay and Peppertree. The site is accessed via a dirt road through a locked gate off of Palos Verdes Drive South.

One drainage pipe cuts through the center of the range and another forms the eastern boundary. The northern side of the site is bounded by very steep, heavily vegetated cliffs and the south and western sides of the site are bounded by a wide dirt road.

Field archery competitions would be held the 4th Sunday of every month, with an expected attendance of 30 to 50 archers. Additionally, club members would be able to randomly use the range every day during daylight hours. Approximately a dozen club members would use the range on any Saturday or Sunday. The range would consist of 14 target bales of hays which would be placed against the side of the slopes. Stray arrows would be deflected by the steep slope behind the bales. A registration area, picnic gables, portable toilets, storage shed and parking area are proposed in an existing level dirt area south of the dirt road.

The club is sanctioned and insured through the National Field Archery Association (NFAA). The NFAA insurance policy does not allow the consumption of alcohol while using the range. The association has strict safety regulations regarding the layout of targets, shooting lanes, trails and site distances. Once the club lays out a range the NFAA goes out to the site and reviews it to guarantee that their criteria are met before the range is approved and available for use by the club members.

ANALYSIS

The Fire Department, Trails Committee, and Public Works Department have all reviewed the proposal and do not object to the proposed use if certain conditions are placed on the approval. All of their concerns have been incorporated into the condition of approval. Staff believes these conditions adequately address the concerns of the appellant also. Conformance with the conditions will be carefully monitored by City Staff and the Sheriff's Department if necessary. In the 9 years that the club previously occupied the site the City records indicate only one reported violation, for the construction of a "Clubhouse" which was dismantled when the violation was discovered.

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October 3, 1989

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The appellant has suggested in the appeal letter two alternative locations for the archery range, one being in the Forrestal quarry and the other alternative would be in the slide area south of Palos Verdes Drive South and north of the gabions.

The Archery Club originally submitted a Conditional Use Permit and Environmental Assessment to request approval of a range in the quarry. The Planning Commission felt there were too many conflicts with the existing uses on the site and there is grading proposed in the quarry associate with the approved Forrestal Tract that could occur in the near future.

Consideration of the use of the RDA property south of Palos Verdes Drive South in the landslide would require approval of the RDA and submittal of a new Conditional Use Permit, Environmental Assessment, and Coastal Permit. The RDA has not authorized use of the site and an application for the site has not be received or reviewed by staff. Until an application is submitted, staff cannot evaluate the alternative area.

FEE WAIVER REQUEST

The Portuguese Bend Community Associate in also requesting that the City Council waive the \$235 appeal fee. Their request letter states that they feel they are a quasi-governmental entity and a fee waiver is justified. Staff does not feel the association is a quasi-governmental entity but is a group of homeowners that all live in one area. Staff cannot support waiving the \$235 penalty fee.

ALTERNATIVE

If the Council feels that the concerns of the Homeowners Association are valid and have merit, consideration for denial of the application may be justified. The area is difficult to access and monitor due to topographic constraints and the locked gates. All Club members would have a key to the gate and be able to access the area at any time. Although there are several code enforcement staff available from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, only one weekend code enforcement staff would be available during the majority of the use on weekends. This would make code enforcement most difficult to control during high use periods.

CONCLUSION

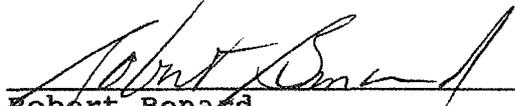
The proposed roving field archery range complies with the findings for granting a Conditional Use Permit in an Open Space Hazard Zone.

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October 3, 1989

FISCAL IMPACT

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Respectfully submitted,



Robert Benard
Director of Environmental Services

Recommended:

- () Approval
- () Disapproval

Dennis McDuffie
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

Fee Waiver Request
Appeal Letters
P.C. Minutes - July 11, 1989
P.C. Resolution No. 89-38
Staff Report - July 11, 1989
C.U.P. and E.A. Applications and Narrative
Initial Study
Fire Department Letter
Plans

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**LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES AND JAMES HATANO
AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY
AT POINT VICENTE PARK/CIVIC CENTER
FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES**

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT ("Lease"), is made and executed as of the 16 day of May, 2006, by and between the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, a municipal corporation of the State of California, hereinafter called "City" and Mr. James Hatano, hereinafter called "Lessee," who agree as follows:

- 1) City shall lease approximately 5.5 acres, more or less, of City land at the Point Vicente Park/Civic Center property located at 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, hereinafter called "Premises," as delineated and shown in the cross-hatched area on the plan designated as Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.
- 2) The term of the lease is for 60 months, commencing on April 1, 2006, and ending on March 31, 2011.
- 3) The annual rental payment shall be \$100.00 per year, payable in advance. Payment shall be made to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.
- 4) Lessee shall neither transfer nor assign this lease or any property being leased from City without prior permission in writing from the City Manager of the City.
- 5) Lessee accepts the Premises in its present state and condition and waives any and all demand upon City for alteration, repair, or improvement thereof. No new structures of any kind shall be placed on the site, and no existing structures shall be altered (except normal repairs and maintenance), expanded or moved on the property without prior written consent of the City Manager of the City. All such structures and/or personal property installed or placed on the Premises by Lessee shall be removed by Lessee prior to the termination of this Agreement, and in the event of the failure to do so, title thereto shall vest in City or shall become the property of City upon the termination of this Agreement.
- 6) Use of Premises shall be limited to agricultural or horticultural purposes only, excluding the grazing of livestock. No person shall be permitted to reside on the Premises.
- 7) Lessee shall have the right to harvest, gather, and remove any crops he plants or grows on the Premises.

- 8) Lessee shall assume the risk of loss, damage or destruction due to theft, fire and casualty of any and all fixtures and personal property belonging to Lessee that are installed or placed on the Premises.
- 9) Lessee shall not display advertising signs or other matter at the Premises.
- 10) City may inspect Premises at any time and for any purpose.
- 11) Lessee agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless City, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims for loss, damages, injury or death to persons or damage to or loss of property, including attorney's fees and court costs, arising out of the use of the Premises by Lessee, or by his employees, guests and visitors.
- 12) Lessee shall obtain and keep in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement workers' compensation insurance, in accordance with the requirements of the California Labor Code and any other applicable laws, and a policy of general liability insurance. In addition, Lessee shall obtain and keep in full force and effect insurance in an amount sufficient to cover all equipment, inventory and other personal property of Lessee that is kept on the Premises in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. All such insurance policies shall be issued by insurance companies admitted to do business in the State of California. The policy of liability insurance shall: (a) name City and its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds; (b) shall insure and protect City and its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected with the use by the Lessee of the Premises; (c) shall provide a combined single limit for the liability covered in the amount of \$500,000; and (d) be noncancellable without thirty days prior written notice thereof to City. Lessee shall file with the City Clerk either certified copies of said policies or a certificate of insurance for each of the required policies executed by the company issuing the policy certifying that the policy is in force and providing the following information with respect to said policy:
 - a. The policy number;
 - b. The date upon which the policy will become effective and the date upon which it will expire;
 - c. The names of the named insured and any additional insureds;
 - d. The subject of the insurance;
 - e. The type of coverage provided by the insurance;

- f. The amount or limit of coverage provided by the insurance;
 - g. A description of all endorsements that form a part of the policy; and
 - h. An endorsement stating that City and its officers, agents and employees are named as additional insureds under the liability policy. Lessee's authorized activities on the premises shall be suspended during any period that Lessee fails to maintain said policies in full force and effect.
- 13) Lessee agrees to comply with all applicable regulations of City and to maintain the Premises in a clean and sanitary condition. Lessee shall be responsible for insuring that the Premises will be protected against damage or destruction by fire or other causes. Lessee shall repair any and all damage to the Premises arising out of Lessee's activities thereon. Lessee shall provide and pay for all utilities required to conduct the activities permitted by this Agreement. Lessee shall remove all equipment and other personal property from the Premises upon the termination of this Agreement and shall leave the Premises in the manner in which it was found, ordinary wear and tear excepted, and damage or destruction not caused by the use of the property by Lessee excepted.
- 14) Lessee agrees to pay before delinquency all lawful taxes, assessments, fees or charges which at any time may be levied by the State, County, or any tax or assessment-levying body upon the right of use acquired by this Agreement, as well as all taxes, assessments, fees and charges on the equipment used and merchandise sold in connection with the authorized activities on the premises.
- 15) This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties relating to the rights herein granted and the obligations herein assumed. Any subsequent modification to this Agreement shall be in writing and executed by both of the parties hereto.
- 16) Any waiver by City of any breach of any one or more of the terms of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any other term thereof, nor shall failure on the part of City to require exact, full, and complete compliance with any of the terms of this Agreement be construed as in any manner as changing the terms thereof or estopping City from the enforcement thereof.
- 17) If any of the provisions in this Agreement are unenforceable, the balance shall be enforced.

- 18) In the event of any controversy or dispute regarding this Agreement or breach thereof, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the losing party reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.
- 19) This Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of California.
- 20) Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving the other party written notice at least thirty days prior to the date when the termination is to become effective.
- 21) Address for payments of rent and notices shall be sent to:

City: City of Rancho Palos Verdes
30940 Hawthorne Boulevard
Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90275
Attention: City Manager

Lessee: Mr. James Hatano
1172 West 24th Street
San Pedro, California 90731

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Lease as of the day and year first above written.

Dated: _____

LESSEE

By: _____

James Hatano

Date: 6-5-06

CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES:

By: _____

Mayer

ATTEST:

By: _____
City Clerk



May 29, 2008

Dear PUMP Committee Members:

CORBA recently surveyed local mountain bike enthusiasts and found that 82 percent would like to see some mountain bike skills riding areas in the local community. Mountain bike-specific trails are being incorporated into many communities. Locally, the Glendale City Council approved a full Mountain Bike Skills Park along with several new trails. CORBA provided input and trail expertise at the series of public meetings held through the summer and fall of 2007 and will remain involved in this planning process.

An area for bike skills and/or bike-specific trails could give Palos Verdes and surrounding area youth a place to ride safely, learn and improve their bike handling skills in a controlled environment and have fun while doing so. It would be a great asset to the community.

Many cities around the country have realized the numerous benefits of providing designated bike areas. These benefits include increased community involvement and improved community spirit, a healthier and fitter community, and the nurturing and support of up-and-coming young athletes. Having a central location for bike riding attracts families and teens, and allows them to learn about proper trail etiquette and trail stewardship. Dedicated bike facilities also provide a venue for community event fundraising, educational events, and sporting events. They can be used for after-school programs and competitive sports programs.

Three notable projects that come to mind are the Collonade project in Seattle, the Woodward Bike Park in Fresno, and the Highbridge Bicycle Park in New York City. In each of these examples, the local government worked cooperatively with local mountain bike groups (such as CORBA) for the benefit of all. When cities support and encourage cycling, the local cycling community returns the favor by supporting the trail system through volunteer trail maintenance and construction, volunteer patrolling of the trails to ensure safety and sustainability of the trail system, and more experienced riders can help guide and educate younger cyclists.

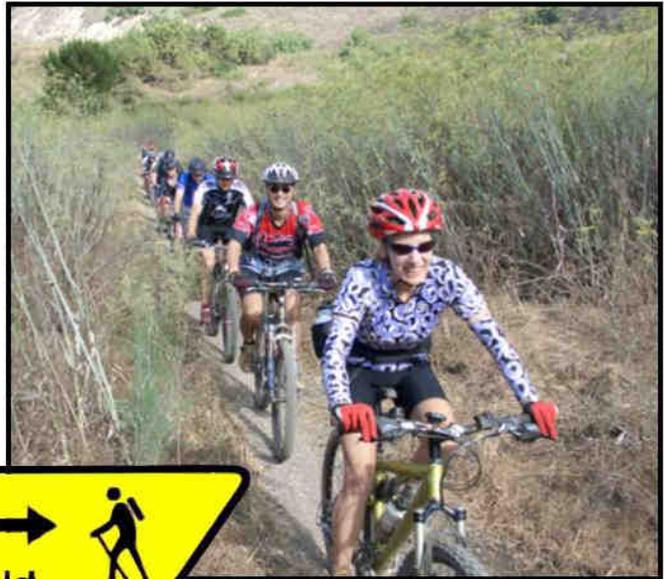
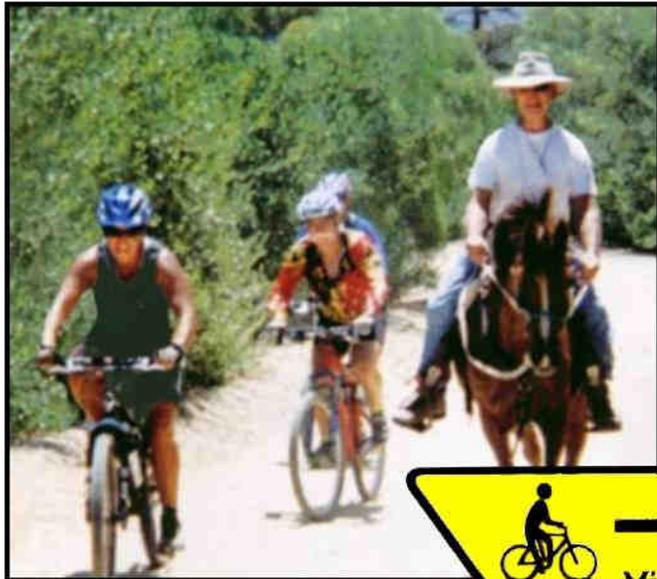
Thank you,

Hans Keifer
CORBA Board Member & Trail Crew Leader

Links to a few mountain bike skills parks:

Fresno <http://www.woodwardmtbpark.com/Volunteer.html>
Folsom http://www.folsom.ca.us/depts/parks_n_recreation/skate.asp
Seattle http://bbtc.org/wiki/index.php?title=Trail:I-5_Colonnade

Canyons Reserve Bicyclist Trail Recommendations

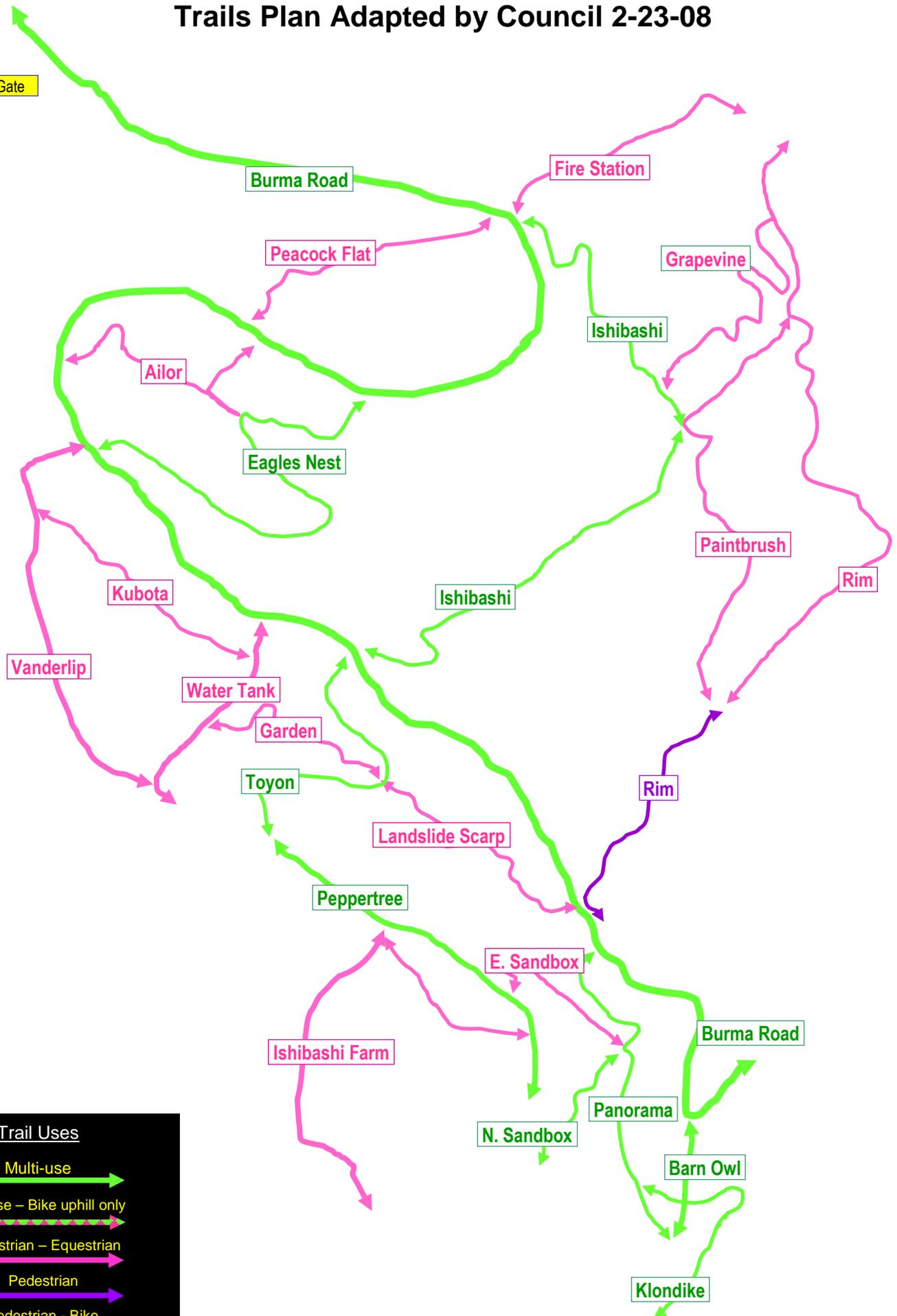


Prepared By
Concerned Off-Road Bicyclist Association of Palos Verdes

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Trails Plan Adapted by Council 2-23-08

Del Cerro Gate



Trail Uses

- Multi-use
- Multiuse – Bike uphill only
- Pedestrian – Equestrian
- Pedestrian
- Pedestrian - Bike

Recommended User Adjustments

Upper Grapevine

Change to multi-use

Allow bikes up hill only on upper Paintbrush/Rim to complete loop

- The PUMP Committee recommended bike use on this trail.
- Upper Grapevine is a favorite trail for cyclists
- Trail does not go into Rolling hills

Recommended User Adjustments

Landslide Scarf

Change to multi-use

- PUMP Committee initially voted to allow bikes, then changed to pedestrian/equestrian by a narrow vote.
- Historically favorite route from PV Drive South.
- Only rideable route from Peppertree trail.
- Toyon Trail is situated on unstable decomposed rock/rubble soil and not rideable uphill. The slope exceeds 23 degrees.

CORBA Recommended User Adjustments

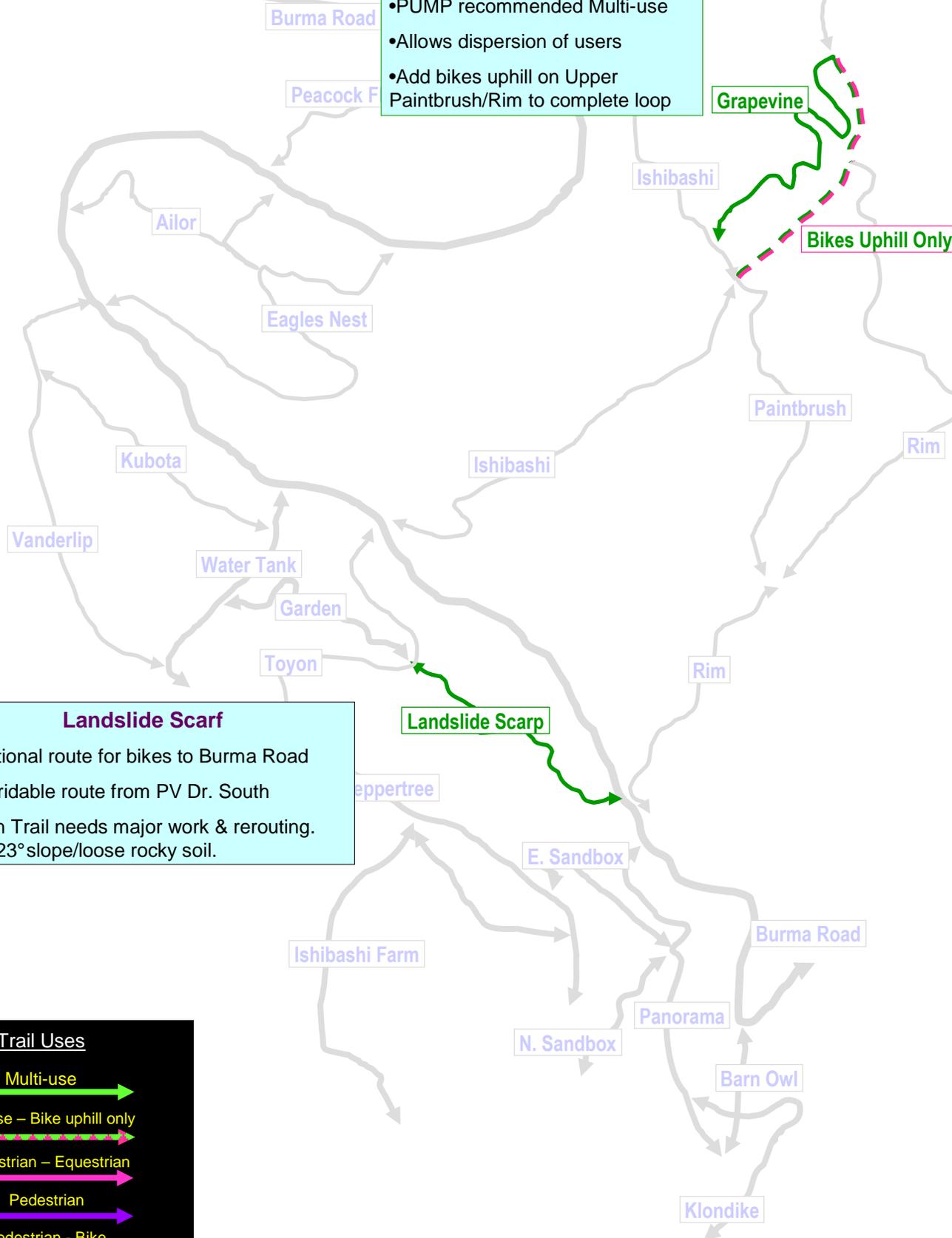
Del Cerro Gate

Upper Grapevine

- Popular bike trail
- PUMP recommended Multi-use
- Allows dispersion of users
- Add bikes uphill on Upper Paintbrush/Rim to complete loop

Grapevine

Bikes Uphill Only



Landslide Scarf

- Traditional route for bikes to Burma Road
- Only ridable route from PV Dr. South
- Toyon Trail needs major work & rerouting. Steep 23° slope/loose rocky soil.

