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EXTERNAL

Tina and Melissa-

I'd like to share some possible near term options for LHCOSP access with the PAWG. Please forward the attached document to the PAWG members and include it with the other items for LH PAWG March 6th Meeting.

Thank you,
Barbara

Near Term options for LH PAWG to consider

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1. Near Term options to consider
 - a. E1 Red Barn
 - i. Docent-led hikes from Red Barn via MidPen provided transportation
 - b. Red Barn pull-out area (which already exists)
 - i. Information about access to LHCOSP
 - c. A Event Center
 - i. Permit only for hikers (in addition to equestrians)
 - ii. Docent-led hikes
 - d. B1 Sears Ranch
 - i. Docent-led or Permit hiking towards the La Honda Creek area (via La Honda Creek Loop Trail where the PAWG hiked on the November 16, 2019 Site tour)
2. PAWG and LHCOSP access considerations
 - a. Provide access to Central Section
 - b. Be open-minded and think “outside the box” to consider new public access
 - c. Lower Section access is not utilized to capacity as noted in Sears Ranch Road parking lot usage data
 - d. MidPen may approach CalTrans regarding SR84 traffic mitigation and/or road modifications for access to LH06 or LH07. However, these options may not come to fruition and/or may not be approved in a reasonable timeframe to maximize public access to LHCOSP in the near term.
3. MidPen could create access to the Central Section by completing new trail access to Red Barn as soon as possible.
 - a. Prioritize opening trails from:
 - i. Allen Road Vista Point to Red Barn
 - ii. Sears Ranch Road to Red Barn
 - b. This would provide access in Central Section for hikers (and perhaps, equestrians and cyclists) from Allen Road and Sears Ranch Road.
 - c. Docent-led hikes could be provided from Red Barn via MidPen provided transportation.
4. MidPen could encourage increased public use of LHCOSP
 - a. Provide Permit Parking for hikers at the Event Center location.
 - i. Access for visitors to see a spectacular view of the ocean via a 1.2 mile hike (2.4 miles RT) on the road that equestrians currently have access to. Additionally, hikers could access the Folder Ranch Loop Trail and Harrington Creek Trail.
 - ii. As was noted in the MROSD Permit Parking Information, December 12, 2019, permits for the Event Center access were only issued 10 times in 2019.
 - iii. If Permit Parking for hikers could not be added immediately, perhaps the Event Center could be a Permit Parking “pilot” location. Then, MROSD could get feedback from hikers regarding the access and trail conditions.
 - iv. Currently, hikers need to hike 3.2 miles (6.4 miles RT) from Sears Ranch Road to see a view of the ocean.