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To: [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#)
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Subject: La Honda Creek Communications [#229]
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2020 4:49:55 PM

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Would you like to be added to the La Honda Creek e-mail list? Yes

Please let us know your comments about projects at La Honda Creek.

We have lived on Bear Gulch Road West near the Allen Road entrance for 40 years, and we love the old Rocking Martini barn. Please do not create a large paved area adjacent to it. We were very concerned about the previous plan to pave over a sensitive habitat that used to be a watercourse and is now a wetland, important for local endangered species. We think the current arrangement at Dyer Ranch is excellent, with access limited to only 10 permits per day. We much prefer the central parking access to be created off Sears Ranch Road, for traffic safety and environmental reasons. And limit that access as well to 10 permits per day. The Red Barn should not be made a "destination" site, but rather should be an integral component of a widely varied open space experience, accessible by foot/horse/bicycle, but not by powered vehicles. Perhaps an MROSD interpretive center could be made an adjunct of the elementary school, but not at the barn.

From: Hans Luemers [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Tina Hugg <thugg@openspace.org>
Cc: Hans Luemers [REDACTED]
Subject: La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve

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Hi Tina,

I attended last Thursday evening's meeting but did not stay long enough to submit my comments. I thought I may provide them to you via e-mail.

I always want to mention how much I appreciate the good work the MROSD does, especially given the wide variety of tasks it has to managed with the available staff it has.

Here are my thoughts / suggestions:

- Open the currently closed parts of the preserve prior to establishing the second parking space.

Given that any hiker in good condition will have no problem hiking the central and upper parts from the recently established parking lot near the La Honda Elementary School.

Given that (that's what I think to remember) the trails were already laid out at the time (I think it is about 1 1/2 years ago) when the parking lot was proposed to be at the Red Barn, but was abandoned due to majority opposition.

- As I think to understand the plan is to open only the Central Part of the Preserve in addition to the 2017 opened lower part. I suggest that MRSOD open the entire Preserve, i.e. the upper Part as well.
I want to note that one of your board members (didn't get her name) at Thursday's meeting certainly increased people's interest in that part by describing how beautiful it is up there. Right now it can only be visited by permit and via Allen Road.
- Provide a trail link from the upper part to the Corte Madera OS preserve which is adjacent to the La Honda Creek Preserve.
- Think of providing a trail link from Wunderlich Park to the La Honda Creek Preserve. The two open spaces are pretty much only separated by HWY 35. Maybe an easement might be required to connect the two open spaces.

We all enthusiastically supported the June 2014 AA measure. One of the priority of AA is to provide links. I don't want to sound critical, but I have to say I haven't seen much of that Linking.

I appreciate that I had the opportunity to submit these points to you. I would be happy to talk to you over the phone or via a visit to your office. I may have a couple more ideas (guess that's all you need given what you already confronted with).

Thanks Tina for your good work.

Good trails to you

Hans

From: [Barbara Hooper](#)
To: [Tina Hugg](#); [Melissa Borgesi](#)
Cc: [Barbara Hooper](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Red Barn
Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 9:40:21 AM

EXTERNAL

Tina and Melissa-

I just received this message from Lilia Lopez, a Red Barn neighbor, and she asked me to forward it on to you. Please add it to the MidPen LH PAWG Public Comment records.

Thank you,
Barbara

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Lilia Lopez** [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 8:47 AM
Subject: Red Barn
To: [REDACTED]

Barbara, I live right next to the Red Barn on the west side. I was at the meeting and spoke but I just wanted to reiterate something that I missed. In coming down this weekend to Redwood City, there were so many cars parked all over the road at Wunderlich Park. There were so many with 1/4 of the car right onto the road over the solid white line. As we headed east, we saw a sheriff's car and thought surely he'd stop and ticket all those cars but he didn't. This is what I see happening the Red Barn neighborhood. Even with limited permits, that will not stop anyone from parking along the road and going onto the open space. If they see people around that area, they will surely do that. Having people park all over the place is going to create a huge hazard for drivers and pedestrians as well. I see many accidents in the future should the area get any access from La Honda Road. I would ask that members visit Wunderlich on a nice Saturday or Sunday to see how chaotic it is to get an idea of what will happen to the Red Barn too. Can you please kindly send this off to the committee for me?

Many thanks,

Lilia Lopez
[REDACTED]

To the Board, Planning and Natural Resources Committee, and PAWG Project Managers of MROSD

February 25th, 2020

Re: LHOSP Public Access

I've been following the work of the LHOSP Public Access Working Group, and attended the public meeting February 6th. I've visited the proposed access sites being considered. I'm aware the group hasn't concluded their work, but am alarmed by continued consideration of access at the Red Barn. I appreciate the opportunity to comment.

As a twenty year resident of San Gregorio, and having grown up in Menlo Park, I'm well aware of the dangerous traffic along Hwy. 84. I'm a ham radio operator, and listen frequently to county fire and first responder radio traffic and hear the constant stream of serious accidents along the roadway. I'll return to safety issues, but first and foremost, I'm very much against any alteration of the Red Barn area. Though it may be considered a special feature of this preserve, it can be accessed several ways without altering the scenic view from Hwy. 84.

Keeping in mind the mission and priorities of MROSD, preserving and protecting the historic look of the Red Barn area should be paramount. Painters, photographers and passers-by will continue to use the turn-out above the barn to enjoy the beautiful view. This vantage point has served perfectly well for decades, and there are no traffic safety considerations for the District.

My strong feeling is that Sears Ranch Rd. provides the best, safest access to the central portion of this preserve. It's well away from Hwy. 84 traffic and provides multi-use access. Expansion of the existing parking lot to accommodate equestrians would have the least impact on the area, and likely the least expenditure of funds. Proposed trails would connect to the Red Barn, as well as open many miles of trails in the central preserve.

If the District is convinced that providing access at the Red Barn or LH07 is necessary, limited permit-only access seems wise. Residents of the area are well aware that cars travel east and westbound at a high rate of speed. Entering or exiting eastbound from either site is a huge safety issue. Both require crossing a lane with poor views of approaching traffic. I'm accustomed to rolling down both windows and waiting until all traffic noise has stopped before pulling onto the highway. I'm not convinced other visitors to the preserve will be so cautious.

A final thought about providing access to LHOSP. The Driscoll Ranch area has ample parking and existing trails with beautiful views that connect and provide excellent multi-use opportunities. Master planning began in this area in 2006 when Driscoll Ranch was acquired, and currently only permitted equestrians have access. It seems overdue for opening to the general public! If the goal is to generate more multi-use open areas, then Driscoll Ranch, along with Sears Ranch Rd. provide wonderful, safe access, and have the least financial and environmental impacts in my opinion. I urge you to consider these areas as priorities.

Sincerely,



Neil Panton
San Gregorio