Trail Uses

- Multi-use
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Trail Recommendations

Keep Two Popular Redundant Trails

Trails considered redundant were left off the trails plan

- Some redundant trails offer unique user experiences
- Redundant trails can allow for separation and dispersal of users
- Frequently used established trails are very difficult to close
- Can help reduce enforcement burden and encourage cooperation
- Some trails at Forrestal are redundant
- Lacks detailed studies to verify negative impact

Trail Recommendations

Lower Grapevine

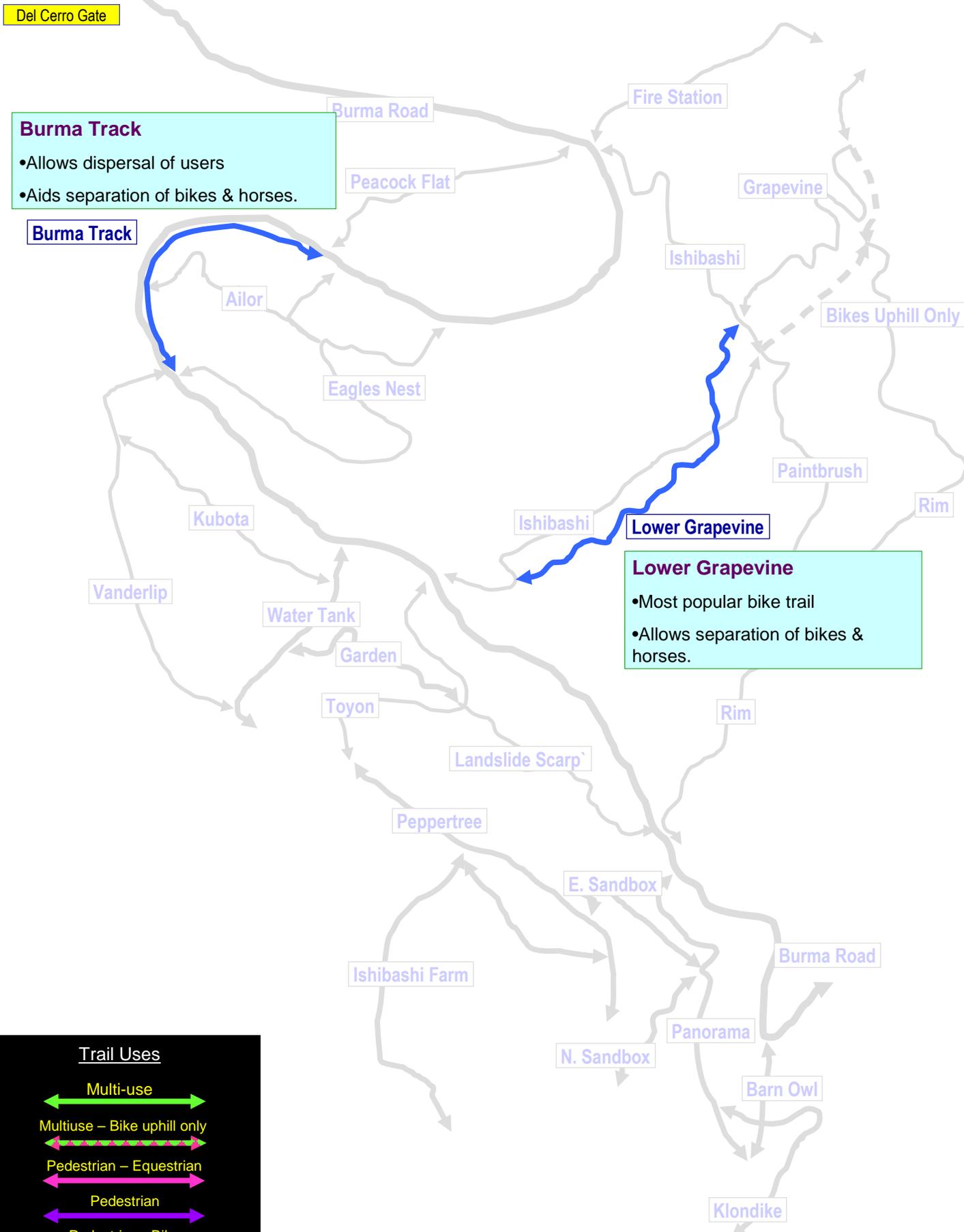
- Most popular bike trail
- Allows separation of bikes from horses
- Increases reserve trail area by only 0.02%
- Volunteers available to define tighter route and maintain
- Could be a bike only trail. Lower Rim trail is pedestrian only

Trail Recommendations

Burma Track

- Popular bike trail
- Offers single track experience
- Reduces congestion on Burma Road
- Helps separate bikes from horses

CORBA Recommendation Retain Popular Redundant Trails



Trail Uses

- Multi-use
- Multiuse – Bike uphill only
- Pedestrian – Equestrian
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- Pedestrian - Bike

Honorable Mayor and Councilmen,

There has been significant support for a more challenging bike area west of the archery range. However, even though the council could authorize this area for bike use, there are some who oppose this type of activity in any part of the preserve. The proposed area is outside the preserve and can be isolated from other users. I propose a small bike skills area, which is isolated by a cliff to the east and a multi-use road (Peppertree) to the west. The addition of a ~fifty-foot buffer and shrubbery will further separate bikes from the fire road (see "Bicycle Skills Area" diagram below).

What is a bicycle skills area?

First, it is not an extreme bike park. It will consist of rolling terrain with dips and curves, and there will be no wooden structures. It will be similar to the dips near the water tank below Del Cerro Park. See "Dips Near Water Tank" and "Bicycle Skills Area Example" images below.

What are the benefits?

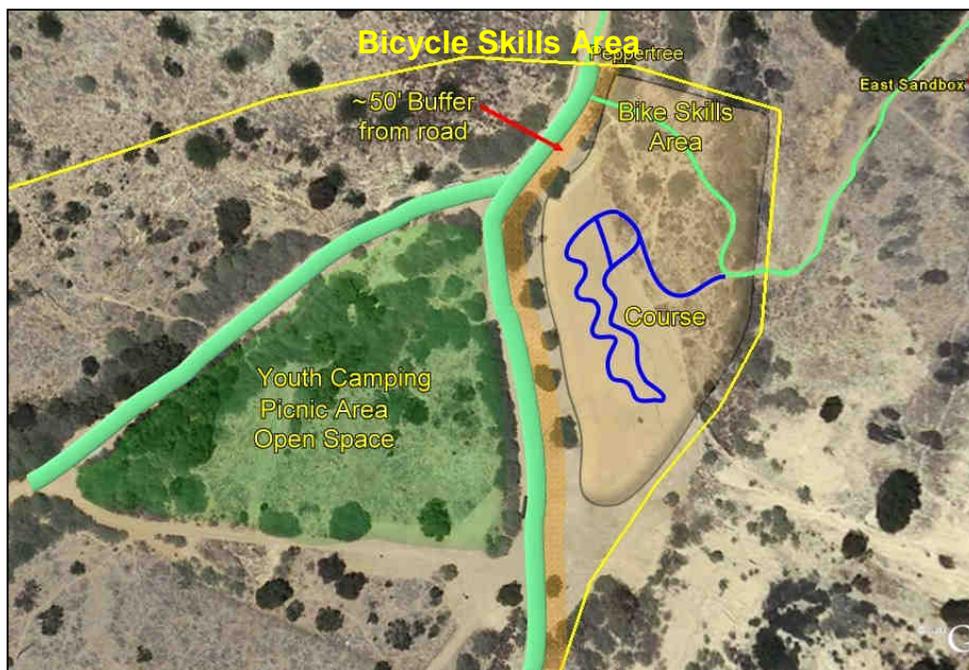
It is clear that some cyclists want more riding challenges. It is hoped that these cyclists will find this managed area a good alternative to inappropriate trails in the preserve that have been closed. In addition, the water tank area has been very popular place for kids (with parents in tow). I have suggested many times that kids have no safe place to ride a bicycle without the danger of cars. This will provide a safe place for kids to have fun, develop bike-handling skills, and learn trail etiquette.

Who will build and maintain it?

Maintenance and upkeep will be provided by the cyclists themselves, similar to the arrangement equestrians have offered for the horse facility. There will be no structures, only a sign specifying appropriate rules.

I hope we can adapt a broader view. There are off-road cyclists and kids who enjoy riding challenging trails, much like some equestrians who enjoy jumping horses. A bike skills area should be no different than a ring where horses can jump. A managed bike skills area will be a great addition to Gateway Park and serve the needs of members of our community.

Sincerely,
Troy Braswell





Dips Near Water Tank



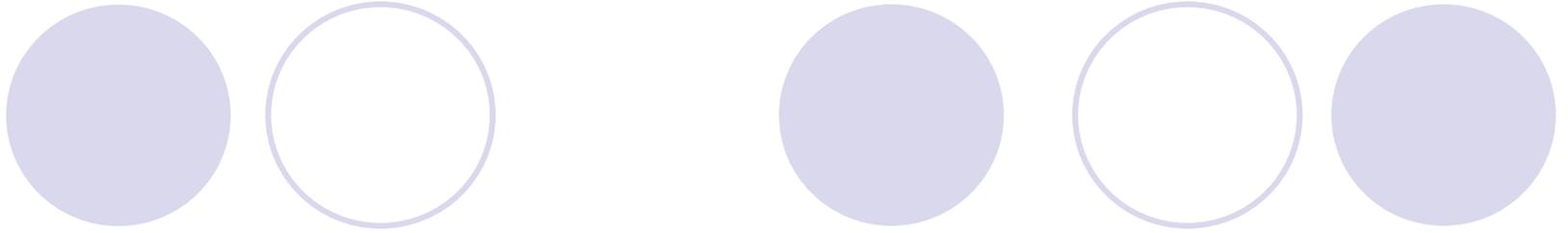
Bicycle Skills Area Example

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- We are **against Pump recommendation to allow Paragliding launched from the knoll on dirt Crenshaw in Portuguese Bend open space**

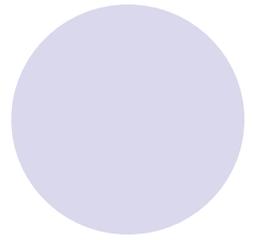
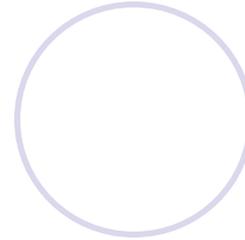
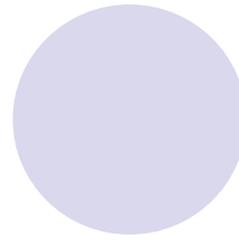
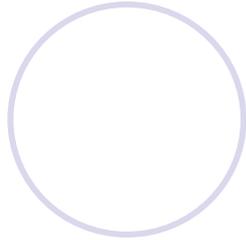
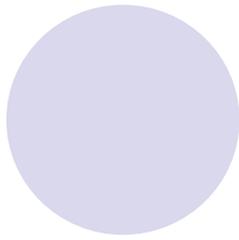
By concerned residents near to this area
(17 petitioned home owners)



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- I am here to speak **against paragliding** launch in near by our area.
- But, I must say that paragliding is beautiful and graceful. I do enjoy watching paragliding **in proper area.**
- If I am young, I would love to try it myself.



- **However, this area is not proper place to launch paragliding because of proximity to nearby houses and electric power lines.**



Reasons against paragliding in this area

- In here, Paragliders have often been **flying over electric power lines and houses** along closed dirt Crenshaw Blvd. This is **dangerous** as well as **invading privacy** of permanent residents.



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- **Paragliding carries significant risks to other innocent bystanders and properties** because Paragliders do not have complete control over paragliding all the time, and can crash into anything in any place and any time while flying.
- **Paragliding has not been allowed near by houses.**

2006 Paragliding Accidents

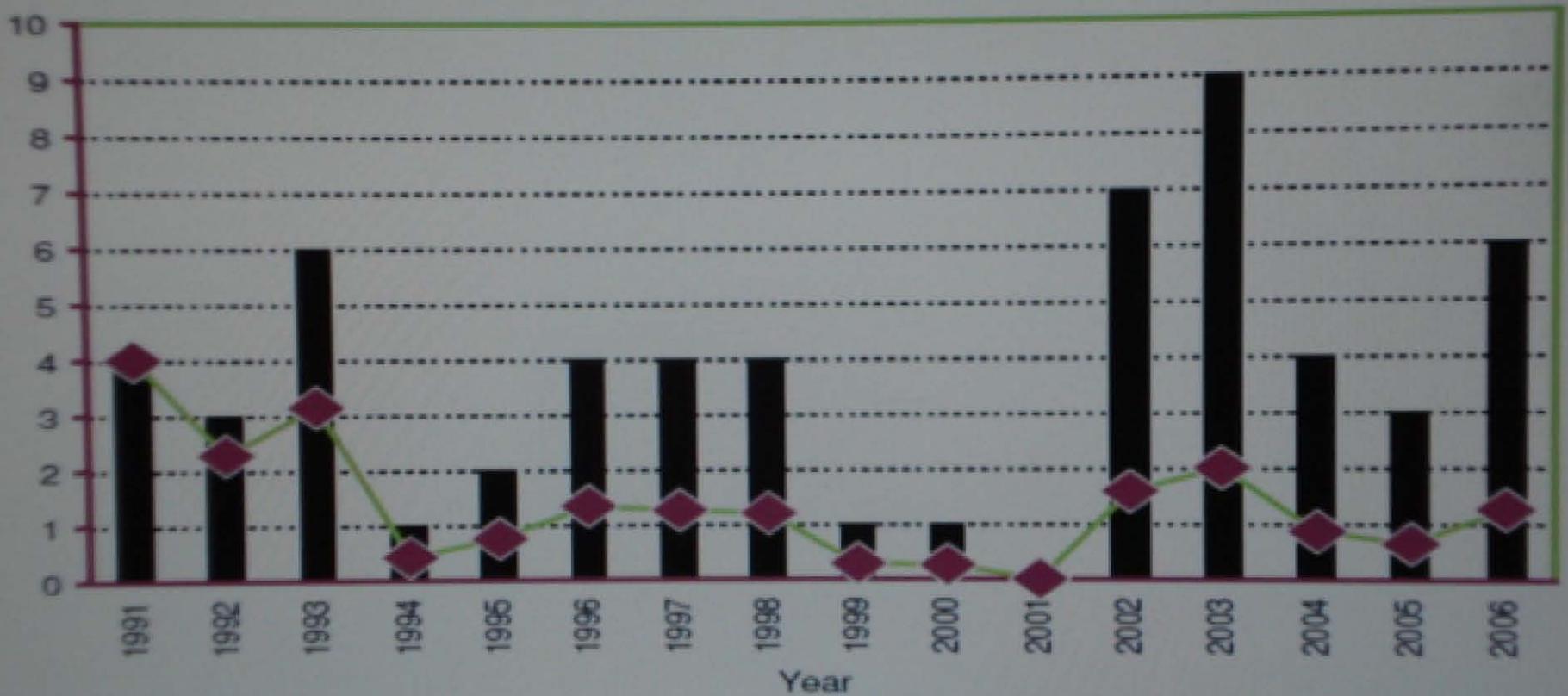
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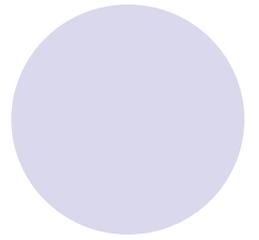
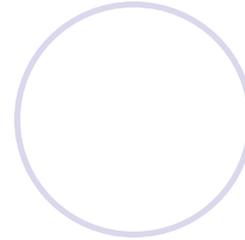
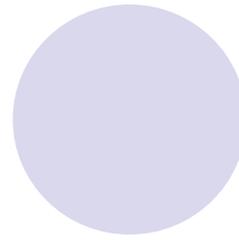
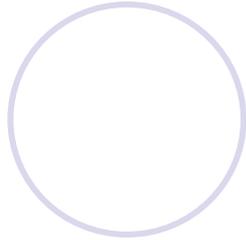
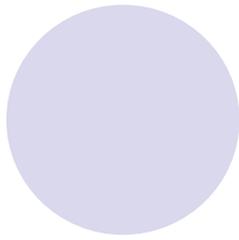
<http://www.usHPA.aero/safety/PG2006AccidentSummary.pdf>

- 55 death in last 15 years(1992-2006).
- Average **2 fatalities per year per 1000** USHPA paragliding members.
- 6 deaths in 2006 including **one power line electrocution.**
- **Non fatal accidents** were not reported but should be **far more frequent** than fatalities.

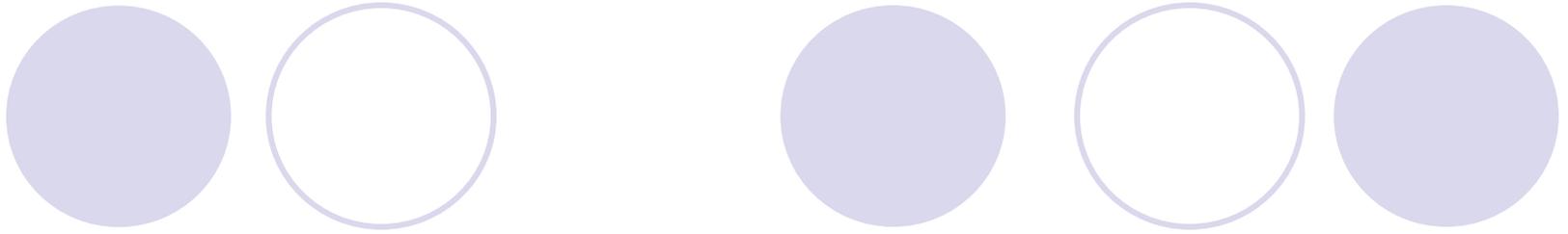
US Paragliding Fatalities

■ Total Fatalities ◆ Fatality Rate per 1000 USHPA Paragliding Members

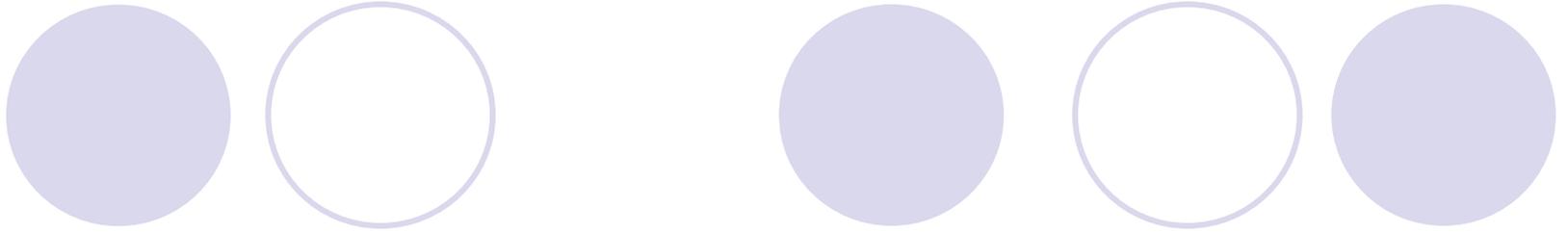




- On July 15, 2007, a young man (A.H) crashed and **died in Palos Verdes Peninsula** while **paragliding**.



- Paragiders may insist that their organization control members and carry liability insurance, but it cannot be enough in this legally complex societies.
- Also, many beginners and non-member paragliders are likely to come here without any certificates.
- Then, who are going to control all this problems?

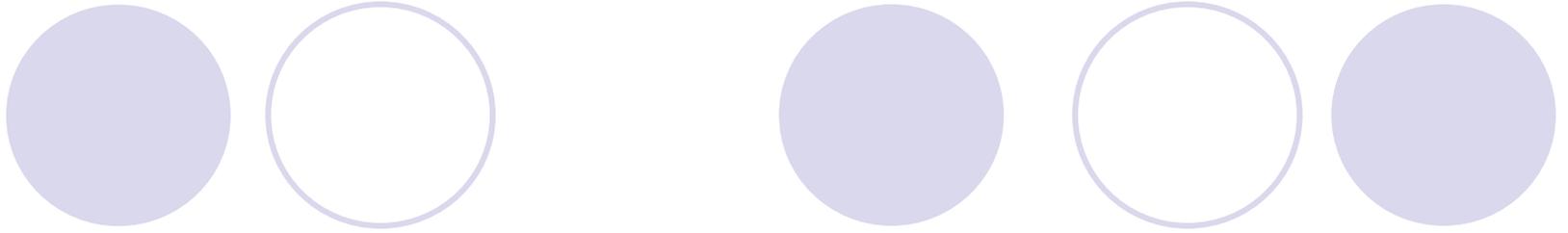


- There will be **major liability issues against RPV** in case of major accidents and fatalities, which is relatively frequent according to annual paragliding accident reports.
- Should RPV spend extra fund and manpower to cover these problems?

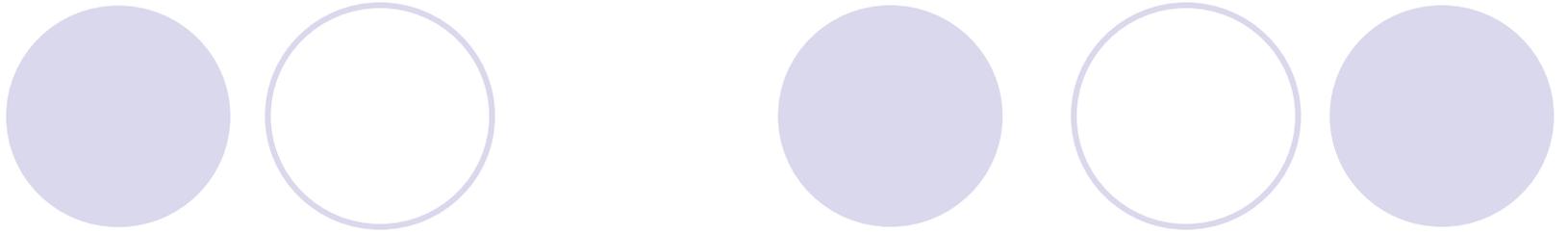


Another reason against paragliding in this area

- If paragliding is allowed here, many paragliders will use this place since this is the only place permitted in Palos Verdes.
- Then, this activities will attract **large uncontrolled spectators**, causing **damage to environmental habitat**, **littering** and increased **possibility of fire** in this fire prone area.



- Analogy is **skateboarding**.
- Nice **Skateboarding** is also beautiful to watch, but **not allowed in street** because of **potential risks to other innocent bystanders**.
- Again, **paragliding** is beautiful to watch, but may **crash down** in anytime, **not infrequently**.
- Therefore, **Paragliding should not be allowed near by residents.**



- We hope our councilmen and officers make **wise decision** about paragliding.



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6 Month Review for Trails at Portuguese Bend Reserve

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INTRODUCTION

The Palos Verdes Nature Preserve (Preserve) encompasses approximately 1200 acres comprised of ten individual Reserves, 424 acres of which consists of the Portuguese Bend Reserve, and is located on the southern side of the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV), California. The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC) serves as the habitat managers for the Preserve. The Preserve was formed under a draft Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) to “maximize benefits to wildlife and vegetation communities while accommodating appropriate economic development within the City of RPV and region pursuant to the requirements of the NCCP Act and Section 10(a) of the ESA (URS 2004a).”

One of the directives of the draft NCCP was to minimize the number of trails within the Preserve, to ensure the conservation of habitat, while continuing to provide public access. In 2006, the Public Use Master Plan (PUMP) Committee was formed to provide recommendations for naming of the Nature Preserve, forming a Preserve Trails Plan (PTP) and reviewing other guidelines for public use of the Preserve. The PTP was brought before the RPV City Council over the course of several meetings during early 2008. Prior to this, only the Forrestal Reserve had a designated trails plan that indicated the approved trails and allowable uses. All other Reserves within the Preserve had a series of informal trails that had not been designated.

In November 2007, three months before the PUMP committee recommendations went before the RPV City Council, the RPV City Council decided to restrict public access to only use fire roads in the Portuguese Bend Reserve. The drought in 2007 had a severe impact on vegetation in all of areas of the Preserve. However, the Portuguese Bend Reserve was the most heavily used of the ten Reserves. The drought, combined with an unofficial trail network that was not marked and therefore not clear to users where they were permitted to go, was the cause for concern enough to restrict access until the Preserve Trails Plan was approved.

The PTP for the Portuguese Bend Reserve was approved in February and March 2008 and City Council directed the PVPLC and the RPV City staff to initiate several management tools. Among these was (1) the development of educational materials to alert the public to the new approved trail system and the sensitivity of the habitat, (2) to install signage throughout the Reserve indicating trail names and uses, (3) establish enforcement of the PTP and conduct a six month review. Enforcement of the PTP is the responsibility of the City of RPV. All trails on the PTP were officially open for public use on June 6, 2008. This report presents the results of monitoring efforts and implementation of the directed management tools, trail maintenance and trail closures performed for the Portuguese Bend Reserve over the six month reporting period from June 6-December 6, 2008.

TRAIL MONITORING JUNE-DECEMBER 2008

Property Reviews

The PVPLC stewardship staff made monthly visits to the Portuguese Bend Reserve to monitor trails, signage, and educational materials during the reporting period. Monitoring was typically limited to overall trail conditions such as erosion, hazards, use of popular unapproved trails, vegetation overgrowth, and to the vandalism of signage. Not all trails were visited each month by PVPLC staff.

The PVPLC's KEEPERS (Keeping an Extra Eye on the Preserve for Environmental Review and Stewardship) Program engaged volunteer assistance in monitoring the Preserve. The Keepers visited each trail every month and filled out monthly property review forms. The Portuguese Bend Reserve was divided into four subareas, each monitored by one Keeper (Figure 1). PVPLC staff reviewed these monthly reports and assessed the needs of each area. Issues as deemed necessary were addressed. Figure 2 provides a snap shot of the amount of pedestrian, equestrian, bicyclist, and dog use that the Reserve experiences over time during the reporting period. Figure 2 shows the sum of how many users the four Keepers counted during their one day of monitoring for each month. Reports from Keepers during the six month reporting period are provided under Appendix A of this report.

In addition, Appendix B describes monitoring and enforcement efforts of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Community Resource Deputies (CO.RE.) Deputy Program.

