

SAFE TRAILS WORKSHOP
Thursday, September 26, 2013
Duck Club, Irvine, CA

Audience Questions
User Group Panel

Questions:

- What about the widening of trails and spur trails?
- Should bike tires/treads aggressiveness be regulated?
- What can be done about single track trails at Crystal Cove where bikes are using rock shelters (archaeological resources) as bike ramps?
- Do visitors/rangers ever find possible artifacts/old human bones? What do you do? Who do you call?
- Is SHARE associated in any way with CORBA?
- When providing maintenance on a trail workers are supposed to “mark” the trail at the top and bottom notifying users of their presence. Is this a realistic option for planned outings for both groups and individuals?
- What is your solution to creation of social trails and habitat/wildlife destruction?
- What is the feasibility of trails designated for specific uses?
- Speakers mentioned “right to enjoy the trails.” Please speak to whether trail users have a right to “thrilling” experience or a right to a “tranquil” experience.
- Have you considered limiting access?
- Speak to the perception that mountain bikers have traded work on trails for opportunities to ride that otherwise wouldn’t be tolerated.
- Has there been an analysis of trails as to what users are appropriate for each (Adopted Design Standards)?
- Should analysis lead to designation of trails for appropriate use (i.e., no vehicles, etc.)?
- When trail courtesy and common sense fail, what is the next step?
- Who enforces the trail laws?
- Would a sign indicating “trail bud free zone” be helpful?
- What do you feel is the most effective way to encourage responsible behavior?
- For Suki, with 11,000+ members and 100 hikes per month, how many collisions have occurred?

Comments:

- I noticed that no one has mentioned habitat and preservation of natural open space.
- Too aggressive tires cause major single track trail erosion/damages (ex: San Juan Trail – Cleveland National Forest, Blue Jay to Lazy W Ranch)
- Please explain what a lot of folks don’t know: Horses naturally want to flee from danger.
- Would Dick Newell be willing to come to the LA (Station Fire Area)?
- Central California State Parks is using a user conflict reporting tool called “ParkWatch.”