Figure I: Portuguese Bend Reserve KEEPERS Boundaries

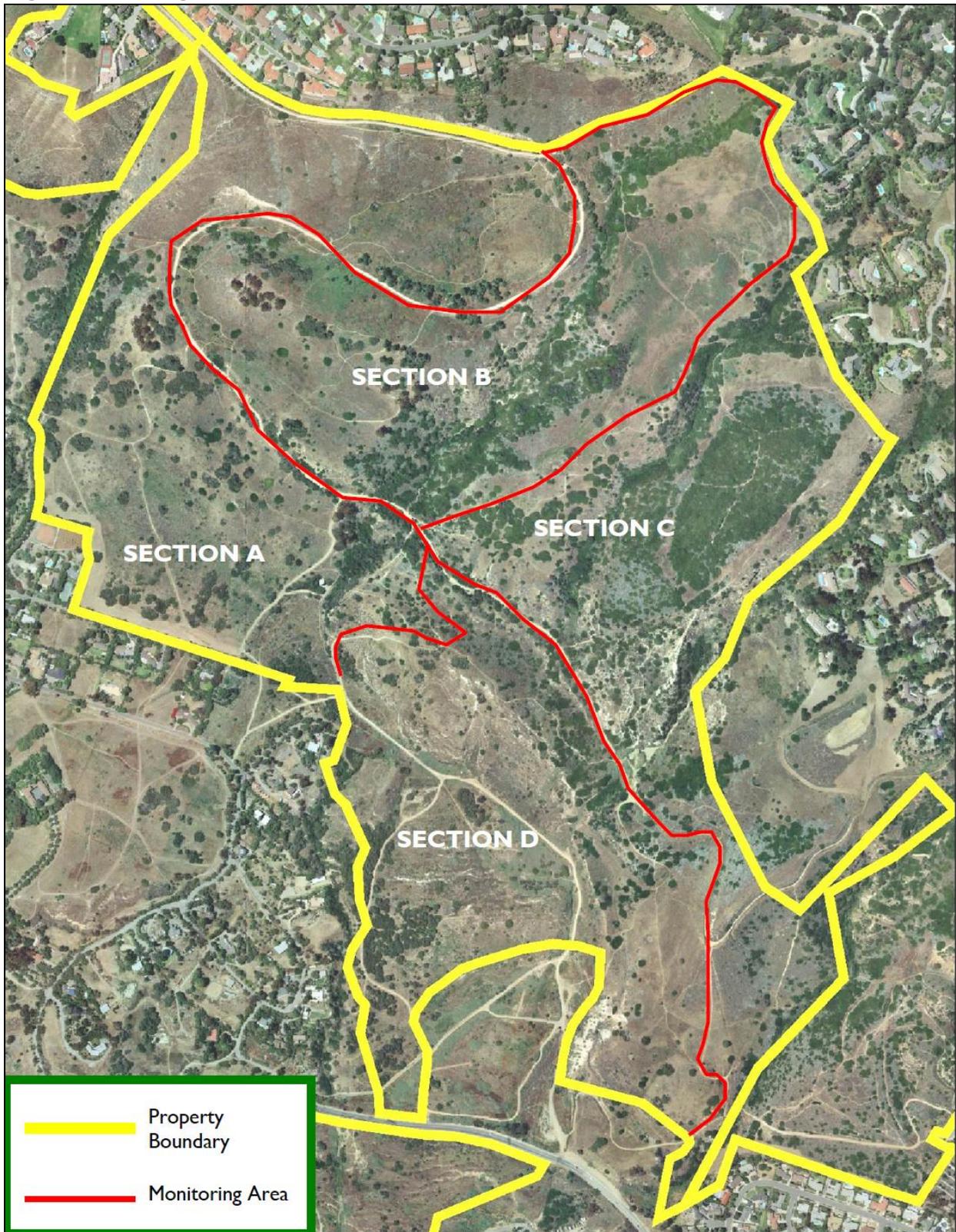


Figure I shows the four sections of Portuguese Bend for the KEEPERS Program. Each Keeper is assigned one section to monitor on a monthly basis.

Figure 2: Approved and Unapproved Uses Recorded by Keepers Over Time

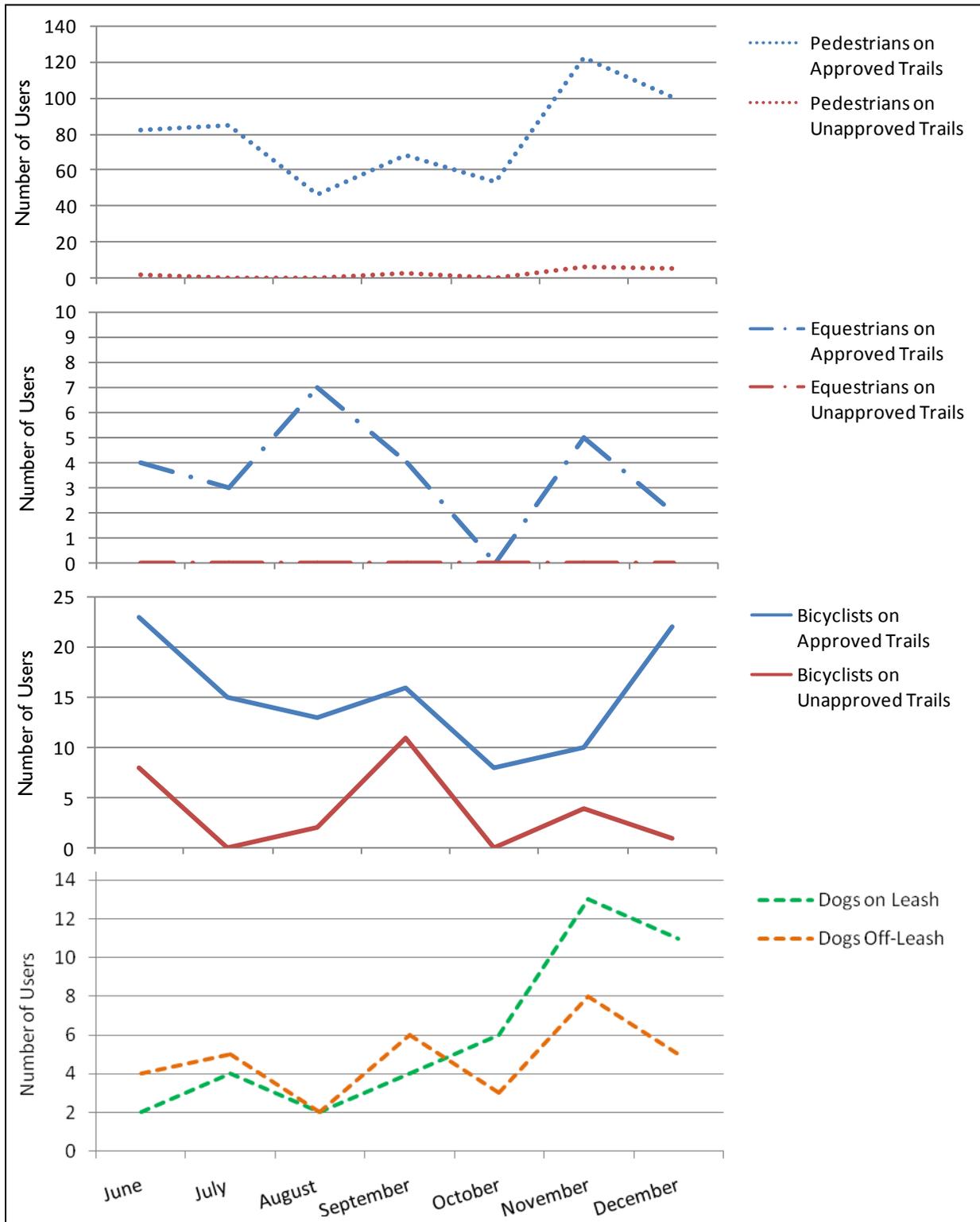


Figure 2 shows the number of users on approved trails and abiding by use designation (blue), number of users either on an unapproved trail and/or engaging in an unapproved use (red), number of dogs seen on leash (green) and the number off leash (orange). Each type of use is represented with different dash symbols.

EDUCATION

In conjunction with the opening of all designated trails, the PVPLC developed, produced, and distributed trail map brochures for the Portuguese Bend Reserve (an example of the trail map brochure is shown in Appendix C). These brochures were placed in flyer boxes attached to five trailhead signs at the primary entry points for the Reserve. Trail map brochures were restocked twice a week during the six month reporting period (Table I).

Table I: Trail Map Brochure Maintenance

Brochure Box	Average # Brochures Added Monthly	Total Brochures June-December 2008
near Del Cerro Park	215	1506
Watertank/Vanderlip Trail	52	365
Peppertree Trail	65	458
Klondike Canyon Trail near PV Drive South	64	450
Klondike Canyon Trail near Forrestral Reserve	52	362
Total # Brochures		3141

Table I shows the average number of brochures that were added monthly and the total number of brochures that was added to each brochure box during the six month reporting period.

Once the PTP was in effect, the PVPLC conducted outreach on the Reserve by staffing a distribution effort of the trails plan to visitors of the Reserve, especially during high peak usage times, such as select weekends. This served to educate and alert the public about the new designate trail system by providing the brochure and methods for reducing negative human impacts on habitat.

The trail map brochures were made available on the PVPLC website (www.pvplc.org), RPV website (www.palosverdes.com/rpv), and the Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA) website (www.corbamt.com). Additional outreach was done through local media, such as the PVPLC newsletter and local newspapers, to advertise the reopening of the official Portuguese Bend Reserve trails and promote the trail map brochures.

CORBA coordinated with the PVPLC and the City of RPV to develop temporary signs and to distribute informational brochures that educated the public about trail etiquette (Figure 3). The CORBA brochures also included trail maps of the Portuguese Bend Reserve and adjacent Forrestral Reserve. One sign was placed at the main trailhead entrance for Portuguese Bend Reserve near Del Cerro Park and another sign was placed at the main entrance for the Forrestral Reserve off Forrestral Drive. On November 8th, CORBA led a bike ride through the Portuguese Bend Reserve to celebrate the opening of the Palos Verdes Bike Center in Rolling Hills Estates. This ride was also used as an opportunity to educate bicyclists about responsible riding and authorized trail use.

Figure 3: CORBA Developed Signs



Figure 3 shows the signs CORBA developed, with the PVPLC and City of RPV's approval. The signs distributed informational brochures educating the public about trail etiquette

Additionally, City staff raised public awareness on the approved PTP for the Portuguese Bend Reserve by presenting it to the Council of Homeowner's Association (CHOA) on June 18, 2008. The CHOA is attended by city-wide homeowner's associations. The approved Trails Plan was also posted on the City's website.

Outreach Booths

June 7, 2008

The PVPLC outdoor volunteer workday was sponsored by Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) and Concerned Off-Road Bicyclist Association (CORBA). The event celebrated National Trails Day and the reopening of all official trails in the Portuguese Bend Reserve. The sign-in table for the volunteer workday distributed 100 brochures and the CORBA booth assisted in educating trail users about responsible trail use and brochure distribution.

June 14, 2008

PVPLC board member, Anke Raue, operated a booth near the main trailhead near Del Cerro Park to hand out 100 brochures and led a nature walk through the Reserve using the new trail map.

Last three weekends in June

A volunteer donated time to staff an outreach booth during three weekends in June to distribute 100 brochures and educate the public about official and unofficial trails.

SIGNAGE

Trailhead Signs

The PVPLC installed trailhead signs in February 2008 at seven entry points to the Reserve: (1*) north end of Crenshaw Boulevard near Del Cerro Park, (2) north end of the Fire Station Trail, (3) north end of the Rim Trail, (4*) Watertank and Vanderlip Trail junction, (5*) south end of

the Klondike Canyon Trail, (6*) Klondike Canyon Trail leading into the Forrestal Reserve, and (7*) the south end of the Peppertree Trail. The trailhead signs provide users with information about the general guidelines of the Nature Preserve (Figure 4). On June 5th, brochure boxes were attached to the five major trailhead signs (*noted with asterisks above). The brochure boxes were restocked weekly. The brochure box at the top of Crenshaw Boulevard near Del Cerro Park is maintained twice weekly. Brochure boxes were restocked with trail map brochures in ascendance with Table I in the education section of this report.

Figure 4: Trailhead Sign for the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve



Figure 4 shows the information that the trailhead signs provide users of the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve.

Trail Markers

The PVPLC ordered and installed sixty five trail markers in May 2008. The markers are fiber glass and contain decals designating the trail name and approved uses (similar to the trail markers used at Forrestal Reserve and decals that identify the trail name and the permitted uses of each trail (Figure 5).

Trail Closure Signs

Trail signs with arrows indicating the direction of approved trails were installed at entrances to several unapproved trails (i.e. trails not in the PTP) throughout the Reserve on August 26-27,

2008 (Figure 6). These signs helped make the trail system more clear along approved trails that contained many entrances to unapproved trails. A total of twenty six trail signs were installed (Table 2).

Table 2: Trail Closure Signs Installed

Approved Trail	Number of trail closure signs installed
Burma Road (upper)	4
Garden Trail	5
Ishibashi Trail	11
Peacock Trail	3
Toyon Trail	1
Vanderlip Trail	2

Table 2 shows the number of trail closure signs that were installed at entry points to unauthorized trails along approved trails. These signs help make the trails system clearer to users.

Figure 5: Trail markers installed in the Reserve



Figure 5 shows an example of the trail markers installed, which inform users of the approved uses for that particular trail.

Figure 6: Trail closure signs installed in the Reserve



Figure 6 shows an example of the trail closure signs, which help users recognize approved and unapproved trails.

Trail Maintenance

Maintenance of trail signage, clearance of vegetation off trails, and performance of closures of unapproved existing trails in Portuguese Bend was done monthly by PVPLC staff. In addition, trail maintenance and closures were done by participants in the PVPLC volunteer Trail Crew Skills Class and volunteers during outdoor volunteer workdays. These projects are listed in Table 3 and further described below. This section is divided into work performed by PVPLC staff, volunteer Trail Crew, and PVPLC Saturday Workday volunteers then in chronological order under the various types of projects accomplished.

Table 3: Monthly Maintenance Work in the Portuguese Bend Reserve

Date (2008)	Workers	Project
February	PVPLC Staff	Trail head sign installation
April	PVPLC Staff	Trail marker installation
June 5 th	PVPLC Staff	Brochure box installation
June 7 th	PVPLC Volunteers	Post and rope installation, retaining wall construction, water retaining bar installation, brush clearing along trails
June 19 th	PVPLC Staff	Trail marker replacement, decal maintenance
July 16 th	PVPLC Staff	Decal replacement
July 24 th	PVPLC Staff	Brush clearing, post and rope installation, post and rope repair
July 25 th	PVPLC Staff	Decal maintenance
August 26 th	PVPLC Staff	Trail marker replacement, post and rope repair, trail closure sign installation, decal maintenance
August 27 th	PVPLC Staff	Post and rope installation, brush clearing, trail closure sign installation, decal maintenance
September 26 th	PVPLC Staff	Post and rope repair, revegetate unofficial trail
October 3 rd	PVPLC Staff	Post and rope repair, revegetate unofficial trail
November 8 th	PVPLC Volunteers	Unauthorized structure removal, loosen compacted soil along unofficial trails, trail closures via physical barriers, rock retaining wall construction
November 10 th	PVPLC Staff	Completed trail closures started on November 8 th
November 18 th	PVPLC Staff	Decal maintenance
December 4 th	PVPLC Staff	Trail marker replacement/repair, decal maintenance
December 5 th	PVPLC Staff	Trail marker replacement, decal maintenance, revegetate unofficial trails

Table 3 shows the monthly maintenance projects that occurred during the six month reporting period.

PVPLC Stewardship Staff

Occasionally, vandalism was experienced on the trail markers, post and rope, and other structures installed by the PVPLC stewardship staff or PVPLC volunteer Trail Crew Program participants. Trail markers or trail marker decals were removed from the Reserve by unknown sources. The PVPLC Stewardship Staff performed signage repairs during monthly maintenance of the Portuguese Bend trails. Over time, the amount of vandalism decreased. Trail maintenance projects that the PVPLC Stewardship staff conducted in described in detail below.

Trail Markers and Other Signage

Vandalism to some of the trail markers occurred. Some trail markers were pulled out of the ground and hidden in the vegetation by unknown sources. Later, some trail markers were sawed off at the base. Approximately 30 trail markers were replaced during the reporting period. Repair projects on the signage within the Reserve are described below.

June 19, 2008

Trail markers that had been sawed off at the base were replaced. These trail markers were located at the following trail junctions: Ishibashi and Fire Station Trail, Ishibashi and upper Paintbrush Trail, Ishibashi and Grapevine Trail, and the Eagle's Nest Trail and north end of Burma Road. The missing trail markers were not found at the time and the vandal(s) remain unknown.



August 26, 2008

Trail markers were replaced at the following trail junctions: Water Tank and Vanderlip Trail, Peppertree and Water Tank Trail, Burma Road and south end of the Ishibashi Farm Trail, Water Tank Trail and Burma Road, and along the Garden Trail. The trail marker at the Landslide Scarp Trail and Burma Road junction was sawed off, but the trail marker was found in the vegetation nearby. The trail marker was clamped onto the base that remained in the ground. PVPLC staff reinstalled the posts from the post and rope along the Ishibashi Trail (see section *Other Trail Projects: July 24, 2008*), which were pulled out of the ground by an unknown source.

As trail markers were being replaced, staff members noticed that trail markers were being removed as they performed their monthly monitoring and maintenance. For example, the trail marker at the Water Tank Trail and Burma Road junction that was present earlier in the day went missing. The trail marker at the Water Tank and Vanderlip junction that was replaced that morning was also removed later that day. The Lomita Sheriff's Department was called and Deputy Epp responded to the site. Deputy Epp patrolled a loop on Burma Road and the Water Tank Trail, but the person vandalizing the trail markers was not found.

December 4, 2008

The trail markers at the following junctions were replaced: Paintbrush and Ishibashi Trail, and Landslide Scarp Trail and Burma Road. Trail markers at the Ishibashi Farm and Peppertree Trail junction and the upper Peacock Flats Trail and Burma Road junction were repaired. These trail markers were pulled slightly out of the ground by an unknown vandal(s).

December 5, 2008

The missing trail marker at the lower Ailor Trail and Burma Road junction was replaced.

Trail Marker Decals

Decals were also often removed from the trail markers and on one occasion, a few decals were written on with a marker. These decals were replaced during monthly visits (Table 4). In November, the PVPLC staff started using super glue to add additional adhesive when replacing missing decals. Since then, the number of missing decals has drastically decreased.

Decals that designated uses for trails experienced some graffiti from a marker. The “bikes ok” and “horses ok” decals on the Ishibashi Trail and Burma Road junction and the “horses ok” decal on the Ailor Trail and Burma Road junction trail marker has a single diagonal line drawn over them. Rubbing alcohol was used to remove the graffiti without damage to the decals.



Table 4: Number of Missing Decals for Each Decal Type

Type of Decal	Total # replaced
No Bike	44
Bikes OK	14
Horses OK	28
Pedestrians OK	26
Trail Name	24
Total decals replaced	136

Table 4 shows the type of decal that was replaced during the six month reporting period.

Other Trail Projects

July 24, 2008

Overgrown vegetation along the Ishibashi Trail was trimmed back. Post and rope was installed along the lower portion of the Ishibashi Trail to help clearly define the official trail and close off unofficial trails. One damaged post from the Eagle's Nest trail post and rope, which was installed by volunteers on June 7th, was repaired.



August 26, 2008

Fourteen of the trail closure signs were installed to make the approved trail system clearer to users. These signs were installed at the entrances of unofficial trails along the following trails: Ishibashi, Toyon, and Burma Road (Table 2).

August 27, 2008

Overgrown vegetation along the lower portion of the Ishibashi Trail was trimmed back. Post and rope was installed at the entrance to an unapproved trail off of Burma Road leading to the upper portion of the Ishibashi Trail. This unapproved trail was experiencing major erosion problems from continued use. Twelve trail closure signs were also installed along the following trails: upper Peacock Flats, Ishibashi, Burma Road, Garden, and Vanderlip (Table 2).



September 26, 2008

It was reported by a Keeper that the post and rope along the Eagle's Nest Trail was vandalized again (see Public Comments: September 9, 2008). The post and rope was repaired and thirty cactus plants were planted to revegetate and discourage use of the unapproved trail.



October 3, 2008

The post and rope along the Eagle's Nest Trail was repaired (see Public Comments: September 9, 2008) and thirty more cactus plants were used to revegetate the unapproved trails closed off by the post and rope.

November 10, 2008

The PVPLC staff completed the unapproved trail closures started by the volunteers on November 8th (see PVPLC volunteer Trail Crew Program: November 8, 2008).

November 25, 2008

On November 23rd, a Keeper reported that the brochure box off of Peppertree Trail was vandalized and destroyed. The box from the Klondike Canyon Trailhead near Forrestal was moved to the more visited Peppertree Trailhead.

December 5, 2008

Eighty cactus plants were installed to revegetate the upper Peacock Flats Trail area. The plants were planted along the unofficial trails that were initially closed off by volunteers (see Trail Crew Program: November 8, 2008).

PVPLC Volunteer Trail Crew Program

The PVPLC Volunteer Trail Crew Program was developed in April 2008. The Volunteer Trail Crew class is based on the Basic Trail Maintenance class developed by Frank Padilla, Jr. (retired California State Parks Superintendent), and Kurt Loheit, who teaches the trail skills classes for the Trail Crew Program. Kurt was trained by the California State Parks, United States Forest Service (USFS) and has 22 years of volunteer experience with trail design, construction, and maintenance. He has worked as a California State Parks crew leader, been a member of the California Trails and Greenways Foundation Advisory Board, and helped develop the Basic Trail Maintenance training program for the California State Parks.

Originally started in 1992, the class focused on both volunteer and agency skill building. Adopted by the Angeles District of California State Parks and later the Southern California Trails Coalition, it became the first step in advanced classes for crew leader training and design and construction classes, allowing a structured path for participants to build skills associated with trails from basic maintenance to highly advanced techniques. The class is a combination of classroom and hands-on training to familiarize the participants in all aspects of trail maintenance. The course emphasizes safety, assessments, basic maintenance skills, water control, erosion sources, terminology, proper tool use, basic survey skills, resource considerations, user experience and maintenance value. Volunteers who demonstrate proficiency in each learned skill and fulfill a yearly indoctrination will maintain status as a qualified Trail Crew member. The Trail Crew assists in maintaining trails in nearly all land managed by the PVPLC. Trail projects that were conducted in Portuguese Bend during the reporting period are described below.

Erosion Control

June 7, 2008

The Trail Crew class helped with erosion control measures on the Toyon Trail. They installed five water bars along the trail and a retaining wall to prevent further erosion on the trail.

Trail Rehabilitation

October 25, 2008

The Trail Crew class used debris to scarify unapproved trails off of Burma Road near the upper Peacock Flats Trail area. They used deadfall, limbs and branches from pine trees in the area. Prior to spreading the debris over the trail, compacted soil was broken up to allow for vegetation growth/propagation.

Trail Closures

November 8, 2008

Physical barriers were installed along unapproved trails off of Burma Road near the upper Peacock Flats Trail area. The barrier consisted of 4"x6"x6' treated wooden logs that were spaced three feet apart and staked into the ground along unapproved trails.



Outdoor Volunteer Workdays

Trail Maintenance

June 7, 2008

Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) and Concerned Off-Road Bicyclist Association (CORBA) sponsored this National Trails Day event that celebrated the opening of all approved trails within the Reserve after the seven months of closure. Volunteers helped with trail repairs and the clearing of black mustard (*Brassica nigra*) on the Eagle's Nest and Ailor Trails. They also installed post and rope on the Eagle's Nest Trail to close off unofficial trails and cleared mustard from the Eagle's Nest vista point. Fifty eight volunteers participated in this event.

October 4, 2008

Thirty three volunteers cut down overgrown, non-native fennel along the Ailor and Eagle's Nest Trails.

Trail Rehabilitation

November 8, 2008

Volunteers dismantled unauthorized dirt bike jumps in the upper Peacock Flats Trail area. They also loosened the compacted soil along unauthorized trails in the area to allow vegetation to propagate. Twenty eight volunteers participated.

ENFORCEMENT

While the enforcement of the PTP is the responsibility of the City of RPV, this section is a summation of the enforcement approach during the reporting period. During the June 3, 2008 RPV City Council meeting, the Council updated the status of specific items identified during the February 23, 2008 meeting that should be in place prior to lifting the temporary trail closure at the Portuguese Bend Reserve that went into effect in November 2007. It was expected that once all the appropriate signs were installed and the PVPLC and the City of RPV implemented educational outreach, a great deal of the unauthorized trail use would be remedied. If there were still reports of unauthorized trail use, the City staff periodically request that the Sheriff's CO.RE. Deputies conduct sporadic unannounced enforcement of the Council adopted Preserve Trails Plan pursuant to Section 12.06.080 of the RPV Municipal Code (RPVMC).

As stated in the June 3, 2008 City staff report, another aspect of enforcement was the establishment of speed limits as recommended by the PUMP committee. As a clarification point, the Committee recommended a speed limit for only one trail within the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. The recommendation was for the Fire Station Trail in the Portuguese Bend Reserve to have 5 miles per hour (mph) speed limit. The PUMP committee recommended the speed limit to address safety concerns on a trail designated for multiple user groups. However, the Council designated the Fire Station Trail as pedestrian/equestrian only rather than multipurpose. As such, a speed limit was no longer required for the Fire Station Trail because of the Council's change of the use designation.

Notwithstanding the above, the concept of speed limits is a common management tool for open space park area management state and local agencies, such as the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. However, speed limits are typically used as suggested guidelines for trail users rather than an enforceable legal requirement. This is because the enforcement of speed limits is problematic without the appropriate studies and equipment, such as radar guns. In order to be defensible if challenged, radar guns need to be calibrated and speed limits need to be posted based on speed surveys which City staff feels would be difficult to conduct in a nature preserve.

Instead of establishing speed limits that may be problematic to enforce, Ordinance No. 476 was put in place prohibiting reckless use of trails within the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve and amending the RPVMC. Under Section 12.16.130: Reckless Use of Trails Within the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve Prohibited, "it shall constitute a public nuisance for any person, including pedestrians, equestrians and bicyclists, to use any trail within the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve ("the Preserve") in a reckless manner that demonstrates a wanton disregard for the safety of other human beings or animals or cause injury or harm to others." Resolution No. 2008-44 establishes the amounts of administrative penalties for violators of the RPVMC, which are the following: \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offence, and \$500 for the third offense. An enforcement report from the CO.RE. deputies can be found in Appendix B.

CONCLUSION

Based on observations by the PVPLC staff and information received from the public via phone conversation or email (Appendix D) and Keepers property reviews, it appears that trails are used by all regardless of designated uses. However, it appears that the use of unapproved trails has decreased since the installment of trail markers and implementation of education efforts.

There are some unapproved trails that were prone to continued use more than others. When measures were taken to close these trails, such as physical barriers, the amount of traffic on these trails was reduced. In addition, the amount of vandalism to signage and installed features, such as post and rope to close off unauthorized trails, has decreased over time.

It appears that signage, education, trail closures, and law enforcement have been somewhat effective at keeping trail user on approved trails during the initial six month monitoring period. Though it is unclear to the exact degree, compliance with the specific use designation of approved trails (pedestrian, equestrian, and bicyclist) has not yet been realized. We recommend that additional resources be allocated to enforcement, preferably a Preserve Ranger position(s). This function could serve to both educate users about aspects of the Preserve and enforce current Preserve rules/regulations.

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APPENDIX A

KEEPERS Program: Stewardship Property Reviews



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

Date: June 22, 2008		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section B
KEEPER Name: Eva Cicoria		Start time: 7:50 A.M.
Property Condition		End time: 10:20 A.M.
Comments		
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	No changes.
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Excessive fuels. Same comments as previous months re steep drop off at drainage slough on south end of Ailor Trail and multi-use hazards on Ishibashi Trail near south end.
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	Rim, Grapevine, Eagles Nest, Paintbrush: Missing labels re bikes
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Cracks in soil on Grapevine Tr. and upper Ishibashi Tr. Grapevine Tr. widening considerably (actually becoming 2 (3 in places) parallel tracks with median strip of vegetation). Eagles Nest Tr. was widened/ cleared of brush on workday early this month. Some brush had been misplaced onto Ailor Tr. at south end during work day but it has been cleared.
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses	Donor I, Ishibashi, Grapevine, Eagles Nest, Paintbrush Bikes observed on ped/eques only trails: Fire Station Tr., Rim Tr., Grapevine Tr. Bike tread observed on upper Paintbrush. Bikes also observed on "closed" spur trail off Ishibashi Tr. where trail marker directs users left and right. Bikes also observed completely off trail in brush below upper Ishibashi Tr. Bikes observed catching air on hump where trail branches and rejoins Ishibashi near intersection with Paintbrush Tr. and then skidding off trail at intersection. Trail spur has been re-formed going off Grapevine straight down to lower Ishibashi (and earlier in month witnessed bikes from afar on this). Also wood ladder is still bridging the rock/ concrete drainage near Burma Rd. on west end of Eagles Nest and bike tread observed in "trail" network here. Spur off Burma Rd. heading toward southern outlet of Portuguese Cyn is again becoming well defined and there is evidence of possible use of area as a potty stop (tissue under rock). Miniature pine tree was planted at top of Eagles Nest earlier this month but since then has been removed by PVPLC.
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Some trash on Grapevine, off Burma Rd. near southern outlet of Portuguese Cyn, and near southern outlet of Ailor Tr. Earlier in month witnessed workers (with green shirts and Finley's name) on property in RH hauling eucalyptus and pine tree branches across Rim Trail and depositing them in the area between Rim Trail and Grapevine Tr. I explained to worker that this isn't allowed; it's a preserve, etc. and they stopped, but stuff hasn't been removed. Note that geo cache is gone from Eagles Nest.

Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Brush has been cleared in places (PVPLC member/donor on trail said he witnessed a biker with a machete), including Fire Station Tr. and upper Ishibashi Tr. At hairpin turn on latter trail, below water tank vegetation has been cut and piled on natives. See comments re signs. Two water bars that were installed on Fire Station Tr. near water tank end have been moved off trail into vegetation on down slope.
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Generally very dry. Buckwheat seems healthiest.
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	Ishibashi Tr.: Small black butterfly w/ faint blue marks on edge of wings. Lots and lots of flies.
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # _0_	
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # _1_ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # _0_	
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # _2_ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _8_	Several of the bikes off trail or on unauthorized trails were also seen on authorized trails, but I've only included them once. One bike came through glen adjacent to Del Mar school then turned and rode down Fire Station Tr. when he saw us. Four in one group and one lone bike all rode through brush south of upper Ishibashi and the sound of brush being crushed was surprisingly loud.
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # 42 <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _0_	
Equestrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # _4_ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _0_	
Community comments	PVPLC member/donor (other than mmember/donor referenced above) reported seeing bikes off trails in this area (Grapevine/Ishibashi area) and called Sherriff, got the impression they were unconcerned and wonders if they even keep records of these reports. PVPLC member/donor on trail said he witnessed a biker with a machete cutting vegetation. Sign re entering the Preserve is apparently on Cicoria property. Cicorias may be willing to give license for sign to remain if there is not a good place to move it. Discuss with them.	
Other: I saw a wide range of ages, ethnicities (heard various languages), and different groups (couples, families, men, women), though surprisingly few dogs (too hot, perhaps). I happened to follow behind a young family walking down upper Ishibashi. They turned down lower Ishibashi and I headed up Paintbrush, but within perhaps a minute of them passing that intersection, two men on bikes came down upper Ishibashi, caught air on the hump where the trail splits and then becomes one, careened into the brush, then headed on down the same trail that family went down. The family—the dad with a small infant in a carrier on his back, followed by a very young boy perhaps 3 years old, and a girl about 5 years old, then the mom—was talking about all sorts of things. The bikes sped down the single track trail after them.		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section C
Date: June 15, 2008		Start time: 2:00PM
KEEPER Name: John Stevens		End time: 4:35PM
Property Condition		Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	No change from last month
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	No change from last month
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Other	No change from last month
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Missing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	Intersections Ishibashi & Paintbrush, Rim & Paintbrush, Bottom of Pillow Lava Signs down
Authorized Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Paintbrush & Rim at Ailor Cliff Primarily equestrian and pedestrian.
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses	Paint brush & Canyon: Bikes but fewer than last year
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	No change from last month
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	No change from last month
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poor	Very dry weed areas
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	No change from last month
Seed availability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	Reptile on Rim yellow and Black rings. Flies everywhere in lower trails. Birds on Paintbrush
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # ____	
Community		
Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # __0__	
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __8__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __40__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __2__	
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	
Community comments	<p>A group of about six bikers were going down lower Ishibashi in a group. The leader would go down followed by the group I assume when the all clear was sounded. They stopped and looked at the Toilet Bowl and then proceeded down Ishibashi. I think that this was one of the bike shop teachers with his training group. I had spoken with him once and he uses these rides to educate new mountain bikers on proper etiquette.</p>	
Other	No change from last month	



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

Date: June 8, 2008		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section D
KEEPER Name: S. Ian Song		Start time: 12:30PM
Property Condition		End time: 2:30PM
Comments		
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate to Heavy <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	All of the trails are still in need of maintenance due to varying degrees of drainage issues and erosive processes. It appears there's been trail work done on Toyon Trail, including placement of dams.
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Excessive fuel: the entire area is now filled with dead vegetation. There is what appears to be an abandoned and dilapidated shed structure off Klondike Canyon Trail that should be taken down. The shed is located approx. 200m up from the bottom-of-hill Klondike Canyon trailhead marker.
Signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Missing <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	Signages present, no damages sighted. (Cont., Signage) Please consider adding a Panorama Trail signage on the same side of the Klondike Canyon Trail Marker, at the junction.
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair to Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Brush clearance still needed for the upper portions of Panorama Trail and the Klondike Trail. Sandbox Trail needs brush clearing (from approximately mid-trail down towards Peppertree Trail). Toyon Trail still has a number of merging (unauthorized) trails. There's currently work being done on the electric poles off the Panorama Trail, near Burma Rd. junction.
Unauthorized Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Uses	None sighted.
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Discarded white PVC pipes found on the other side of large (abandoned) corrugated drainage pipes on Peppertree Trail. Located about 40m uphill from the Vanderlip Trail junction, on Peppertree Trail (right at the bend). (Cont., Trash/Dumping) A few fallen wooden posts still on Ishibashi Farm Trail.
Vandalism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Other	No vandalism observed.

Habitat		
Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good to Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	The entire section is now an arid landscape. Dead/dried vegetations (e.g. black mustard, etc.) now cover almost the entire expanse of Section D. Native species seems to be competing relatively well.
Irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/> No change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Minor leak from PVC pipe found on the west spur of the Ishibashi Farm Trail, about midway towards Peppertree Trail junction. Temporarily fixed, but still leaking water into a pan beneath.
Seed availability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	California Sage Brush (<i>Artemisia californica</i>) beginning to show seed development. Purple Sage's (<i>Salvia leucophylla</i>) flowering is almost at the end.
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mammals	3 Mocking Birds, 1 Magpie, 6 Swallows, 2 Doves. Lots of other birdsongs heard, but hidden or unable to identify. 15 dragonflies (especially at the Ishibashi Farm Trail and Peppertree Trail), 47 white-ish butterflies, 2 brown butterflies with black spots, 1 yellow butterfly with black tip and white spots, 6 lizards, 1 rabbit
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # <u> 0 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # <u> 0 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # <u> 0 </u>	None sighted.
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash #1 <u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off leash #4 <u> </u>	1 lapdog (in a carrier) All others were unleashed.
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u>13</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u> 0 </u>	All on authorized trails.
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u>23</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u> 0 </u>	All on authorized trails.
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u>0</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u> 0 </u>	None sighted.
Community comments		
Other	There were some Portuguese Bend Reserve Trail Map/Pamphlets available on Klondike Canyon Trail but none available on the Peppertree Trail.	



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section A
Date: July 27, 2008		Start time: 7:00AM
KEEPER Name: Emmanuel Urbano		End time: 8:15AM
Property Condition		Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Missing <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	I thought the poles and rope made "closed trail" obvious
Authorized Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	
Unauthorized Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Uses	
Trash or Dumping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Vandalism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Very "brown" compared to last month, but at least it was just the Mustard plant
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Not really
Fauna	<input type="checkbox"/> Insects <input type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mammals	Fire Road: lots of rabbits early in the morning
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # _0___ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # _0___ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # _0___	
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # _1___ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # _4___	
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # _8___ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _0___	
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # _25___ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # ___0___	
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # _0___ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _0___	
Community comments		
Other I noticed a lot of horse manure on the trails. Are they suppose to be picked up? I counted at least 18 spots throughout my walk through! Eagle's Nest, Water Tank Trail, Fire Road, everywhere!		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section B	
Date: July 26, 2008	
Start time: 7:00 A.M.	
KEEPER Name: Eva Cicoria	
End time: 9:00 A.M.	
Property Condition	
Comments	
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy
Soil at base of Ishibashi Tr. (as diverted, per Hazard discussion below) is exceedingly pulverized and powdery. Trail spur/chute off Burma Rd. onto Ishibashi (just southeast of water tank) is wearing further and further into Burma Rd.	
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
Excessive fuels. Same comments as previous months re steep drop off at drainage slough on south end of Ailor Trail. Improvement to hazard areas noted where post and rope has been installed on Ishibashi Trail near south end diverting traffic to spur trail and away from steep bedrock drop off. Post and rope installed at spur off Eagles Nest that leads to Burma Rd. jump may be deterring but there are still many bike tracks off of the jump.	
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage
Grapevine Tr.: missing "no bikes" labels on both signs (top and bottom of trail). Ishibashi Tr.: trail name missing in three places and several use labels missing at signs where Ishibashi intersects w/ Paintbrush. Paintbrush Tr.: missing "no bikes" labels. Eagles Nest and Ailor Tr.: sign at top of intersection w/ Ailor missing stickers; black line through uses for Eagles Nest Tr. Burma Rd.: sign at Ailor Tr. intersection doesn't show Burma Rd. use designations.	
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Ailor Tr.: Thistle and mustard have encroached on footpath.	
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses
FireStation, Rim, Ishibashi, Grapevine, Eagles Nest, Paintbrush Bike tracks observed on ped/eques only trails: Fire Station Tr., Rim Tr., Grapevine Tr. "Closed" spur trail off Ishibashi Tr. as well as spur trail off Grapevine have both become well-defined again. Old spurs, including spurs that had completely filled in with new growth (for example cut from Grapevine to upper Paintbrush through patch of Buckwheat and spur off Ishibashi that starts about 50 ft. from Lemonade Berry that lives at the northwest end of Ishibashi) are being re-treaded. Since the soil is not yet bare in some cases (the dry vegetation is just flattened), tread or footprints aren't visible. They are starting out very narrow, in one case only about 3" wide. Many bike tracks observed in denuded "play" area west of Eagles Nest. Also wood ladder is still bridging the rock/concrete drainage near Burma Rd. on west end of Eagles Nest. Spur connecting Eagles Nest Tr. and Ailor Tr. on south side of Eagles Nest continues to be used also despite post and rope installation at one end.	
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy
Very little trash, just a bit near water tower and Fire Station Tr. junction and on Ishibashi and Grapevine.	

Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Brush has been cut in many places along Ishibashi Tr. and left off to the side—Acacia, Lemonade Berry, Fennel. At some points Lemonade Berry has been cut back so far the trail is now 6 to 8 feet wide (whereas it was perhaps 2 or 3 feet wide) dramatically altering the character of the trail. Two water bars that were installed on Fire Station Tr. near water tank end are off trail in vegetation on down slope. One post at the post and rope installation south end of Ishibashi was down and we put it back up as best we could. See also comments re missing and vandalized signs.
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Generally very dry. See also comments re cutback vegetation.
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	California Buckwheat. Ashy Leaf Buckwheat blooming.
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input type="checkbox"/> Birds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	Ailor Tr. esp.: Large Rattlesnake, perhaps 30" long and very, very thick, rattling and coiled to strike. Lots of bees in Buckwheat. Though we aren't supposed to report on rabbits I noticed increased numbers compared to the last two months when I scarcely saw any. Today their numbers were closer to that seen in winter and spring.
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # __0__	
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # __1__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # __0__	
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __1__ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # 31 <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	
Equestrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __2__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	
Community comments	Two hikers coming up from lower PB Reserve onto Burma Rd. complained of bikes passing them on trails labeled no bikes. Another hiker asked why there aren't signs indicating certain trails are off limits. Not today, but previously, hikers have commented about how little trash there is in the Preserve. Several people commented that they were glad the trails are open.	
Other: Note that RH has posted several prominent signs on Fire Station Tr. indicating bikes not permitted on trails in RH.		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

Date: July 30, 2008		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section C
KEEPER Name: John Stevens		Start time: 10:30AM
Property Condition		End time: 1:05AM
Comments		
Drainage or Erosion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Encroachments	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Rim Trail east private property marker. Sign located well into PVPLC property. Should be about 100 yd. to the west
Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	Numerous places: Bike forbidden stickers removed
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Top of Rim Trail: Needs clearing. On Rim between upper and lower Paintbrush: Heavy pedestrian ware and tair.
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Uses	West edge of first grass area from Rim to Paintbrush.: Trail being reestablished from a home in Rolling Hills to Paintbrush. East most hairpin on Burma Road: Trail dropping onto Burma Rd. reestablished. Pillow Lava: Heavy pedestrian use. Center trail in Badlands: Heavy bike use along with light horse use. Cutoff between upper and lower east paintbrush: Equestrians have reestablished trail to avoid steep part of Rim Trail
Trash or Dumping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Rim: Trimming of Lemonade Berry bushes. Rim, just west of the down hill turn at canyon ridge.: Part of Lemonade Berry bush dying, probably sprayed with herbicide.
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	Lower Rim: Flies and yellow & black butterfly Rim top mid 1 st grass area: Rabbit kill
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # __0__	
Community		
Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # __1__	
Bicycles	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails# __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __8__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	
Community comments		
<p>Other: These comments addresses the trail structure in the Badlands area. The currently allowed trail runs along the face of the Ailor Cliff and is a safety hazard with regard to falling rock. The trail I took today down the center of the Badlands is no more difficult, is used by equestrians and bikers as well as hikers and is far more interesting than the scree slope along the base of Ailor Cliff. The Conservancy should reconsider the trail structure in the Badlands and should redirect the pedestrian trail to the center of the Badlands and should incorporate the Equestrian cutoff at the top of the Badlands between upper and lower Paintbrush.</p>		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section D	
Date: July 26, 2008	
KEEPER Name: S. Ian Song	
Property Condition	
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate to Heavy <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Missing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair to Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Unauthorized Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Uses
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
Habitat	

Start time: 945AM

End time: 1230PM

Comments

Many of the trails are still in need of maintenance due to varying degrees of drainage issues and erosive processes. *Sandbox Trail in particular is in dire need of trail work (incl. dam placements) before the coming winter and the rain. A steep section located around the midpoint of the Ishibashi Farm Trail (east spur) needs trail maintenance work.

Excessive fuel: the entire area is now filled with dead vegetation. There is an abandoned and dilapidated shed structure off Klondike Canyon Trail that should be taken down. The shed is located approx. 200m up from the bottom-of-hill Klondike Canyon trailhead marker.

*The trail marker is down at Ishibashi Farm (east spur) Trail and Peppertree junction. Please consider adding a Panorama Trail signage on the same side of the Klondike Canyon Trail Marker, at the junction. There is a wooden post located on Burma Rd and Panorama Trail junction, but no signage, just holes. I am not sure if the work was not finished or if it was vandalized...

A large Acacia Tree branch is protruding into the Ishibashi Farm (west spur) Trail, approximately 25M from the Peppertree Junction. It should be taken down. Brush clearance still needed, especially the Klondike Trail path nearing the Forrestal Reserve side. Toyon Trail still has a number of merging (unauthorized) trails.

None sighted.

Discarded white PVC pipes were seen inside the large (abandoned) corrugated drainage pipe on Peppertree Trail. Located about 40m uphill from the Vanderlip Trail junction, on Peppertree Trail (right at the bend). A few fallen wooden posts still on Ishibashi Farm Trail.

Ishibashi Farm (East Spur) Trail Marker is down at Peppertree Trail junction.

Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good to Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<p>The entire section is now an arid landscape. Dead/dried vegetations (e.g. dried black mustard, etc.) now cover almost the entire expanse of Section D. Native species seems to be competing relatively well. New growth of Castor Bean plant is located on Peppertree Trail, before turning towards Water Tank Trail. These should be eradicated.</p>
Irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p>Seeds should be available for the California Sage Brush (<i>Artemesia californica</i>) by August. Most prominent areas for collection are Peppertree Trail and Landslide Trail. Purple Sage (<i>Salvia leucophylla</i>) seeds are ready for collection on Landslide Trail.</p>
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mammals	<p>1 Mocking Bird; 1 Dove; 5 Towhees; 22 Sparrows; 14 Swallows (Barn and Cliff, mostly around Ishibashi Farm (East spur) Trail; 2 Hummingbirds; 4 Dragonflies (Ishibashi Farm Trail and Peppertree Trail); 10 White-ish butterflies; 1 Rabbit</p>
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # <u>0</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # <u>0</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # <u>0</u>	<p>None sighted.</p>
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # <u>2</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # <u>0</u>	
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u>6</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u>0</u>	<p>All on authorized trails.</p>
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u>20</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u>0</u>	<p>All on authorized trails.</p>
Equestrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u>1</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u>0</u>	<p>Peppertree Trail</p>
Community comments	<p>2 hikers asked RE the type of sages to be found around the Landslide Trail. They also asked RE seed collection.</p>	
Other		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section A
Date: August 29, 2008		Start time: 11:00 a.m.
KEEPER Name: David Quadhamer		End time: 1:50 p.m.
Property Condition		Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Some existing water erosion on the side of the Vanderlip Trail near Burma Road. Some existing water erosion on both sides of the Vanderlip Trail farther down from Burma Road. Minor water erosion on the left side of Burma Road as you are going uphill from the Toyon Trail.
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Other	- Partially exposed metal pipe going across the Garden Trail across from the water tank. Probably nothing to worry about at this point.
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized Signage	Kubota Trail marker on Vanderlip Trail is missing the no bicycles sticker. The Water Tank Trail/Vanderlip Trail marker is missing the Vanderlip Trail sticker. There are some stickers on the Water Tank Trail/"Lower" Garden Trail trail marker that are peeling off, however all stickers are present. The Garden Trail/Toyon Trail marker is missing a no bike sticker for the Garden Trail. FYI, there weren't any Portuguese Bend Reserve brochures at the Vanderlip Trail/Water Tank Trail trailhead. There is a trail marker at the edge of the reserve boundary near the Vanderlip Trail/Water Tank Trail trailhead. At one time, I thought it was labeled as the Vanderlip Trail. Today, the trail marker was labeled as the Water Tank Trail.
Authorized Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Peacock Flats Trail good. An acacia tree on Burma road between Peacock Flats Trail and Vanderlip Trail can be trimmed for 12 foot clearance. There are some exposed rocks embedded in the Vanderlip Trail, just off of Burma Road. The Kubota Trail needs brush clearance (vegetation overgrowth). The upper Garden Trail (the section above the water tank) could use some brush clearance. There are some lemonade berry and acacia trees on the Garden Trail in the section from the Water Tank Trail to the water tank that could use trimming for 12 foot clearance. Some trees can be trimmed for 12 foot clearance near where the "upper" and "lower" Garden Trails meet. There is some minor vegetation overgrowth on the straighter section of the Garden Trail. A lemonade berry tree on the Garden Trail near the Toyon Trail could be trimmed for 12 foot clearance. A lemonade berry tree on the Toyon Trail near Burma Road could use some trimming for 12 foot clearance. The Vanderlip Trail has a lot of sandy dirt with a lot of small rocks. The Toyon Trail has a lot of sandy dirt with a lot of small rocks.
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses	Bicycle tire marks on trail marked with trail marker labeled "Area closed for restoration" off of Burma Road, near Peacock Flats Trail. Potential trail construction off of bicycle play area. I'll monitor that. It looks like a truck drove up the Vanderlip Trail from the Portuguese Bend gate, couldn't go any further and turned around. There is a wide area of dead mustard plant laid flat (more so on the left side as you come up from the Portuguese Bend gate, with a smaller area on the right). There is a smaller area of mustard plant laid flat before you reach the larger area as

		you come up from the Portuguese Bend gate. Spur trail on right side of the Water Tank Trail as you're going uphill. It is on the right side going to a grove of eucalyptus trees. On the Garden Trail, going away from the water tank but just before where the trail runs along the side of the hill, it looks like some large rocks were removed from the side of the trail. They were probably dug out given that the holes that are remaining are about 1 foot in diameter. There are three holes in the same vicinity. There is a spur trail off of the Toyon Trail where the Toyon Trail turns right to get to Burma Road. Short loop spur trail on left side of Burma Road as you go from the Water Tank Trail to the Vanderlip Trail. Spur trail off of Burma Road across from the Eagle's Nest Trail marker. Spur trail off of Burma Road on the left side as you go from the Eagle's Nest Trail to the water tank.
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Across from the water tank on Burma Road. Bicycle play area. Near rock fence/drainage ditch at Burma Road/Peacock Flats Trail. On Burma Road. On Vanderlip Trail.
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities	Some brush clearance (dead mustard plant) done on Peacock Flats Trail near Burma Road/Ailor Trail. Some mustard plant was laid flat on the sides of the trail. Some dead mustard plant laid flat near the Vanderlip trailhead on Burma Road. Some brush clearance on the Water Tank Trail near the intersection with the Vanderlip Trail.
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	Peacock Flats Trail: A lot of dead mustard plant, one dead acacia tree, lemonade berry trees doing well. Vanderlip Trail: A lot of dead mustard plant, lemonade berry trees doing well. Water Tank Trail: Same as other trails. Garden Trail: Good. Toyon Trail: Good. Burma Road: Good.
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC	
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	California bush sunflower on Burma Road between Peacock Flats Trail and Vanderlip Trail.
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	Eleven western fence lizards (many trails). One hummingbird on Burma Road. One dragonfly on Burma Road. I'll have to work on identifying the other birds.
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # __0__	
Community		
Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # __0__	
Bicycles	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u>10</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	Nine on Burma Road, one on Peacock Flats.
Equestrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u>3</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	One on Burma Road, two on Vanderlip Trail.
Community comments		
Other		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section B
Date: August 24, 2008		Start time: 1:30 P.M.
KEEPER Name: Eva Cicoria		End time: 4:00 P.M.
Property Condition		Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Soil at base of Ishibashi Tr. (as diverted, per Hazard discussion below) is exceedingly pulverized and powdery. Trail spur/chute off Burma Rd. onto Ishibashi (just southeast of water tank) is wearing further and further into Burma Rd.
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Excessive fuels. Piles of dried up vegetation from pruning, primarily along Ishibashi Tr. and Burma Rd. Also piles of branches from RH resident dumping tree branches off Rim Tr. and Grapevine Tr. Same comments as previous months re steep drop off at drainage slough on south end of Ailor Trail. Bike tracks indicate continued use of Eagles Nest Tr. spur jump onto Burma Rd. and on roped off portion of Ishibashi Tr.
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	Fire Station Tr.: no sign at intersection w/ Rim; bike marker missing from sign at intersection w/ Ishibashi. Rim Tr.: no sign at start of trail; bike sticker missing at intersection w/ Paintbrush Tr. Grapevine Tr.: missing "no bikes" labels on both signs (top and bottom of trail); nothing on one side of sign at intersection w/ Ishibashi Tr. Ishibashi Tr.: nothing on sign at intersection w/ Paintbrush Tr.; horse marker missing at intersection w/ Burma. Paintbrush Tr.: missing "no bikes" labels on sign at intersection w/ Rim Tr.; nothing on sign at 1 st intersection w/ Ishibashi Tr.; bike sticker missing at 2 nd intersection w/ Ishibashi Tr. Eagles Nest and Ailor Tr.: sign at top of intersection w/ Ailor missing horse sticker; black line through uses for Eagles Nest Tr. Burma Rd.: sign at Ailor Tr. intersection doesn't show Burma Rd. use designations.
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Thistle and mustard have encroached on Ailor Tr. footpath. Base of Ishibashi Tr. soil is very pulverized.
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses	Several trail spurs (and off shoots off of them) off of Grapevine Tr. Looking down on Portuguese Cyn. It appears tracks are forming there. Bike tracks observed on ped/eques only trails: Fire Station Tr., Rim Tr., Grapevine Tr. as well as areas not designated as trails (where jumps are). "Closed" spur trail off Ishibashi Tr. has widened. Also wood ladder is still bridging the rock/ concrete drainage near Burma Rd. on west end of Eagles Nest. Spur connecting Eagles Nest Tr. and Ailor Tr. on south side of Eagles Nest continues to be used also despite post and rope installation at one end.
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Grapevine unauthorized spur; Ishibashi; Burma. See photos 5 pieces of plywood off spur trail newly formed off of previously evident spur trail off Grapevine Tr. Large tree branches below Rim Tr. above bend in Grapevine Tr. Large piles of dried up vegetation from pruning along Ishibashi Tr. and Burma Rd. Misc. trash on Ishibashi Tr., Grapevine Tr., spur off Burma Rd. leading to base of Portuguese Cyn. .) Two water bars that were installed on Fire Station Tr. near water tank end are off trail in vegetation on down slope. Several old signs re trail closures are off Burma Rd. Tr. in brush south of Eagles Nest Tr. intersection w/ Burma Rd.

Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Post and rope installed off of Ishibashi Tr. have been pulled out. Stuck upper posts back in as best I could. Found lower posts and rope in Lemonade Berry across trail from where they were installed. (Unable to get to them.) Posts and ropes installed off of Eagles Nest have (both sides) been pulled out. See also comments re missing and vandalized signs.
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Generally very dry. See also comments re cutback vegetation.
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Ashy Leaf Buckwheat.
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	Ishibashi Tr., Burma Rd.: Large dragonflies seen on both trails
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # <u> 0 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # <u> 0 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # <u> 0 </u>	
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # <u> 1 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # <u> 0 </u>	
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u> 3 </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u> 2 </u>	Bikes off trail were jumping in area near water tank.
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u> 24 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u> 0 </u>	
Equestrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u> 0 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u> 0 </u>	
Community comments	No signs re certain trails closed.	
Other:		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section C
Date: August 30, 2008		Start time: 8:15 AM
KEEPER Name: John Stevens		End time: 11:30 AM
Property Condition		Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Encroachments	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Rim Trail Portuguese Canyon: Owner blocked trail at his property line
Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	-Ishibashi @ Paintbrush: Bike instructions missing. Paintbrush @ Rim: Sign needs replanting. Paintbrush @ lower lemonade berry: Needs some of the new trail closure signs; Still used by equestrians and pedestrians. Pillow Lave. Ishibashi @ Rim: Bike instructions missing
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poor	-Paintbrush @ Rim: This intersection need to be worked on for safe use and to stop creation of trails and cutoffs
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Uses	-Rolling Hills home crossing Rim down to Paintbrush: A pedestrian/equestrian trail is being established
Trash or Dumping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Vandalism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Nothing new
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poor	Upper Rim area: Great fire hazard! Needs disking
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Fauna	<input type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mammals	
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # __0__	
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # __1__ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # __1__	
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __9__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	Burma Rd. to Barn Owl and then to Panorama: Two groups of bikers
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __5__ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __1 me__	
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	
Community comments		
<p>Other I am appalled by the lower Ishibashi trail. It is a straight line down hill for the majority of the trail. This is a no-no from the point of erosion. Part of the trail is eroded six feet below the original level of the land from previous use by equestrians and hikers. Bikes going down this trail will get to unsafe speeds and have to brake ripping up the remaining earth thereby increasing the erosion. Other bikers will slow down by curving back and forth turning the eroded area into a giant half pipe. I believe that a much better solution would be to maintain the lower slalom as a bike and pedestrian trail and reserve the Ishibashi Trail as a pedestrian and equestrian trail. Horses and some people like to go on straight trails and bikes and some people like to go on curved trails. Then all the cross trails and cutoffs should be eliminated. This way the user community will be far more supportive of what the PVPLC is trying to accomplish. I would like you to distribute this comment to the Board of the PVPLC. Dr. John Stevens</p>		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section D
Date: August 22, 2008		Start time: 840AM
KEEPER Name: S. Ian Song		End time: 1130PM
Property Condition		Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate to Heavy <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	A developing fissure found on Ishibashi Farm Trail, west spur (See Photo). A small depression/hole developing on Landside Scarp Trail, about 10m from the Burma Trail junction. Many of the trails are still in need of maintenance due to varying degrees of drainage issues and erosive processes. Sandbox Trail in particular is in dire need of trail work (incl. dam placements) before the coming winter and the rain. A steep section located around the midpoint of the Ishibashi Farm Trail (east spur) needs trail maintenance work.
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Excessive fuel: the entire area is now filled with dead vegetation. The abandoned and dilapidated shed structure off Klondike Canyon Trail should be removed, if possible.
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	Vandalized or Missing Signage Posts/Trail Markers: 1. Ishibashi Fam /Peppertree Trail junction trail marker; 2. Peppertree Trail trail marker (leading to Vanderlip and Water Tank Trails); 3. Landslide Scarp/Burma Rd. junction trail marker. The trail map brochures were available on Peppertree Trail and Klondike Canyon Trail (near PV Drive) containers, but none found in the Klondike Canyon container located near the Forrestal entrance.
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair to Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Brush clearance still needed, especially the Klondike Trail path nearing the Forrestal Reserve side. Toyon Trail still has a number of merging (unauthorized) trails. See Drainage and Erosion Section for additional info.
Unauthorized Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Uses	None sighted.
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Discarded white PVC pipes can still be seen inside the large corrugated drainage pipe on Peppertree Trail. Located about 40m uphill from the Vanderlip Trail junction, on Peppertree Trail (right at the bend).
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	See Signage Section.

Habitat		
Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Good to Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	The entire section is now an arid landscape. Dead/dried vegetations (e.g. dried black mustard, etc.) now cover almost the entire expanse of Section D. New growth of Castor Bean plant is located on Peppertree Trail, before turning towards Water Tank Trail. These should be eradicated.
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Purple Sage (<i>Salvia leucophylla</i>) seeds were collected from the Landslide Scarp Trail and were delivered to PVPLC office on 8.22. 2008.
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	1 Mocking Bird; 3 Mourning Doves; 3 Towhees; Sparrows; 11 Swallows (Barn and Cliff, mostly around Panorama Trail); 1 Phoebe; 5 Finches; 6 Kingbirds; 1 Wren; 2 Redtailed Hawks. 3 Lizards. 1 Dragonfly (Panorama Trail)
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # ____	None sighted.
Community		
Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # ____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off leash #_ I__	With a hiker on Klondike Canyon Trail coming from the Forrestal side.
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails# I__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails #____	All on authorized trails.
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # ____	All on authorized trails.
Equestrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails #4__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # ____	On Peppertree Trail and Landslide Scarp Trail.
Community comments	Ran into Eva (Keeper) and a new keeper assigned to Abalone Cove on Landslide Scarp Trail during seed collection.	
Other		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section A
Date: September 26, 2008		Start time: 11:25 a.m.
KEEPER Name: David Quadhamer		End time: 1:45 p.m.
Property Condition		Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	- Some prior water erosion as noted last month on Vanderlip Trail and Burma Road.
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Metal trail sign at BR and PFT (near water tank) is bent. - The Vanderlip Trail marker at Burma Road is missing the no bicycle sticker. - The Kubota Trail marker at Vanderlip Trail is missing the no bicycle sticker. - There is a metal trail sign (the double arrow sign) on the upper Vanderlip Trail that has been rotated and is pointing to a spur trail. - Water Tank/Vanderlip Trail marker is missing a no bicycle sticker for the Water Tank Trail and a Vanderlip Trail sticker. - The Water Tank Trail marker downhill from the trailhead is missing the no bicycle sticker. - Lower Garden Trail/Water Tank Trail marker is missing a no bicycle sticker for both the Garden Trail and the Water Tank Trail. - Upper Garden Trail/Water Tank Trail marker is missing a no bicycle sticker. - Upper Garden Trail/Lower Garden Trail marker is missing the no bicycle sticker. - Garden Trail marker past upper/lower Garden Trail intersection is missing the no bicycle sticker. - I'm not positive, but it looks like a metal trail sign (the one with double arrows) is missing on the Garden Trail. The location is about the middle of the Garden Trail where the trail runs along side of the hill. - Garden Trail marker past the last marker: both sides are missing the no bicycle sticker. - Garden Trail/Toyon Trail marker: Garden Trail is missing the no bicycle sticker. - The Toyon Trail marker near Burma Road is missing the bicycle, equestrian and hiker stickers. - Burma Road/Toyon Trail marker: Toyon Trail missing bicycle sticker, Burma Road missing bicycle, equestrian and hiker stickers. - Burma Road/Ishibashi Trail marker: Burma Road missing bicycle, equestrian, hiker stickers. - On Burma Road, just uphill from the Toyon Trail, there is a metal post that is missing the metal trail sign with double arrows.
Authorized Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetation overgrowth on Kubota Trail, upper Garden Trail. - Limited vegetation overgrowth on Garden Trail, Toyon Trail.
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses	- Evidence of a horse in the bicycle play area.

Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	- Burma Road, bicycle play area (Domino's pizza box and 2 liter Sunkist bottle). - Vanderlip Trail.
Vandalism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities	No new clearing of vegetation.
Habitat			
Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	- There are a lot of tumbleweeds on upper Burma Road. - Fair: Peacock Flats, Vanderlip, Water Tank. - Good: Garden, Toyon, Burma.
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC	
Seed availability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reptiles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	- Four western fence lizards on Burma Road, three western fence lizards on Peacock Flats Trail, one on Garden Trail. - One dragonfly on Burma Road. - Six crows over Burma Road.
Predators	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # <u>1</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Fox # _____	- At Water Tank/Vanderlip Trailhead.
Community			
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # <u>1</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # _____		Burma Road.
Bicycles	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails# _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _____		
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u>8</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _____		Burma Road.
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _____		
Community comments			
Other			



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section B	
Date: September 28, 2008		Start time: 9:00 A.M.	
KEEPER Name: Eva Cicoria		End time: 11:20 A.M.	
Property Condition		Location	Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy		No significant negative changes noted from last month, but several positives: post and rope has been installed to block access to chute from Burma Rd. to Ishibashi Tr. where chute was encroaching further and further into road bed; post and ropes are standing in most locations where erosion was a problem from soil and shale being dragged down steep drops.
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy		
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Ishibashi Tr. spur near junction with Paintbrush Tr.	One of the trail directional signs at this spur was broken off at the base and the sharp edge of the metal post is jutting up into the spur trail. Otherwise, same comments as last month.
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	Fire Station, Rim, Grapevine, Eagles Nest, Ailor, Paintbrush, Ishibashi	Same as last month plus: No sign directing users to Ishibashi Tr. continuation at 1 st branch after bend and away from formerly "lower slalom." Trail directional signs have been twisted or removed at parallel spur off Ishibashi/Paintbrush intersection and from post at Port Cyn. outlet.
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair		No big changes noticed from last month.
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trails <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses	FireStation, Rim, Ishibashi, Grapevine, Eagles Nest, Paintbrush	Evidence (tracks and sightings) of bike use of ped/eques trails. Evidence of bike (tracks and sightings) and equestrian (hoof prints and manure) use of spur/ unauthorized trails. New spurs/tracks seen in Portuguese Cyn., area between Ishibashi Tr. and entrance to Port. Cyn., and off Burma Tr. northeast of Eagles Nest Tr.
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy		Same as last month plus misc. trash at intersection of Fire Station Tr. and Rim Tr. and at Eagles Nest.
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities		Directional signs that were installed this month to show users which way the trail goes

	X Other		have been vandalized—post bent down or sign twisted or removed. Post and rope installations are back in place (and cactus newly planted off Eagles Nest Tr.) except for base of Ishibashi Tr. where lower posts and rope are still up in Lemonade Berry across trail from where they were installed. See also comments re signs.
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Habitat

Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Good X Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor		Generally very dry, though Goldenbush and Coyote Bush appear healthy.
Irrigation	X No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No X Yes		Goldenbush, esp. off Ailor Tr.
Fauna	<input type="checkbox"/> Insects X Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals		More birds than usual. 3 snake skins off side of Ailor and Eagles Nest trails.
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # <u>0</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # <u>0</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # <u>0</u>		

Community

Dogs	X Present on leash # <u>1</u> X Present off leash # <u>5</u>	Dogs all on Burma Rd.	
Bicycles	X Present on authorized trails # <u>6</u> X Present off trails # <u>8</u>	Fire Station Tr., spurs off Ishibashi, spurs off Burma Rd.	
Hikers	X Present on authorized trails # <u>49</u> X Present off trails # <u>2</u>	Spur at split for former Lower Slalom off Ishibashi Tr.	Including 4 nuns in full habit!
Equestrian	X Present on authorized trails # <u>2</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u>0</u>		

Community comments	<p>Comment from hiker re appreciates trails being cut back so dry brush doesn't rub up against hikers, though some trails still need attention (referenced trails out of area covered by report). Comments from hikers and mountain bikers (who were off trail) that trail directional signs are not always clear as to where the trail is and in some cases it seems like a branch that isn't supposed to be a trail is a trail, eg former lower slalom that branches off Ishibashi Tr. and spurs off Burma Rd. going into former mountain bike play area. Comment that need sign at top telling people that if trail isn't marked w/ name and uses then it's not okay to use it; also suggested posting rules re activity that isn't allowed (this in response to bikes off trail, peeing, catching air, as we were talking). Comment from 25 yr. hiker that he is disappointed trails through York property are closed and he is interested in supporting purchase (gave ID info for updates, if PVPLC doesn't have him in the system. [REDACTED] He also commented that mountain bikers routinely ask him to take photos of them taking jumps, esp. at bowl off former lower slalom. (He said he didn't realize that trail is closed. See comments re signs.) Comment from group of hikers familiar with approved trails who expressed resentment that bikes were routinely using single track adjacent to Burma Rd. when they (the hikers) would have liked to walk there for the view, etc., but were trying to respect the trail rules and not use unauthorized trails. Comments from 3 different sets of users that they didn't know whether property they were on was still subject to development or had been purchased by PVPLC.</p>		
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Other: Over the course of the month I've noticed a big increase in bike use (though still not to the level it was before last spring's trail closure), including reverting to more reckless riding (speed, catching air, etc.) which had diminished for a while. Lots of bike activity in this area every Wednesday night after dark (using headlights). Saw baby snake on Eagles Nest Tr. earlier in month and am including photo w/ report.



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

Date: 30 September 2008		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section C	
KEEPER Name: John Stevens		Start time: 4:40	
Property Condition		Location	Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy		
Encroachments	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Rim trail	Exit sign from private property has been tossed into the canyon hence it is still on PVPLC property.
Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	Same as last month	Same as last month
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	All trails with Lemonade berry bushes	Bushes are encroaching on the trails. See note below.
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Uses	-“Canyon” and Paintbrush -“Lower Lemonade Berry”	-Bikes on -Equestrians
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy		
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Del Cerro Park	All over the sineage
Habitat			
Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor		
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Seed availability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mammals		Flies yuck, mosquitoes, doves, owl, rabbits
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # ____		
Community			
Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # __1__		
Bicycles	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails# __4__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__		
Hikers	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __6__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __1__		
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__		
Community			

comments	
<p>Other</p>	<p>1. Regarding the trimming of the lemonade berry bushes, I suggest that a gas driven hedge shear be used and that the bushes be cut back in three inch increments and the cuttings left on the trails. The horses and hikers will help the cuttings to decompose and the cuttings will help to reduce the trail dust. In the past trail maintenance has made one cut to open the trails. This results in long branches which are then heaped off to the side of the trail increasing the fire hazard when they dry out.</p> <p>2. Regarding finding a replacement for monitoring Section C: Since equestrians are the predominant users of this area now, I suggest that you contact Marc Jacobowitz. He is (ex PUMP) a member of the Rolling Hills Equestrian Riders and should be able to put you in contact with one of the ladies who almost daily ride the area, and who would be interested in monitoring the area..</p>



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section D
Date: September 14, 2008		Start time: 2PM
KEEPER Name: S. Ian Song		End time: 430PM
Property Condition		Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate to Heavy <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	<p>Continuing fissure line located on Ishibashi Farm Trail, west spur (See Photo).</p> <p>Many, if not all, of the trails are in need of maintenance due to varying degrees of drainage issues and erosive processes. Sandbox Trail in particular is in dire need of trail work (incl. dam placements) before the coming winter and the rain.</p> <p>A steep section located around the midpoint of the Ishibashi Farm Trail (east spur) also needs trail maintenance work.</p>
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	<p>Excessive fuel: the entire area is now filled with dead vegetation.</p> <p>The abandoned and dilapidated shed structure off Klondike Canyon Trail should be removed, if possible.</p>
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	<p>Vandalized or Missing Signage Posts/Trail Markers:</p> <p>1. Landslide Scarp (at Toyon Trail junction) Trail marker is MISSING DECALS;</p> <p>2. Peppertree Trail junction trail marker (with Landslide Scarp Trail) is pointed in the WRONG DIRECTION.</p> <p>3. Landslide Scarp/Burma Rd. junction trail marker is ENTIRELY MISSING.</p> <p>Ishbashi Farm Trail Marker on the upper side, near Peppertree Trail is badly soiled from bird droppings; unable to see signage. (See Photo)</p>
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair to Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<p>Brush clearance still needed, especially the Klondike Trail path nearing the Forrestal Reserve side.</p> <p>Toyon Trail still has a number of merging (unauthorized) trails.</p> <p>There were plenty of trail maps in all three of the brochure boxes placed in my sector.</p>
Unauthorized Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Uses	None sighted.
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited	Along the Peppertree Trail, inside the two separate areas

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	of the large corrugated drainage pipes, there are a large number of discarded white PVC pipes. The stored areas are located uphill from the Vanderlip Trail junction, on Peppertree Trail (near the bend). Discarded and termite-infested wooden planks and pieces of plywood found on Ishibashi Farm Trail, east spur.
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	See Signage Section.
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Good to Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	The entire section is now an arid landscape. Dead/dried vegetations (e.g. dried black mustard, etc.) now cover almost the entire expanse of Section D. New growth of Castor Bean plant is located on Peppertree Trail, before turning towards Water Tank Trail. These should be eradicated.
Irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/> No change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	There is a water leak (White PVC Pipe) located on Ishibashi Farm Trail, West Spur. Call the office regarding the leak.
Seed availability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Artemisia Californica is almost ready to collect, especially the habitat on/near Landscape Scarp Trail.
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	1 Mocking Bird; 2 Mourning Doves; Numerous Sparrows; 15++ Swallows (Barn and Cliff, mostly around Ishibashi Farm, Peppertree, and Panorama Trail); 2 Phoebe; 20 Dragonflies; 11 White-ish cabbage patch like butterflies; 1 Yellow-black swallowtail butterfly; 1 Rattlesnake
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # ____	None sighted.
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash #2 <input type="checkbox"/> Present off leash	With 2 hikers on Panorama Trail.
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # 6_ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off trails #3	6 on authorized trails. 3 children off-trail, on Ishibashi Farm Trail, east spur (See Photo).
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _____	All on authorized trails.
Equestrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails #2__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _____	On Peppertree Trail.
Community comments	None	
Other		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section A
Date: October 24, 2008		Start time: 10:20 a.m.
KEEPER Name: David Quadhamer		End time: 12:40 p.m.
Property Condition		Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Vanderlip Trail and Burma Road. Noted previously.
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	<p>“No Bicycles” sticker missing: The Peacock Flats/Burma Road trail marker (near water tank). The Peacock Flats/Burma Road trail marker between Eagle’s Nest Trail and Ailor Trail. The Vanderlip Trail/Burma Road trail marker (Vanderlip Trail side of marker). The Kubota Trail/Vanderlip Trail trail marker (Kubota Trail side of marker). The Water Tank Trail section of the Water Tank/Vanderlip Trail trail marker. The Water Tank Trail trail marker below the Vanderlip Trail. The Water Tank Trail/Lower Garden Trail trail marker: the Garden Trail/Water Tank side is missing both “No Bicycle” stickers and the Water Tank Trail side is missing its “No Bicycle” sticker. The Garden Trail side of the Water Tank Trail/Upper Garden Trail trail marker. The Kubota Trail side of the Water Tank Trail/Kubota Trail trail marker. The Lower Garden Trail/Upper Garden Trail trail marker. The Garden Trail trail marker past the water tank. The next Garden Trail trail marker: both sides. The Garden Trail section of the Garden Trail/Toyon Trail trail marker.</p> <p>The Toyon Trail side of the Toyon Trail/Burma Road trail marker is missing the “Bicycle” sticker. The Water Tank/Vanderlip Trail trail marker is missing the “Vanderlip Trail” sticker. There are two metal arrow trail signs on metal posts on the Vanderlip Trail that designate the Vanderlip Trail. Both of the metal posts have been twisted so that the signs point to the spur trails. There are no more Portuguese Bend brochures at the Vanderlip Trail/Water Tank Trail trailhead. Just uphill on Burma Road from the Toyon Trail there is a spur trail with a metal post that is missing the metal trail arrow sign. The Eagle’s Nest Trail side of the Burma Road/Eagle’s Nest Trail trail marker is missing the “Bicycle” sticker.</p>

Authorized Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	12 foot clearance: Upper Burma Road. Garden Trail. 3 foot clearance: Vanderlip Trail (limited). Kubota Trail. Upper Garden Trail. Garden Trail. A guy in a RPV truck was driving along the Water Tank Trail and said that he thought the trail was getting too narrow for fire trucks. I saw him on Burma Road also.
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses	Bicycle tire tread marks: Peacock Flats spur trail marked with a metal trail arrow sign. Bicycle play area. Water Tank Trail. Garden Trail. Spur trail off of Burma Road that is designated "Area Closed for Restoration".
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Upper Burma Road. Bicycle play area. Peacock Flats. Vanderlip Trail. Water Tank Trail.
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Other	A couple tobacco plants on upper Burma Road (above water tank) on left side of trail as you are going downhill had some branches broken off. There was some limited brush clearance on the Peacock Flats trail. Dead mustard plant stems were broken off (not cut) along most of the trail. Some were broken off mid stem. The broken off stems laying on other vegetation.
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	- Good: Garden, Toyon, Burma Road. - Fair: Peacock Flats, Vanderlip, Water Tank. - Some fennel along Vanderlip Trail. - Some tumbleweeds along upper Burma Road.
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	Grasshoppers: 3 – Burma Road, 4 – Peacock Flats, 6 – Vanderlip Trail, 1 – Garden Trail Crows: 5 – Burma Road, 3 – Vanderlip Trail Butterflies: 7 – Burma Road, 3 – Peacock Flats, 2 – Vanderlip Trail, 1 – Water Tank Trail Western Fence Lizard: 2 – Burma Road, 1 – Peacock Flats Ladybug: 1 – Vanderlip Trail
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # __0__	
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # __1__ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # __1__	Burma Road.
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __3__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	Burma Road.
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __11__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	Burma Road.
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	
Community comments		
Other		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section B
Date: October 28, 2008		Start time: 8:25 A.M.
KEEPER Name: Eva Cicoria		End time: 10:55 A.M.
Property Condition		Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	No significant changes noted from last month.
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	No significant negative changes noted from last month. Positives: Cactus have been planted behind post and rope off Eagles Nest Tr. to deter cyclists taking cliff jump onto Burma Rd. and a large pine limb has been placed on one of the chutes going down to Ishibashi Tr. from Burma Rd.
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	"No bikes" label missing from trail markers for Rim Tr. (both Grapevine and Paintbrush intersections), Grapevine Tr. (both Rim and Paintbrush intersections), Paintbrush Tr. (both Rim and Ishibashi intersections). Bike sticker missing from Eagles Nest Tr. (Burma intersect). Main Ailor Tr. intersection missing all stickers on one side, horse sticker on other side. Sign at Ailor Tr. and Eagles Nest Tr. intersection missing horse sticker, bike sticker and others have been vandalized. Horse sticker missing from Burma Rd. trail marker at Eagles Nest intersection N.)
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	No big changes noticed from last month.
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses	Evidence (tracks and sightings) of bike use of ped/eques trails, especially Paintbrush off Ishibashi. Evidence of heavy bike (tracks and sightings) use of spur/unauthorized trails, esp. area paralleling Burma Rd. at Eagles Nest bend (lots of jump bumps and ladder is back across drainage channel) and trail paralleling lower Ishibashi. Unauthorized connector trail between Ailor and Eagles Nest Tr. has been re-routed to skirt post and rope installed at Eagles Nest Tr. intersection. Note there is no trail directional sign at northwest point of origin of this connector trail to let users know that it is not Ailor Tr.
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Esp. on unauthorized trails: area adjacent to Burma Rd. at Eagles Nest bend, unauthorized connector trail between Ailor and Eagles Nest Tr., also large pile at top of Eagles Nest in shrubs to west of lookout. Increase in trash, esp. toilet paper. I collected some (tho not tp) and passed hikers who had also.
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Several cactus planted behind post and rope off Eagles Nest were uprooted and others were broken off. I was able to replant those with root balls. Post and rope is still up in Lemondade Berry off Ishibashi Tr. See also comments re signs.
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Generally very dry. Noted several young Toyon seem to be thriving to the side of Ailor Tr. where Fennel was cut back.
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Eagles Nest hillside Coyote Bush, Toyon?

Fauna	<input type="checkbox"/> Insects <input type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # __0__	
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # __3__ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # __2__	Ishibashi, Burma Rd., Burma Rd.
Bicycles	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails# __0__ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __1__	Paintbrush Tr.: Middle age guy w/ white hair--Ignored me when I told him bikes not permitted. Later saw him riding up Burma Rd. from Ailor cliff area.
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # 36 <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	Primarily Burma Rd., also Fire Station, Rim, Ishibashi, Paintbrush, Eagles Nest
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # __0__ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__	
Community comments	Lots of people happy w/ trails and happy to get to use them. Comment from hiker with a small dog that dogs off leash and not under voice control are a problem (jumping on her dog and jumping on her when she picks up her dog, not responding when she calls to owner to call their dog; thinks some are walking numerous dogs for job). Comment re increasing amt. of trash. Comment re good job separating horses and bikes. Comment re need more signs that explain things. Comment re fewer problems w/ bikes.	
Other: No snakes seen today, but earlier in month saw Rattlesnake on lower Ishibashi Tr. Note that Fennel has not been sprayed w/ pre-emergent where it was cut back on Ailor Tr. where it branches north down the hill to Burma Rd. Earlier in month I was hiking w/ a group of 24 Girl Scouts and moms when the Sheriff came by in the ATV. Within 5 or 10 min. 2 bikes went through unauthorized trail in Peacock Flats area and climbed the hill through the pines.		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section D	
Date: October 13, 2008	
KEEPER Name: S. Ian Song	
Property Condition	
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate to Heavy <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair to Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Unauthorized Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Uses

Start time: 245PM

End time: 430PM

Comments

Continuing fissure line located on Ishibashi Farm Trail, West Spur. Many, if not all, of the trails are in need of maintenance due to varying degrees of drainage issues and erosive processes. Sandbox Trail in particular is in dire need of trail work (incl. dam placements) before the coming winter and the rain. A steep section located around the midpoint of the Ishibashi Farm Trail (east spur) also needs trail maintenance work.

Excessive fuel: the entire area is now filled with dead vegetation. The abandoned and dilapidated shed structure off Klondike Canyon Trail is GONE. Thank you!

The brochure box on Peppertree Trail has been destroyed, perhaps vandalized. (See Photo) The “No Bike” decal on the Ishibashi Farm Trail, East Spur (at Peppertree Trail jct) is missing. At the Peppertree Trail/Landslide Scarp Trail Jct: there are no decals placed on Landslide Scarp Trail and only “bikes allowed” decal placed on the Peppertree Trail markers. The Landslide Scarp/Burma Rd. Trail Marker is missing. The decals on Toyon/Burma Rd Trail Jct are coming undone. In fact, many of the decals on the markers are already showing quite a bit of wear and tear. Many of the markers are illegible due to bird droppings. The Klondike Canyon Trail Marker near the Forrestal Reserve does not have the trail name on it.

Brush clearance still needed, especially the Klondike Trail path nearing the Forrestal Reserve side. (See Photo). Toyon Trail still has a number of merging (unauthorized) trails. Other than the vandalized (?) brochure box on Peppertree, the other two are in good condition with brochures inside the container.

None sighted.

Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Along the Peppertree Trail, inside the two separate areas of the large corrugated drainage pipes, there are a large number of discarded white PVC pipes. The stored areas are located uphill from the Vanderlip Trail junction, on Peppertree Trail (near the bend). Discarded and termite-infested wooden planks and pieces of plywood found on Ishibashi Farm Trail, east spur.
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	See Signage Section.
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	The entire section is now an arid landscape. Dead/dried vegetations (e.g. dried black mustard, etc.) now cover almost the entire expanse of Section D.
Irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/> No change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	There is still a minor water leak (White PVC Pipe) located on Ishibashi Farm Trail, West Spur.
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Unable to collect.
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mammals	1 Mocking Bird; 9 Towhees; 3 Sparrows; 2 Dragonflies; 2 brown/burnt orange colored butterflies with spots; 5 Lizards. 1 Rabbit
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # _0_	None sighted.
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # _2_ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # _0_	
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails# _4_ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _0_	All on authorized trails.
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # _6_ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _0_	All on authorized trails.
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _0_	None
Community comments	None	
Other		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

Date: 11/28/08		Preserve: Portuguese Bend – Section A
KEEPER Name: David Quadhamer		Start time: 12:15 P.M.
Property Condition		End time: 2:05 P.M.
Comments		
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Vanderlip Trail and Burma Road. Noted previously. There didn't appear to be any new erosion from the recent rain.
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	<p>The Peacock Flats Trail trail marker at Burma Road (near the water tank) has been broken off and reattached with a piece of wood. "No Bicycles Sticker" missing; The Kubota Trail/Vanderlip Trail trail marker (Kubota Trail side of marker.) The Garden Trail marker at the intersection of the upper and lower Garden Trails. The next Garden Trail trail marker. The next Garden Trail trail marker was missing the sticker on both sides of the marker. The metal trail sign on the lower part of the Vanderlip Trail has been twisted to point to the spur trail. The Garden Trail/Toyon Trail trail marker is missing all Toyon Trail stickers (including the Toyon Trail name sticker.) Also, the Garden Trail section of this marker has a bicycle sticker, not a "no bicycle sticker". One side of the Toyon Trail trail marker nearest the Toyon Trail/Garden Trail intersection is missing the bicycle sticker. The Toyon Trail trail marker nearest Burma Road is missing the (double?) arrow sticker. The spur trail off of Burma Road, just above the Ishibashi Trail, has a green metal post but no trail arrow sign.</p>
Authorized Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	12 foot clearance: Upper Burma Road, Garden Trail. 3 foot clearance: Upper Vanderlip Trail, Garden Trail.
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses	There were a lot of footprints in the bicycle play area and a few bicycle tread marks. Bicycle tread marks on the Garden Trail.
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Burma Road, Vanderlip Trail, Water Tank Trail, Toyon Trail.
Vandalism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Habitat		

Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Good: Garden Trail, Toyon Trail, Burma Road. Fair: Peacock Flats Trail, Vanderlip Trail, Water Tank Trail.
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	There were lots of bees in the pepper trees. Seven dragonflies on Vanderlip Trail. Butterfly on Vanderlip Trail. American Painted Lady butterfly on Water Tank Trail. I heard crickets while walking up Burma Road.
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # <u> 0 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # <u> 0 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # <u> 0 </u>	
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # <u> 5 </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # <u> 2 </u>	On leash: 5 on Burma Road. Off leash: 1 on Eagle's Nest Trail, 1 on Burma Road.
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u> 1 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _____	Burma Road.
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u> 63 </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u> 3 </u>	Authorized trails: 48 on Burma Road. 2 on Vanderlip Trail. 1 on Water Tank Trail. 2 on Peppertree Trail. 10 on Eagle's Nest Trail. Off trail: 3 on spur trail that runs along Burma Road from the trailhead to the water tank. There were a lot of people out walking (one running) the day after Thanksgiving. One couple on Burma Road was using the Portuguese Bend Reserve brochure.
Equestrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u> 2 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u> 0 </u>	Burma Road.
Community comments		
Other		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section B	
Date: November 30, 2008	
Start time: 3:20 P.M.	
KEEPER Name: Eva Cicoria	
End time: 5:20 P.M.	
Property Condition	
Comments	
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy

Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Many cactus planted behind post and rope off Eagles Nest have been uprooted, others have been damaged, and still others are missing. I found one about 60 feet down spur trail connecting Eagles Nest and Ailor trails. I was able to replant a few with root balls, but had no gloves so had to leave others. Vegetation nearby has been trampled, including natives, and shovels are hidden in bushes. Vegetation has been cut on Ishibashi Tr. Post and rope is still up in Lemondade Berry off Ishibashi Tr. See also comments re signs and crushed/ trampled vegetation.
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Generally very dry. Dry Fennel cuttings have been left in piles on other vegetation, some in places where Mariposa Lilies appeared last spring (off Ailor Tr.) Other cuttings have been left atop Buckwheat, Artemesia, and other vegetation. Fresh cuttings have been left to the side of Ishiashi trail.
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Eagles Nest hillside: Coyote Bush
Fauna	<input type="checkbox"/> Insects <input type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # _0_	
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # _6_ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # _6_	Ishibashi, Burma Rd., Burma Rd., Firestation, Eagles Nest Tr.
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails# 4_ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _4_	Burma Rd., Eagles Nest Tr., Grapevine, Paintbrush Tr., spur off Ishibashi Middle age guy w/ white hair--Ignored me when I told him bikes not permitted. Later saw him riding up Burma Rd. from Ailor cliff area.
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # 43 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _3_	Primarily Burma Rd., also Fire Station, Rim, Ishibashi, Paintbrush, Eagles Nest Unauthorized connector trail btwn Eagles Nest and Ailor trails and on track paralleling Burma Rd. near base of Eagles Nest hill.
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _0_	
Community comments	As I was picking up the cactus vandalized off Eagles Nest Tr., an elderly man rode down Eagles Nest Tr. on his bike and told me that where I was wasn't a pathway. I explained my presence and thanked him.	
Other: No snakes seen today, but earlier in month saw a King snake (I think) off to the side of Burma Rd. at the top of the chute that has been blocked off with post and rope. Noticed a partially exposed metal pipe crossing under Burma Rd. near Water Tank Tr. intersect. Despite not seeing horses today, there is a notable increase in horse use of trails that in the past were not being used much by horses (reportedly for fear of bikes) as evidenced by more hoof tracks and manure, esp. notable on Grapevine.		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section C
Date: November 22, 2008		Start time: 2:00PM
KEEPER Name:		End time: 5:20PM
Property Condition		Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Rim Trail: minor erosion. Steeper damp trail, slippery when wet
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Top of Rim Trail: barrier at private property sign
Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Missing <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Upper Rim Trail mid paintbrush: overgrown
Unauthorized Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Uses	
Trash or Dumping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Vandalism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Some rain 11/25-26
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	NA
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	Rim Trail: 1 dragonfly. Birds: 3 Redtail hawks, 15-20 ravens, 5 towhee, 20 bushtits, 14 finches, 2 scrub jays, 6 white crown sparrows, 4 morn. Doves, 7 warblers
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # _0_	none
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # _2_ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # _0_	
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails# _4_ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _0_	Top of Burma
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # _8_ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _0_	
Equestrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # _2_ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _0_	Burma Rd
Community comments	none	
Other Start/leave earlier in day for round trip walk. (personal note)		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section D	
Date: November 22, 2008	
KEEPER Name: S. Ian Song	
Property Condition	
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate to Heavy <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy
Comments	
Many, if not all, of the trails are in need of maintenance due to varying degrees of drainage issues and erosive processes. Sandbox Trail in particular is in dire need of trail work (incl. dam placements) before the coming winter and the rain. A steep section located around the midpoint of the Ishibashi Farm Trail (east spur) also needs trail maintenance work.	
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
Excessive fuel: the entire area is now filled with dead vegetation.	
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage
The brochure box on Peppertree Trail has been completely destroyed. The Landslide Scarp/Burma Rd. junction Trail Marker is missing. The trail marker located at Ishbashi Farm Trail (west spur) near Peppertree Trail is unstable—the base of the marker is cracked. The decals are missing from the Landslide Scarp Trail Marker at the Peppertree Trail junction.	
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair to Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Brush clearance still needed, especially the Klondike Trail near Barn Owl Trail and Forrestal Reserve.	
Unauthorized Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Uses
None sighted.	
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy
Discarded and termite-infested wooden planks and pieces of plywood found on Ishibashi Farm Trail, east spur.	
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
See Signage Section	
Habitat	
Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor
The entire section is now an arid landscape. Castor bean plants found on Peppertree Trail, at the junction leading to Water Tower Trail.	
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Fauna	<input type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals
Sparrows. No other sightings—possibly due to heavy marine layer.	
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # <u> 0 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # <u> 0 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # <u> 0 </u>
None sighted.	
Community	
Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # <u> 0 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # <u> 0 </u>
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u> 1 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u> 0 </u>
On authorized trail.	
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u> 8 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u> 0 </u>
All on authorized trails.	
Equestrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u> 1 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u> 0 </u>
On authorized trail.	
Community comments	
Other	



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

Date: 12/26/08		Start time: 12:30 P.M.
KEEPER Name: David Quadhamer		End time: 2:35 P.M.
Property Condition		Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Moderate gully erosion from rainwater: Burma Road, Vanderlip Trail, Water Tank Trail
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	<p>- At the Burma Road trailhead, the laminated color trail map was on the ground. The wire tie that secured it to the post has torn through the hole in the map.</p> <p>“No Bicycles Sticker” missing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Kubota Trail/Vanderlip Trail trail marker (Kubota Trail side of marker). - The upper Garden Trail/lower Garden Trail marker. - The next Garden Trail marker. - The next Garden Trail marker is missing the no bicycles sticker on both sides. - The Kubota Trail/Vanderlip Trail marker was in a ditch approximately 30 feet from the Kubota Trail. See picture. I put it back where it belongs. The hole was still there. - There are no Portuguese Bend brochures in the box at the Water Tank Trail/Vanderlip Trail trailhead. - The equestrian and arrow stickers on the lower Garden Trail/Water Tank Trail marker are starting to peel off. - The Garden Trail/Toyon Trail marker: the Garden Trail section has a bicycle sticker and should have a no bicycles sticker. All Toyon Trail stickers are missing, including the Toyon Trail name sticker. The Toyon Trail marker near Burma Road is missing an arrow sticker on one side. - The Toyon Trail/Burma Road trail marker: on the Toyon Trail side, the equestrian sticker is present, but damaged.
Authorized Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<p>3 foot clearance: Peacock Flats, Kubota Trail, Garden Trail, Toyon Trail. 12 foot clearance: Peacock Flats, Burma Road, Garden Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were a lot of horse hoof prints on the Vanderlip Trail. The horses were walking on the trail when it was muddy, leaving hoof prints, causing the trail to become uneven. - There is a lot of grass starting to grow on the Kubota Trail. - A truck left tire marks about 3”- 4” deep on the Water Tank Trail going from the trailhead towards the Peppertree Trail. - Grass starting to grow on the upper Garden Trail.
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bike treads and footprints in the bicycle play area. - It looks like someone has created a small jump using the loose dirt in the bicycle play area. See picture. - Bike tread marks on Garden Trail. - There was a truck from Roy’s Concrete & Masonry Inc. Construction (310-539-8023) parked on the flat part of Burma Road before the downhill to the water tank. The crew was having lunch off trail. I don’t know what they were working on, but they left some buckets, a trash can, a bag and a half of cement and

		some broken up concrete when I walked by again.
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	- Burma Road, Peacock Flats Trail, Vanderlip Trail.
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities	- Some mustard plant cut down and bundled neatly on the ground on the Peacock Flats trail near Burma Road/Ailor Trail. On the Vanderlip Trail, some branches of an acacia tree have been cut off and thrown in a ditch on the opposite side of the trail. I have a picture of the tree if you would like it. It is close to Burma Road.
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	- Good: Garden Trail, Water Tank Trail, Toyon Trail, Burma Road. - Fair: Peacock Flats Trail, Vanderlip Trail, Kubota Trail, upper Garden Trail. - Lots of grass growing on the sides of Burma Road. - Grass and weeds are starting to grow in some of the areas of the bicycle play area that were worked on during the recent volunteer day. - A lot of dead mustard plant bent in half by the wind on the Peacock Flats and Vanderlip trails. I have a picture if you would like to see it.
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	- 2 dragonflies on Vanderlip Trail. Crickets.
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # ____	
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # <u>6</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # <u>2</u>	- 5 on leash on Burma Road. - 2 off leash on Burma Road. - 1 on leash on Eagle's Nest Trail.
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u>1</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _____	- Eagle's Nest Trail.
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # <u>60</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u>4</u>	Authorized trails: - 54 on Burma Road, including 2 kids being pulled in a wagon. - 4 on Water Tank Trail. - 2 on Eagle's Nest Trail. Off trails: - 1 on spur trail that runs along Burma Road from the trailhead to the water tank. - One woman was walking along the fence that separates Portuguese Bend from the Portuguese Bend Reserve (near Vanderlip Trail). - 2 on Burma Road spur trail (on left side of trail going uphill) in between Water Tank Trail and Ailor Trail.
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _____	
Community comments		
Other		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve	
Date: December 31, 2008		Start time: 3:30 P.M.	
KEEPER Name: Eva Cicoria		End time: 5:30 P.M.	
Property Condition		Location	Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Fire Station Tr. and Burma Rd.	Ditches have deepened. Deep mud at bend (w/in RH) on Fire Station Tr.
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy		
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other		Signs (tracks) of increased use of jump off Eagles Nest Tr. spur onto Burma Rd. Deep hole in Ishibashi Tr. near lower intersection w/ former lower slalom tr.—someone has put some rocks in it.
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	Ishibashi	Trail directional signs
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair		Trails pitted from hooves on muddy trails.
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trails <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses	FireStation, Rim, Paintbrush, Ishibashi, Grapevine, Eagles Nest, Ailor	There are many, many spurs off authorized trails, only one of which (off Rim Tr.) hasn't had new growth trampled since recent rains. Areas newly trampled last month are more heavily damaged this month, esp. off Eagle Nest Tr., near the post and rope installation (cactus plantings and skirting the lemonade berry adjacent to the plantings), and the unauthorized connection between Eagles Nest and Ailor trails. Numerous bike tracks appear on ped/eques trails, including Rim, Paintbrush, Grapevine, and Ailor trails. Bike tracks and some horse hoof prints appear on spur/unauthorized trails. Neither were evident on spur that veers left at base of Ishibashi. Note there are no trail directional signs at any (except 2) of the forks where authorized trails branch off to unauthorized trails (and those 2 did not clarify route).
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy		Minimal trash--improvement since last month.
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities		Many cactus planted behind post and rope off Eagles Nest have been uprooted, others have been damaged, and still

			others are missing. See also discussion re unauthorized uses/ spur trails. Newly replaced trail markers seem to be intact. Other items noted last month, eg. Fennel piles, shovels, and post and rope in bushes, still present. Post and rope is gone at top of chute that has been blocked w/ rocks (off Burma Rd. dropping to Ishibashi).
Habitat			
Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Good X Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor		Lots of new growth sprouting up on ground.
Irrigation	X No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Seed availability	X No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Fauna	<input type="checkbox"/> Insects X Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals		Quite a lot of birds out at dusk.
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # _0_		
Community			
Dogs	X Present on leash # __1__ X Present off leash # __1__	Burma Rd.	
Bicycles	X Present on authorized trails # _2_ X Present off trails # __0__	Burma Rd	
Hikers	X Present on authorized trails # 8 X Present off trails # __0__	Burma Rd., Fire Station, Rim, Paintbrush, Eagles Nest	
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # _2_ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # __0__		
Community comments	Other: Wooden saw horses present at either end of the Fire Station Tr. bend, both having sign that reads "Trail Closed" and "RHCA." There is also construction material at one end of that bend (wheel barrow, etc.) and at Eagles Nest, where concrete block posts and a rock wall are being installed.		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

		Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section C
Date: December 6, 2008		Start time: 12:35PM
KEEPER Name: Lowell Nickel		End time: 3:40PM
Property Condition		Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Little to no noticeable erosion from rain
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Top of Rim Trail: Posted private property
Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Missing <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	Mid Rim Trail and Paintbrush intersection: No signage
Authorized Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poor	Poor" upper Rim and mid Paintbrush trails-overgrown with Lemonberry bush
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Uses	Mid Paintbrush: spur trail to Rim trail – 1 hiker
Trash or Dumping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Vandalism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Recent rain helped
Irrigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	(not yet know mature!?)
Fauna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	Birds base to top: see bottom. Rim Trail top: dragonflies 5. At the base of Panorama: 1 loggerhead strike. Birds: 2 redbelted hawks, 1 cooperhawk, 11 ravens, 1 strike, 7 towhees CA, 8 white crown sparrows, 2 red shaptd flickers, 2 scrub jays, 8 yellow rump warblers, 2 morning doves, 8 house finches, 3 goldfinche, 1 says phobe, 1 bk. phobe
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # _0_	
Community		
Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on leash # _0_ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off leash # _1_	Klondike: no leash sm. dog
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails# _14 <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _0_	
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # _11 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # ___1_	
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails # _0_ <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # _0_	
Community comments		
Other A beautiful afternoon hike! 70 degrees part. Cloudy. (no photos with this report)		



STEWARDSHIP REVIEW SHEET

Preserve: Portuguese Bend Reserve, Section D

Date: December 28, 2008		Start time: 230 PM
KEEPER Name: S. Ian Song		End time: 430 PM
Property Condition		Comments
Drainage or Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate to Heavy <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	Many, if not all, of the trails are in need of maintenance due to varying degrees of drainage issues and erosive processes. There is a sizeable sinkhole located near the entrance of Peppertree Trail, at the bottom of the hill.
Encroachments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	
Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bee hive <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Excessive fuel: the entire area is still filled with dead vegetation.
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized signage	The brochure box on Klondike Canyon Trail, near Forrestal, is missing. Peppertree Trail and Landslide Scarp Trail Junction: there is only 1 "usage designation" decal placed on the Peppertree Trail marker, none on Landslide Scarp. Also, no directional decals placed on both of the trail markers for Peppertree and Landslide Scarp trails.
Authorized Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair to Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Brush clearance still needed, especially the Klondike Trail across from the Forrestal Reserve. Many equine hoof marks/post holes seen on the trails due to riding after the rain.
Unauthorized Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses	A cyclist on Landslide Scarp Trail.
Trash or Dumping	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	A large concrete slab dumped on the west side of Peppertree Trail, about half way up from the bottom.
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting/Clearing of Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	See Signage Section.
Habitat		
Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Good to Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Castor bean plants found on Peppertree Trail, at the junction leading to Water Tower Trail.
Irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/> No change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damaged PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged sprinkler head <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged mainline <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Broken PVC pipe near the entrance/trailhead of Ishibashi Farm Trail, West Spur, at the bottom of the hill
Seed availability	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Fauna	<input type="checkbox"/> Insects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals	Numerous Sparrows, phoebes, towhees; 1 red tailed hawk, and 10 white throated swifts.
Predators	<input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird # <u> 0 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Fox # <u> 0 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote # <u> 0 </u>	None sighted.
Community		
Dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on leash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off leash	4 on leash; 1 unleashed.
Bicycles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails# 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present off trails #1	5 on authorized trails; 1 on unauthorized trail (Landscape Sarp Trail)
Hikers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails#21 <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u> 0 </u>	21 on authorized trails.
Equestrian	<input type="checkbox"/> Present on authorized trails #0 <input type="checkbox"/> Present off trails # <u> 0 </u>	None sighted.
Community comments	None	
Other		

APPENDIX B

**Lomita Sheriff's Station CO.RE. Team Report
Provided by the RPV City Staff**



LOMITA SHERIFF'S STATION

CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

PORTUGUESE BEND
NATURE PRESERVE

DECEMBER 22, 2008

RONENE ANDA, CAPTAIN

SUMMARY OF PORTUGUESE BEND NATURE PRESERVE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

Since the inception of the Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve, the Lomita Station CO.RE. Team has patrolled the area at least once a week on the two Polaris Rangers. From February 2008 to September 2008, approximately 385 hours have been devoted to the area. From September 2008 to present, the team has spent 128 overtime hours patrolling the preserve.

During the initial phase of enforcement implementation, the CO.RE. Team took a pro-active stance of educating the public regarding the new ordinances as well as performing specific tasks designated by city staff. This proved to be very effective. The public was very appreciative of our presence and positive actions we took. However, we looked for assistance from Public Use Master Plan (PUMP) committee members to assist us with this task but they were afraid to come forward due to possible retaliation from adversaries. With the assistance of the Concerned Off-Road Bicyclist Association (CORBA), bicyclist enthusiast shared the trails and for all intent and purposes were very cordial. Of course, there were those that were against any ordinances imposed on the area. They vented their frustrations to us. For the first few weeks, many of the erected signs prohibiting specific activities were ripped from their foundations and strewn about the trails.

In the spring and summer months, the team noticed an increase in trail usage. Once again, the team used a pro-active approach that proved to be very effective in combating any illegal activity. Many of the complaints received were bicyclists riding on unauthorized trails. However, the trails were not clearly marked coupled with the fact signs were ripped down. The CO.RE. Team used an innovative approach and began walking the trails which proved to be very successful. Bicyclists were warned of the dangers and the new ordinances that were in effect. The bicyclists were grateful for the information and were very cooperative. A few did not get the word, but when they saw the Polaris's or deputies on foot, they rapidly departed the preserve.

As the winds picked up over the Preserve, the para-gliders began emerging and taking off from an area of protected habitat in and around the Barn Owl trail. After landing on a flat area, the operator was cited for RPVMC.

The area has become a popular haven for air soft gun enthusiasts. Since the team has been patrolling the area, they have taken a zero tolerance policy against them. After initial warnings, the team has not seen or received any complaints about air soft activities.

During the windy Santa Ana conditions, the Team deployed to the Preserve for - Fire Watch. Local residents were very grateful. In November, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes had its first brush fire next to city hall. Fortunately, CO.RE. Team members were working in the Preserve and saw the smoke. Their initial call into the Fire Department was very timely. The Fire Department responded and had difficulty accessing the canyon to where the fire started. The deputies shuttled personnel and equipment on the Polaris's to the fire lines thus limiting the fire to a few acres.

Of late, a few homeless encampments have sprouted in and around the preserve. With the cooperation from the city, CO.RE Team members quickly found the encampment and removed debris that had been accumulating for a year. The "resident" took it upon himself to grade the area into a three level "condo" that he could rent out. The resident was asked to leave city property and he fully complied.

One of the continuing problems in the Preserve is the trail signs being destroyed. The signs need to be made of a sturdy material and firmly rooted in the ground.

The Portuguese Bend Preserve has proven to be a magnificent addition to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. Sheriff personnel enjoy patrolling the area. The success of the Sheriff's Department has been measured with our education efforts as well as high visibility on the trails.

APPENDIX C

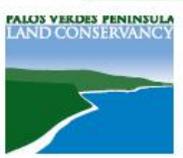
Portuguese Bend Reserve Trail Map Brochure

Appendix 4

Front and back of brochure



**PORTUGUESE
BEND
Reserve**



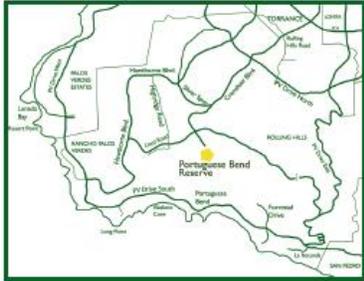
Information

Park hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, per RPV City Municipal Code 12.16.030. No one is permitted in the preserve after dark. Please respect adjacent private property.

IN EMERGENCY: Dial 911. Crimes and violations can be reported to the Lomita Sheriff at (310) 539-1661.

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How You Can Help

If you would like to participate in Preserve stewardship including trail work or other volunteer projects, please call the Land Conservancy office at (310)541-7613.

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Information given on the cover and back side of brochure.

Interfold of brochure



*California gnatcatcher, *Poliophtila californica**

Safety & Trail Etiquette

RESTROOMS AND WATER. A portable toilet is available along Burma Road Trail. There is no water on the trail. Water found in streams is not for human consumption.

BEAWARE of the potential and inherent dangers that exist in any wilderness setting. Watch for and avoid rattlesnakes, poison oak, stinging nettle and scorpions.

DOGS must be on leash at all times as required by City of RPV Municipal Code Section 12.16.050. Please remove dog waste and pack out all litter.

FIRE AND SMOKING are not permitted in the preserve due to the potential for serious fire damage.

NATURAL FEATURES are protected in the preserve and are to be admired, but not removed.

FIREARMS are not permitted in the preserve. City of RPV Municipal Code Section 9.08.010.

TRAVEL ON DESIGNATED TRAILS. It doesn't take much off-trail activity to beat down sensitive vegetation whether you are on horse, foot, or bicycle. You can help balance preservation with recreation by staying on designated trails as shown on the trail map. Bicyclists must yield to foot and equestrian traffic.

RESIST THE URGE TO MODIFY THE LANDSCAPE. Trail modifications of any kind are not permitted in the preserve. This includes construction of jumps, wooden ladders, earthen mounds, formation of berms, and brush clearing.

TRAIL CLOSURES will be in effect at times when the environment is fragile such as during and following significant rainfall or periods of severe drought. Please respect closed areas and usage restrictions.

Portuguese Bend Reserve is one of nine reserves that make up the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve owned by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and managed by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. This reserve is home to coastal sage scrub habitat, a community of intensely fragrant and highly drought resistant shrubs and flowering plants. Living throughout this rare habitat are many different animals, including the threatened California gnatcatcher and coastal cactus wren.

Information given on the interfold of the brochure.

The Portuguese Bend Reserve Trails Map



Many of the plant communities and habitats found on the Reserve are representative of Southern California as it appeared before the arrival of Spanish settlers more than two centuries ago. California sagebrush, California sunflower, and purple sage are among the natives found within the scrublands.



California sagebrush, *Artemisia californica*



purple sage, *Salvia leucophylla*



California sunflower, *Encelia californica*

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy's mission is:
Preserving land and restoring habitat for the education and enjoyment of all.

Trail map provided in the brochure indicating trail uses for authorized trails in the Portuguese Bend Reserve.

APPENDIX D

Public Comments via Email

“Just a note to encourage you to honor your commitment to require speed limits by the bike riders on the RPV preserve trails, and if necessary please limit bike activity until the speed limit can be enforced if delays are required. The trails are returning to the beauty of the past with the reduced biking, even though it is clear some riders are violating some of the closed trails. These violations, and the fact that some of the new signs are being cut off at the bases just indicates the bad will of a number of the bikers. This vandalism should in no way be seen as resulting in relaxing the rules currently in place, or any other ‘rewards’.”

-Anonymous, June 2, 2008

“This past Sunday (June 1) we were passed by a man riding on a small orange quad-runner on Burma Road. My friend and I were at the junction where road splits to either go up Burma Road or over to Panorama when this person went by us. We watched as he made his way up Burma Road passing several other people towards the gate in Rolling Hills Estates. I decided to turn around and head back towards Del Cerro to try to find his point of entry. Just as I got to the cut off that heads down the Water Tank Trail, he went zooming past me down the dirt road and exited out on Narcissa Drive. As I was on my mountain bike and the Water Tank Trail is illegal for us to ride, I could not follow him to see where he went once he exited on Narcissa (how I don’t know as there is a small chain link between the two posts where the dirt meets the pavement). I also saw tracks from a quadrunner earlier on Burma Road that weren’t there on Saturday when I was out riding. I spoke to a couple of girls on their horses in the Sand Box area later and asked them if he had ridden past them. They said ‘Yes, what was that all about?!’ I told them I sure as hay didn’t know but it is my understanding (and theirs) that quad-runners and dirt bikes are illegal in the Reserve. The person riding the quad-runner was a white male, probably in his early 30’s or late 20’s, long hair, mustache, wearing a baseball cap backwards, blue shorts, and either a blue plaid shirt or blue football jersey. This is not the first time I have encountered someone riding a quadrunner not to mention dirt bikes in the PB Preserve. I emailed the land conservancy the first time I saw guys on dirt bikes in the PB Preserve to confirm if, in fact, it is illegal for them to be out there and suggested that maybe signs should be posted to that affect. It concerns me that these individuals who apparently live in Narcissa or the surrounding neighborhoods are getting away with riding motorcycles and quadrunners on the trails in RPV. By the time you call the Sheriff’s department to report them, they are long gone and have no license plates to identify who owns these things.”

-Anonymous, June 5, 2008

“I don’t know if you heard, but there were 3 guys on dirt bikes on Forrestal Tuesday. One almost ran me over head on and the other two slammed on their brakes and were BEHIND me. I unfortunately did not have a cell phone at the time but when I came off the trails, two sheriff cars were entering and talked to me. They said that they had gotten calls about them and they were also bombing around PB. I believe they are possibly high school guys and live in Ladera Linda. I’m asking my friends who live there and when I find out, I’ll let the sheriffs know.”

-Anonymous, June 12, 2008

“Monday morning I was hiking in the PV preserve (Portuguese Bend) and saw many bikes on restricted trails. I have also noticed that many of the biker restricted decals are now missing from the sign posts. Maybe a kiosk at the junction of Burma and Fire Station trail would get the message out and be harder to vandalize.”

-Anonymous, August 14, 2008

“I am appalled by the lower Ishibashi trail. It is a straight line down hill for the majority of the trail. This is a no-no from the point of erosion. Part of the trail is eroded six feet below the original level of the land from previous use by equestrians and hikers. Bikes going down this trail will get to unsafe speeds and have to brake ripping up the remaining earth thereby increasing the erosion. Other bikers will slow down by curving back and forth turning the eroded area into a giant half pipe. I believe that a much better solution would be to maintain the lower slalom as a bike and pedestrian trail and reserve the Ishibashi Trail as a pedestrian and equestrian trail. Horses and some people like to go on straight trails and bikes and some people like to go on curved trails. Then all the cross trails and cutoffs should be eliminated. This way the user community will be far more supportive of what the PVPLC is trying to accomplish. I would like you to distribute this comment to the Board of the PVPLC.”

-Anonymous, August 31, 2008

“It is apparent to a few that some of the bicyclists have been doing damage to some of the signs and work put in by the volunteers. Yesterday while walking the ‘Eagle’s Nest Trail’, I came upon an old bicycle crossing that had been roped off and posts anchored in the ground with concrete. Someone has ripped the posts and concrete footings out of the ground. Very sad that some bicyclists may be ruining it for all. This constant damage can only hurt them in the long run. I hope the Conservancy and the City Council is taking appropriate action to punish severely those who may be caught in the process of damaging the signs and items placed on the trails to protect the land. The bicycle clubs should be notified and perhaps they will help. If not, maybe a month’s moratorium on use of the trails might get their attention and demonstrate that their destruction is not appreciated.”

-Anonymous, September 9, 2008

“Just in case you were under the impression that all has settled down in the preserve, this morning 6 mountain bikers came hauling down the single track that parallels Burma Rd. (Actually, the 2 in back were traveling at a more reasonable pace, seemingly less secure in their skills navigating bumps and curves.) They were forced to slow at the water tank because there was a landscaping company truck in the middle of the trail. Looking over the hillside toward Eagles Nest, I could see that they quickly picked up their pace again. I heard a hiker holler “Slow down.” They didn’t. They left a trail of dust behind them.”

-Anonymous, September 19, 2008

"I read that there is a mountain bike ride planned in connection with the opening of PV Bicycle Center in the Peninsula Center this weekend. It seems that PV Bicycle Center expects a large turnout for their grand opening and I wondered whether you are aware of it and whether they will be distributing maps and rules, both for the organized ride Saturday morning and for those who come to the opening and then go into the Preserve on their own. It seems to me that the organized ride leader ought to be informed in advance where bikes are permitted and what the rules are and not take advantage of the fact that there are minimal signs up. It will just set a precedent for more of the same, whichever way it goes. I have to say that bells went off when I read in yesterday's PV News, regarding the mountain bike ride, "no one will intentionally be left behind, but his will be an enthusiast's ride. Hiking this morning I saw that there are more signs down, including the sign at the intersection of Ishibashi and Paintbrush. There were numerous bike tracks turning off Ishibashi onto Paintbrush toward Ailor Cliff. Moreover, there is new damage off trail in the area below Eagles Nest Trail (near the post and rope and cactus installations). This is the kind of thing that I've brought to PVPLC's attention in the past. It abated for a while after the City's trail closure. It's starting again. This isn't just trails cut through dry mustard fields (although that has been happening, too), but through Coyote Bush, Artemesia and other natives that have been crushed--the kind of thing we labor over planting and re-planting; the kind of thing that takes years to get to the condition it is in naturally. I'll send photos with my monitoring report and would be happy to show it to anybody who wants to see it. I hope that something proactive will be done to reduce the possibilities for more damage and more bike riding that puts others at risk Saturday morning."

-Anonymous, November 21, 2008

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PLANNING, BUILDING AND
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Dear RPV councilmen and officers:

We were informed that Pump committee recently voted to recommend to city to allow paragliding from the knoll on dirt Crenshaw in Portuguese Bend open space and this will be discussed and decided at coming RPV city council meeting.

This area was supposed to be maintained as a passive open space rather than active recreation area. Paragliding has not been allowed anywhere in RPV so far.

Presented are **petitions to disallow paragliding in Del Cerro and surrounding area**, signed by affected residents. Included are photos showing para-glider flying, over power lines and houses.

As long time residents adjacent from suggested paragliding area, **we are absolutely against paragliding activities for following reasons.**

1. Para-gliders often fly over electric power lines along closed dirt Crenshaw Blvd. and houses intentionally or unintentionally. This is dangerous, and invading privacy of permanent residents.
2. Paragliding activities will attract large uncontrolled crowd with littering, environmental habitat damage and possibility of fire in this fire prone area.
3. There will be major liability issues in case of possible accident related to paragliding.

Sincerely

Hongpyo Henry and Julie Lee: 9 Amber Sky Dr. RPV

H. Lee 3/23/09

Michael and Bernice green ; 11 Amber Sky Dr. RPV Et al.

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Petition to Disallow Paragliding in Del Cerro and Surrounding Area

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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
ROANNA BROWN		8 BURRELL LANE Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275		3/20/09
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CINDY CHUSEO	Cindy Chuseo	5 AMBER SKY DR. RPV	We support to DISALLOW PARAGLIDING	12/17/08
David Seo	David Seo	5 Amber Sky Dr. RPV		12/17/08
K EL ADLI	K El Adli	1 AMBER SKY DR RPV		12/17/08
Lori El-Adli	Lori El-Adli	1 Amber sky dr RPV	Please don't let this happen	12/17/08
Eric Barnett	Eric Barnett	15 Oceanair RPV		12/17/08
Bruce Lutz	Bruce Lutz	4 Amber Sky Dr	agree - liability	12/17/08
Megan Moore	Megan Moore	10 Amber Sky, RPV	Keep it the way it is	12-17-08
MICHAEL GREEN	Michael Green	11 AMBER SKY DR RPV	Safety & privacy issues	12/17/08
Bernice Green	Bernice Green	11 Amber Sky Dr RPV	Safety issues + Fire prevention	12/17/08
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Lou Whallon	<i>Lou Whallon</i>	19 OCEANAIRE DR		12/18/08
Lori Daniels	<i>Lori Daniels</i>	3 AMBER SKY R.P.V		12/19/08
RICK DANIELS	<i>Rick Daniels</i>	3 AMBER SKY R.P.V.		12/20/08
Thomas Chrien	<i>Thomas Chrien</i>	8 Amber Sky Dr R.P.V		12/20/08
Nadine Chrien	<i>Nadine Chrien</i>	8 Amber Sky Dr R.P.V		12/20/08
CHAR FRENCH	<i>Char French</i>	2 Amber Sky Dr R.P.V		12-21-08

March 31, 2009

Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

I am concerned about a reference to “use of the Preserve in the evening” in the listserv announcement of the upcoming City Council meeting. My concern derives from my desire to see progress in making the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve the very best it can be. I do believe that, in order to increase public appreciation for the Preserve, it may be to the City’s and Land Conservancy’s (and ultimately the Preserve’s) advantage to *at some point in the future* permit limited after-dark access. I also believe, however, that any after-dark access should be subject to strict controls to protect the conservation goals for the Preserve and to protect other users of the Preserve.

After-dark use invites opportunities for vandalism and increased degradation of coastal sage scrub habitat and geologically sensitive areas. Vandalism (to signs, plantings, etc.) in Portuguese Bend Reserve has been constant since the Preserve Trails Plan was approved. Night use has also been a regular activity. When I see new vandalism on my early morning hikes, I find myself asking, “What is the likelihood that someone is sawing down trail markers or moving hundreds of pounds of rock and tree limbs from a closed trail (activities that had to take considerable time) during daylight hours versus under cover of darkness?”

1) Before permitting any after-dark access, non-Preserve Trails Plan trails should be closed.

As I’ve mentioned previously, the Preserve currently has many “established trails” that continue to be heavily used despite not being part of the Preserve Trails Plan. If people are using non-PTP trails during daylight hours, how likely is it that they will limit their use to PTP trails at night, whether well-intentioned or not? Let’s give the Preserve Trails Plan (which as you know was the result of considerable expenditure of time, effort, and money) a chance to succeed at balancing the competing interests for use and protection of the Preserve.

2) When developing a plan for after-dark access, preference should be for activities that enable nighttime visitors to the Preserve to enjoy nature at night while minimizing their intrusion upon nature.

Perhaps this means limiting after-dark access to moonlight hikes led by docents trained as to the conservation goals for the Preserve.

At the very least, after-dark use should be limited to the wide, fire road-type trails, which include Conqueror Tr., Barn Owl Tr., Burma Rd., Fire Station Tr., and perhaps the wide section of Eagles Nest Trail that leads to the top of Eagles Nest. Intrusions upon wildlife and the risk to vegetation after dark are too great on the narrower trails. Not to mention, the safety risks are more significant on narrow trails in the dark. Moreover, is there really any reason to use the narrow trails in the dark when you are concentrating (hopefully) so intently on the trail bed before you that you really can’t appreciate your surroundings anyway?

I’ve attached photos that demonstrate the vulnerabilities that concern me. While these photos reflect a daylight issue, the problem is exacerbated in the dark. In the process of considering human desire to maximize use of the Preserve, please keep in mind that we are attempting to protect an entire ecosystem, much of which we don’t fully understand. Let’s err on the side of caution.

Eva Cicoria



The photo of the baby snake, below, is a close-up of the same in the photo above, taken on Ailor Trail. Consider what might have happened if the snake had been a bit further over in the trail bed, or if someone were coming down fast or in the dark.



P.S. The recent City Council decision to implement a modest park ranger enforcement program in the Preserve is a step in the right direction. Thank you! I hope you'll keep moving forward.

Ara M

From: Joel Rojas [joelr@rpv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 5:38 PM
To: 'Ara M'; avona@pvplc.org
Subject: FW: Citizen's comments on the PVPLC

From: Joel Rojas [mailto:joelr@rpv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 5:28 PM
To: 'Michael R. Veerkamp'
Subject: RE: Citizen's comments on the PVPLC

Mike

Thank you for the staff compliments. I will follow-up on your issues when I next meet with the PVPLC.
Joel

From: Michael R. Veerkamp [mailto:mike@teamimagination.com]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 6:59 PM
To: 'Joel Rojas'
Subject: RE: Citizen's comments on the PVPLC

Joel, thanks for the very fast response, and the information. I guess it mostly comes down to our little overgrown path has become discovered, and other people have discovered how wonderful the area I live in is --- and I just don't want to share. I don't want the cars parked in front of the house, the trash left behind, the paint ballers (an entirely other subject). I've lived there since 1984 --- and I like the solitude!

But thank you for reassuring my concerns, addressing my desire for no parking sign to return, and telling me about the Gateway Park. I'll poke around the City's web site and try to learn more about it.

Also, I want to tell you that you have a pretty wonderful staff in planning and building. I've been doing some remodeling to my house and they have been great over the last year.

All the best,

Mike

From: Joel Rojas [mailto:joelr@rpv.com]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 4:30 PM
To: 'Michael R. Veerkamp'
Cc: aram@rpv.com; avona@pvplc.org; 'Jim Bell'; 'Carolynn Petru'
Subject: RE: Citizen's comments on the PVPLC

Dear Mr. Veerkamp

I have received your letter dated March 30, 2009 via email and regular mail. Thank you for bringing these issues to the City's attention.

First, let me clarify that the Preserve property you are referring to is a City owned property. The PVPLC does not own the land but merely manages the Preserve for the City. Secondly, the end of Barkentine Road already functions as a public trail head and has for years and so I'm not sure what you mean when you say the PVPLC is developing a new trail head. You are correct that it is not the City's intent for the end of Barkentine Road to serve as a major public entry into the preserve. Thus, there are no plans to develop the existing trail head into a major arrival point. However, routine trail maintenance along with the appropriate trail signage, trash cans/doggie bags for trail users will still occur on as needed basis.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Joel Rojas
Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement

From: Michael R. Veerkamp [mailto:mike@teamimagination.com]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 12:47 PM
To: Planning@rpv.com
Subject: Citizen's comments on the PVPLC

Hi, please confirm that you received the attached and were able to open it. Thanks! Mike



29 March 2009

Re: The Rancho Palos Verdes City Council and Land Conservancy review of the Portuguese Bend trail use.

Dear Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement,:

My name is Kevin E. Cahill. My family and I are Rancho Palos Verdes residents who enjoy both Mountain biking and hiking in the Portuguese Bend and Forrester Reserves. My wife, two daughters and I have also volunteered for trail clean-up and plan to continue helping maintain the preserve. As hikers, we feel we have access to all the trails we would ever want to explore. But when we jump on our bikes, we know we are severely limited in the trails we are allowed to ride. In several key areas we don't even have the right to connect back up to the fire road and have to walk our bikes up steeper trails we just road down. We love to use this beautiful area, and ask that as bikers we have the same opportunity as the horse and hiking folks to explore and enjoy the trails.

We have come to know many of the hikers and bikers who frequent the Reserves and when I am hiking, I have asked over and over how they feel about bikers. They almost all say that things have improved considerably and they have no problem opening more trails to the bikers. I ask you to take this into consideration and open additional trails. All of the bikers I have met and spoken with, as well as my immediate family are all willing to participate and work with any of the organizations to find solutions that work for everyone.

I'd like to point out that for almost 20 years, the birthplace of Mountain biking (Marin County, CA) banned riding on almost 90% of the single-track trails. While many thought this was never going to change, the CA Dept of Parks and Recreation is opening a significant number of trails within the year. The bikers worked with the Dept. as well as hiker and equestrian groups and were able to show that they could work through the issues that had polarized the respective camps and work out a solution that benefited everyone.

I also encourage you to view the upcoming documentary "The Freedom Riders" which details the struggle to legalize Teton, WY single tracks and how the biker community worked with the Forest Service and hiker groups to design and open trails for bikers while insuring the hikers rights were not infringed upon.

I understand that opening trails can be polarizing, but I'd like to think that like Marin County and Teton, WY, we can all look at the bigger aim of the Reserves and work together to insure that no one group is singled out for exclusion and that all groups involved have an equal right to access this extraordinary Reserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin E. Cahill", written in a cursive style.

Kevin E. Cahill

President Cahill Partners LLC

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Ara M

From:Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 7:07 AM
To: aram@rpv.com
Cc: JoelR@rpv.com
Subject: FW: Portuguese Bend Reserve Trails Plan

From: Bryan Knox [mailto:bryan.knox@ieee.org]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 7:54 PM
To: cc@rpv.com
Subject: Portuguese Bend Reserve Trails Plan

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I believe bikes should be allowed on the Upper Grapevine, Lower Grapevine, and Landslide Scarp trails at the Portuguese Bend Reserve. These are great trails that were previously open to bikes. Also, please consider a bike skills area near the water towers that would be accessible to local youths. Such an area would give local kids an great place to ride and reduce the their temptation to ride in inappropriate areas.

CORBA and other groups of volunteers have been doing a great job of helping to maintain trails in the Portuguese Bend Reserve and as a frequent user of those trails I will continue to do my part too.

Kind regards,
Bryan Knox
Long Beach, CA

Michael R. Veerkamp
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Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90274
310.541.7790

Mr. Joel Rojas
Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement
City of Rancho Palos Verdes
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Dear Mr. Rojas,

March 30, 2009

I am a 25 yr resident of Barkentine Road. I would like to make a comment with regards to the development and use of the nature preserves land that begins at the end of my street.

I've have started to notice over the past several months that the Land Conservancy is begun to develop the end of my street into a trail head on the Conservancy's land. With that new use, I am beginning to notice additional automobiles (sometimes a significant number of them being parked on Barkentine. Over thirty years ago the city made Barkentine a "parking with permit only" street. Over time most all of the signs have fallen over and disappeared. Repeated requests by me to have them replaced have fallen on deaf ears (although one ignored sign was posted at the end of the street). My concern is that it is going to become a regular weekend occurrence that the street will be loaded up with additional autos.

Additionally, the Land Conservancy has on a few occasions' hosted events for volunteers, which bring twenty or more cars on to the street, blocking mail boxes (eliminating mail delivery for the day) and causing a bit of inconvenience and noise. I don't want to suggest that these occasional events should not be held, but I do feel that the Land Conservancy could at least give us some warning that they are coming; and show consideration for its neighbors.

What I do hope is that plans are made to provide parking (like at the Shoreline Park --- where we can make money from it), and eliminate it from the street; and that the Land Conservancy and City keep to the promise that Barkentine would not become a significant entry to the Conservancy land. It would also be nice if we could get the No Parking signs reposted.

Thank you.

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 10:34 AM
To: 'Steve Wolowicz'
Cc: 'Carolyn Lehr'; 'Ara M'
Subject: RE: Redundant trails

Steve
 We are looking into this.
 Thanks
 Joel

From: Steve Wolowicz [mailto:swolowicz@zwcpcpa.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2009 10:36 AM
To: Joel Rojas
Cc: Carolyn Lehr
Subject: FW: Redundant trails

Joel,
 This may be of interest to our staff member dealing with trails.
 Steve

Steve Wolowicz
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From: Troy [mailto:troy@eworld-media.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2009 10:11 AM
To: RPV City Council
Subject: Redundant trails

Honorable Mayor and Council,

One key directive that influenced the current trails plan was eliminate redundant trails to increase continuous habitat. Although not specifically mandated, the NCCP requires "Conserving, restoring, and managing representative natural and semi natural landscapes to maintain the ecological integrity of large habitat blocks, ecosystem function, and biological diversity" (NCCP 2820.a.4.A).

A trail was considered redundant if another trail went to the same point, particularly when trails were in close proximity and parallel. Even though some trails offered different topography, vegetation or views,

little weight was given to user experience, popularity, or the ability to disperse or separate users.

The scientific community refers to “increase continuous habitat” as reduction of habitat fragmentation. Abundant studies document the negative impacts of habitat fragmentation on biodiversity. However, these impacts are predominately large-scale disruptions such as urban and business development, logging, and road construction. Unfortunately, few detailed studies about the impact of trails exist. By extrapolation, it is often assumed that trails have considerable negative impact on biodiversity.

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Rancho Palos Verdes

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March 28th 2009

Reference: The Rancho Palos Verdes City Council and Land Conservancy review of the Portuguese Bend trail use.

To: The Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement:

I am writing today to voice my concern for the upcoming review of the Portuguese Bend reserve.

I am an active 61 year old Rancho Palos Verdes resident who enjoys cycling the trails in this new protected park area. I was made redundant a year ago and riding my mountain bike over this magnificent picturesque area keeps me healthy and uplifts my spirits. It gives me the opportunity to meet and befriend regular hikers, bikers and also people on horseback.

In the past a few in the horse set have tried to blame Mountain bikers for making new trails. Prior to restrictions and signs being placed I could see how this has happened. I can also say horsemen and hikers have also pushed new trails. I can also say that even since the new rules all three, horsemen, hikers and bikers still randomly roam on illegal trails. Horsemen in particular have forged new ones and are easily identified over the winter by the deep hoof prints.

I spent one Saturday on a volunteer party digging holes and cementing posts (hard work) to rope off a trail on the back side of the Eagles Nest, two weeks later when riding by I noticed that something really strong had literally pull all four posts out in one direction. My thoughts were that only a horse could have done this. A week later another bicycle rider relayed to me how he had stopped to talk to a horseman and he had told him how he was galloping down the trail and had suddenly come across the roped off trail, the horse not seeing the rope until the last minute almost had a major accident, the incensed rider hooked a rope to his horse and pulled the posts out. From my view two things should be learned here, one make sure the trail is blocked at both ends and two make sure something is hung on the rope so animals can see them.

The important thing though is that we all need to work together, the land is for all to enjoy and make sure it stays this way for future generations. I ride the trails at least 4 times a week and can honestly say I have not seen one confrontation between either parties in fact I think just the opposite, the regulars all greet one another regardless of what types of propulsion they use.

Several of the old hiking and horse trails have been recently closed to bikers and I would really like to see some more of these opened up for all to enjoy. I would like to see more trash bins allocated to the trails, in the summer dog poop is everywhere and is even left on the sides of the trails in their plastic bags (who do they expect is going to pick this up?). This attracts annoying flies everywhere. How about a few more seats along the trails for weary hikers, even some neatly placed large rocks would suffice and look natural. And no we do not need to have someone's name on them.

To sum up this land was purchased by contributions from everyone and put aside for all to enjoy so lets keep it so we can all use it in a legal manner we personally enjoy.

Sincerely

Ian E. Bisco

Ara M

From: SunshineRPV@aol.com
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 8:08 PM
To: cc@rpv.com; aram@rpv.com
Subject: The next steps in the PUMP

MEMO from Sunshine
TO: RPV City Council and PUMP Committee
RE: Agriculture in the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve

There is something that you and only you, collectively, can do. The list of items to consider on April 7, 2009 about finishing the proposed NCCP are missing how these topics fit together with the other plans.

Agriculture is a good thing. Despite what it says in the City's General Plan, the era of commercial agriculture in RPV is clearly coming to a close. Children should still have the opportunity to learn where food comes from. Older people who already know, should be encouraged to teach the young.

Even though none of you Council Members supported adoption of the proposed Parks, Recreation and Open Space Strategic Plan, there are some good recommendations in there which can be salvaged if the Public Use Master Plan is coordinated with other City Plans. Point Vicente Park has been divided into several different venues. The Project Good Sense proposal involves two of them. There is no one site plan which shows them all on one page.

There is agriculture at Lower Point Vicente Park. There is agriculture at Upper Point Vicente Park which is within the area of the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. There is an educational agriculture element in the Los Serenos Outdoor History Museum proposal. There is an educational agriculture element in the Annenberg Foundation proposal. There are educational agriculture elements in the P,R&OP Strategic Plan.

Unfortunately, there are no educational agriculture elements in the RPV Coastal Vision Plan. Unfortunately, you have already authorized the PVPLC to revegitate, soon, a portion of the Project Good Sense proposal area. Unfortunately, the PUMP Committee recommendation is to let agriculture in RPV fade away when James Hatano retires.

My request is that you cancel the authorization for revegitation of area 3 of Upper Point Vicente Park until the other proposals have been addressed.

Feeling the pinch at the grocery store? Make dinner for \$10 or less.



In Your Own Backyard

Palos Verdes Loop Trail Project

MISSION STATEMENT

The ongoing purpose of The Palos Verdes Loop TrailSM Project is to create, maintain and legally preserve public access to a continuous network of unpaved pathways which connect trailheads, communities and points of interest around the Palos Verdes Peninsula for emergency response, wildlife circulation and non-motorized recreational use. This network is known as the Peninsula Wheel Trails NetworkSM and the California Coastal TrailSM.

Position Statement

March 27, 2009

RE: Six Month Review of the RPV Public Use Master Plan (PUMP) trails network.

Our Mission Statement has been expanded to clarify the objectives which the PUMP Committee did not accommodate. We strenuously object to the use of the label "Palos Verdes Loop Trail" on trail routes which do not meet these objectives.

We support the concept of improving a major trail across each of the reserves. Just don't call it the Palos Verdes Loop Trail where it is not the "ideal route" as promulgated by the Project. You can find these differences by comparing the PUMP trails network with the "A" trails in the RPV Conceptual Trails Plan.

With the recent adoption of the RPV Coastal Vision Plan which includes an equestrian park and a Gateway Park to the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, the diversion of the Palos Verdes Loop Trail to go through these facilities is appropriate.

Please refer to the map which is a part of our Position Statement of February 23, 2008. If these "missing links" are not added to the PUMP Trails Network Plan, Staff will have no directive to preserve, maintain, restore or enhance them. Any interruption to the continuity has far reaching impacts on a network.

On this map, the Reserves of the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve have been shaded in light green. Given this view of the whole Peninsula, it is rather absurd to call the PUMP Committee's recommendation a "trails network".

We urge the RPV City Council to go back to the original proposal of a Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) and take this opportunity to implement the portions of the big picture which are in your jurisdiction.

Ara M

From:Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 9:56 AM
To: aram@rpv.com
Cc: JoelR@rpv.com
Subject: FW: Upcoming City Council Meeting Re Trail Usage

From: Stacy [mailto:stacy0219@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 9:29 AM
To: cc@rpv.com
Subject: Upcoming City Council Meeting Re Trail Usage

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I have been hiking the trails around Portugese Bend and various other preserves on the Peninsula for the last ten years, beginning with the day my friend and I stuffed newspapers in our backpacks and hiked up and down Burma Road to train for a backpacking trip to the Sierras. Over the years, I have watched the preserves transform into an organized, well maintained, network of trails thanks to the efforts of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy and all the volunteers who make it possible for them to continue with their work.

Two years ago, I began volunteering with the PVPLC because I wanted to give something back to the community as repayment for the enjoyment I get from hiking. Since that time, I've volunteered almost weekly, helping to maintain trails, pulling weeds, planting native plants, and transplanting seedlings at the Nursery. I completed the "Team Leader" training and have spent many hours helping to supervise and teach other volunteers about the trails and plant life in the Peninsula. I'm currently taking a trail maintenance class offered through the PVPLC, which has been very informative.

It is my understanding that you will soon be having a meeting to determine whether or not to open up more trails to mountain bikers. I've heard rumors that bikers have a bad reputation, but in my experience that reputation is undeserved. My experience has been that the bikers are friendly and courteous.

I'm very aware of my surroundings when I hike and pay attention to everyone who uses the trails, including mountain bikers and equestrians, because I want everyone to be safe while they're enjoying the resources that are available to us on the Peninsula (and I'm also constantly on the alert for snakes!). In all the years I've been hiking, I have never been forced off a trail by a biker; they usually slow down as they come closer and nod or say hello. I have not seen any new trails created by bikers. When I hike, I often talk to other people who are hiking, and no one has complained about the bikers.

Because of my volunteer work, and the knowledge I've gained from the trail maintenance class, I know that the major cause for trail deterioration is from water runoff, not from mountain bikes. Properly maintained trails hold up well. I've seen the damage that the torrential winter rains we've had the past few years can do to a trail, and have helped repair many of them. In fact, people who mountain bike make up a large percentage of the volunteer crews that I work with.

We all work hard to make the preserves a better place for everyone's enjoyment - hikers,

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mountain bikers and equestrians, alike - and we should all have equal access to these areas. I hope the Council sees fit to open up more bike trails for riders to enjoy.

If I can answer any questions, or provide additional insight, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Stacy Herman
Torrance

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Honorable Mayor and Council,

One key directive that influenced the current trails plan was eliminate redundant trails to increase continuous habitat. Although not specifically mandated, the NCCP requires "Conserving, restoring, and managing representative natural and semi natural landscapes to maintain the ecological integrity of large habitat blocks, ecosystem function, and biological diversity" (NCCP 2820.a.4.A).

A trail was considered redundant if another trail went to the same point, particularly when trails were in close proximity and parallel. Even though some trails offered different topography, vegetation or views, little weight was given to user experience, popularity, or the ability to disperse or separate users.

The scientific community refers to "increase continuous habitat" as reduction of habitat fragmentation. Abundant studies document the negative impacts of habitat fragmentation on biodiversity. However, these impacts are predominately large-scale disruptions such as urban and business development, logging, and road construction. Unfortunately, few detailed studies about the impact of trails exist. By extrapolation, it is often assumed that trails have considerable negative impact on biodiversity.

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Ara M

From:Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 9:21 AM
To: 'Ara M'
Subject: FW: trail patrol report

Hi Ara –

FYI – latest Sheriff's posse patrol in the Portuguese Bend Preserve.

CP

From: Rozas, David T. [mailto:DTRozas@lasd.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2009 8:06 AM
To: Petru, Carolynn L.
Subject: FW: trail patrol report

FYI

From: Ebryan377@aol.com [mailto:Ebryan377@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 9:20 PM
To: Rozas, David T.; VetTrek@aol.com; pvpasofino@yahoo.com; Claas, Karl H.; darnold6769@sbcglobal.net
Cc: scotland@mindspring.com
Subject: Re: trail patrol report

Happy St. Patty's Day Dave,

A trail patrol departed from the fire station today, winding down through the preserve and into Forestall. Early on we received information from walkers that they came across a trail sign that was forcibly held down (I assume against it's will) by rocks. They rescued the sign, and to their knowledge it was able to stand back up informing trail users that although horses and pedestrians are welcome on that particular trail, cyclists were not. As we came to the lower mid section of the preserve, we discovered the sign (I'm assuming it to be one in the same) sadly pinned down to the ground, covered in a neat burial of large rocks. That sign was again liberated (by our patrol), although without an eye witness account allowing apprehension of the wrong doer, it's prospect is doubtful. Evidently there is an impassioned preserve user who has his/her own ideas about whom should be using that trail. We encountered a light crowd consisting of walkers, dog exercisers and cyclists. Our group seemed to be the only equestrians. The weather was stellar, and the patrol proceeded without incident. Thank-you, civilian volunteer Erin Ryan

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Ara M

From: Troy [troy@eworld-media.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 1:24 PM
To: RPV City Council
Cc: Ara Mihranian
Subject: PUMP Committee - Lessons Learned

Honorable Mayor and Council

Even though our trails plan has already been developed, I feel compelled reflect on my experience with the PUMP process and consider how it may have been done better, with less turmoil, and certainly faster.

Most of the committee discord stemmed from members being allowed to use various elements to support narrow positions on trail use. For some, anecdotal accounts of user conflict were the main focus. For others, the goal seemed to be closure of as many trails as possible to protect and enhance habitat. Unfortunately, members asserted expertise in areas better left to professionals.

It is understandably difficult to sort out each element of trail management because some, if not all, overlap. Last year, I attended a two-day trail management seminar in Santa Barbara. While much of it was directed at the physical layout of trails, I was able to speak to personnel from Los Padres National Forest, County of Santa Barbara Parks Dept, Santa Barbara County Trails Council, City of San Luis Obispo Trails Mgr., California State Parks, Gaviota, Montecito Trails Foundation, and City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation. The knowledge base in attendance was quite impressive. Interestingly, many of these managers said they would love the opportunity to develop a trails plan from scratch.

>From this experience I have attempted to outline a systematic approach that would streamline development of a trails plan by creating a two-phase process. Five key elements would be evaluated in phase one. The results would be a distilled set of trail options to simplify the process. Decision makers could then develop a trails plan.

Phase One - Evaluation

1. Trail inventory

Physically map all existing trails. Compare trail area density to similar reserves.

2. Trail sustainability

Trails expert would evaluate the physical status of trails. Unsustainable trails would be tagged for closure or rerouting. New trails could be suggested as alternatives. A list of candidate trail would be available for the next step.

3. Habitat survey

An outside trained expert would report specific impacts on habitat and rank them. For example, if a trail disturbs the last pair of some species, it would be ranked highest and should be rerouted or closed. General concepts like increasing contiguous open space might be ranked lower.

4. User inventory

A simple survey of who uses each trail and when. This would be a great job for college students.

- Time of day
- Day of week
- Time of year

5. Conflict survey

Consultant with state or national park experience in trail management would conduct a survey to determine specifically where and when perceived conflicts occur. Consultant would suggest remedies such as trail design and routing, education, regulations, or specific use trails. This data can be used to further study specific problem areas.

Phase Two – Committee Recommendations

Trails that fail to pass sustainability and habitat compatibility evaluation are removed from consideration. A committee would end up with a set of trails that are worthy of consideration. The primary directive of the committee would be to meet the needs of the community based on the user survey.

Again, I want to thank the city for allowing me to participate in the PUMP process. I feel fortunate that Barbara Dye insisted, even at the risk her job, that everyone have a voice. I hope that inclusion will always be the cornerstone of RPV and PVP Land Conservancy policy.

Sincerely,
Troy Braswell
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Ara M

From:Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 4:19 PM
To: 'Ara M'
Cc: 'Joel Rojas'
Subject: FW: Portuguese Bend Reserve

Hi Ara –

FYI

CP

From: Mike Jost [mailto:MJJost@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 3:22 PM
To: cc@rpv.com
Subject: Portuguese Bend Reserve

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I'd like to thank you, your staff, and the Conservancy for all your hard work acquiring The Portuguese Bend Reserve. While riding in the Bend Reserve a few weeks ago, I met a former PUMP Committee member, who was stunned when I told him of my personal mountain bike outreach efforts. He didn't think bike riders cared. I thought you'd like to know what we discussed.

After building the CORBA signs at the Portuguese Bend and Forrestral Reserves, I decided to be proactive and always carry a few CORBA brochures with me, to give out while talking to other bike riders whenever the opportunity arose. At first, I focused on just getting to know the regular young riders. Later, in small doses, I told them how important it is to ride safely and stay on the multi-use trails. How they behave today affects future bike riding at the Bend. Many riders had no idea we'd come so close to being banned from singletrack.

As time went on other bike riders, both young and middle aged also started spreading the word. It was especially good to hear one young rider describe how upset he was at two riders who didn't know trail manners. He ran into them later and explained trail etiquette. When I saw riders on closed trails I'd say, "Did you know that trail is closed? Riding it hurts our chances of getting more trails." Most of them didn't know, and wanted to help. So on the way to protecting my own riding, I made some friends and grew proud of my fellow bike riders.

I remain hopeful about the preserves future and possible expansion of Bike access. At 58 years young, my creaky joints remind me to savor every ride. I'll continue volunteering, and encourage others to join in.

On Saturday 2/21/09 I worked again with Kurt Loheit's class on the Panorama Trail. My hands-on experience has been quite enlightening. This is what I've learned:

- *The initial trail construction has the greatest environmental impact.* Every user's impact after that is relatively negligible.
- *Water runoff causes much more erosion than people.* Most of our trails are channels directing the water in a stream down the trails' tread. On Panorama we sloped the trail 3 degrees towards the outside edge; the water runs off the edge and not down the trail. Two "rolling dips" were cut to further drain the steeper sections.
- *Most human impact occurs 24 to 48 hours immediately after a rain.*
- *Most trails are poorly laid out and poorly constructed.* Because of this, they suffer more erosion, and need more maintenance than a properly designed trail system.

In my dreams, I imagine that all the time spent on territorial conflicts was put into collaborative trail and habitat restoration at this beautiful Reserve. Am I dreaming alone?

Michael Jost
Hawthorne

Ara M

From: Louisa Bonnie [Louisa@Knobby.ws]
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2009 12:38 PM
To: Ara M
Subject: Re: SBMBC [from the website] - Palos Verdes Nature Preserve Night Rides

Hello Ara-

Thank you for your email in regards to the municipal code prohibiting night time access to the Preserve. The Wednesday evening ride that was at Del Cerro has been moved. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Louisa Bonnie
CORBA board of directors

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Louisa Bonnie
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On Feb 17, 2009, at 3:28 PM, Ara M wrote:

Troy,

The issue of access to the Preserve at night with a permit will be included in the upcoming March 17th City Council Staff Report.

In the meantime, please understand that the Municipal Code currently prohibits **any** person from accessing the Preserve at night.

Ara

Ara Michael Mihranian
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From: Troy [mailto:troy@eworld-media.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2009 7:31 PM
To: Ara M
Cc: MtBike4@verizon.net; Barry Bonnicksen
Subject: Re: SBMBC [from the website] - Palos Verdes Nature Preserve Night Rides

Hi Ara,

As a Sierra Club outing leader, I'm aware that the local Sierra Club conducts hikes in the preserve at night ([web site](#)). Since this impacts all activities, I have sent this notice to them.

I believe the intent of the law is to prevent illegal and harmful activities from happening in our parks at night. I support the intent. However, I believe group hikes and bicycle rides conducted by the respected organizations such as the Sierra Club and CORBA are not harmful, and it could be argued that they offer the benefit of having observers in the preserve.

I'm sure when the law was enacted, this scenario was not considered. Maybe the city could offer a permit process where local organizations with published event schedules can continue to use the preserve at night. I hope the city can take a reasonable approach to this issue.

Sincerely,
 Troy

Ara M wrote:



Hello Louisa,

The purpose of my writing you is that it has come to my attention that CORBA's recreational mountain biking club (SBMBC) is listing on its website calendar rides in the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve (Portuguese Bend Reserve) between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

I would like to inform you that pursuant to Section 12.16.030 of the Rancho Palos Verdes Municipal Code (RPVMC) "*No person shall be or remain in any park or municipal building at any time between one hour after sundown and one hour before sunrise, unless attending or participating in city authorized activities*". As such, any person who is in the Preserve during these hours are in violation of the Municipal Code and could be subject to penalties and fines pursuant to Section 01.08 of RPVMC.

I respectfully request that these "night" rides are stopped immediately and that the SBMBC / CORBA calendar be revised accordingly. As you may know, City Staff will be providing the City Council in March a 6-month review of activities at the Preserve since last year's temporary time-out was lifted.

If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Ara

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