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## Public Access South Fork American River at Mosquito Road Bridge

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**Terry Barton** <terry.barton@gmail.com>  
To: mosquitobridge@edcgov.us  
Cc: theresa@americanwhitewater.org

Fri, Aug 5, 2016 at 2:29 PM

Dear County Official,

Access to Slab Creek at the Mosquito Road Bridge on the South Fork American River in El Dorado County is extremely important in my frequent visits to the county.

I come to kayak and raft on the Slab Creek run and other parts of the American River in El Dorado County. I bring my family and friends who often visit local agriculture producers of wine, olives, apples and other local crafts while we kayak. Our spending easily exceeds \$1200 for a weekend with lodging, restaurant meals, purchases and services for the 3 kayakers and 9 others family members who come with us from 3 households.

Interfering with the public use of a navigable river, is a reduction of liberty and against the values our country was established on.

Using distance and no parking areas to prevent the public from accessing the South Fork American River at Mosquito Road Bridge is unwise for the local economy as it discourages visits.

Requesting public access to the river does not equate to El Dorado County building recreational facilities or having to spend resources.

The county did not fully vet all alternatives to providing access at Mosquito Road Bridge and is rushing ahead without considering the overall impact to the community and local workers.

I urge you to continue to allow the access to the beautiful creeks and rivers in El Dorado county to attract tourists interested in enjoying and preserving the beautiful creeks and rivers in El Dorado County.

Terry Barton  
Conny Barton  
Andrew Barton  
Petra Barton  
Kelsey Barton  
Mountain View, CA



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**Fwd: Mosquito Bridge**

1 message

**Matthew Smeltzer** <matt.smeltzer@edcgov.us>

Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 2:08 PM

To: Donna Keeler &lt;donna.keeler@edcgov.us&gt;, Janet Postlewait &lt;janet.postlewait@edcgov.us&gt;

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From: **The BOSFOUR** <bosfour@edcgov.us>

Date: Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 1:32 PM

Subject: Fwd: Mosquito Bridge

To: Matthew Smeltzer &lt;matt.smeltzer@edcgov.us&gt;

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From: **Elisabeth Bingham** <elisabeth.bingham@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Aug 3, 2016 at 10:20 AM

Subject: Mosquito Bridge

To: bosfour@edcgov.us, brenda.bailey@edcgov.us

Good morning,

I am a Mosquito/Swansboro Country resident since 2001 and am writing, at the encouragement of Heidi Weiland, to voice my support for doing whatever is necessary to keep Mosquito Bridge after the construction is complete of the new bridge crossing the South Fork from Placerville proper. As I understand it, that means the DOT turning it over to the County's Parks and Recreation Department. From what I've heard at bridge meetings, on our NextDoor and Facebook pages, and in talking with neighbors, there isn't a single resident who wants to see that bridge dismantled, whether wanting to keep it for river access, or simply as a monument to the history of our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elisabeth Bingham

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~Elisabeth A. Bingham~



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**Public Access to South Fork American at Mosquito Road Bridge**

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**bruno pitton** <brunopitton@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 5:05 PM

To: mosquitobridge@edcgov.us

Cc: Theresa - American Whitewater &lt;theresa@americanwhitewater.org&gt;

Eldorado County should provide access to the river at Mosquito Road Bridge to ensure recreational use of the river is guaranteed to all user groups. This location allows whitewater users a take-out option before class V Motherlode Falls. Limiting access to the river via Mosquito Rd. from 1/2 mile of steep switchbacks will keep most users from accessing the river at all as the walk will be daunting, especially during 100+ degree heat.

Limiting access to a public waterway is in violation of the Navigation Protection Act and Eldorado County should be aware of this. It's Eldorado County's duty to it's citizens to develop recreational facilities for river access.

Best,  
Bruno Pitton



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**Please preserve kayak access at mosquito bridge**

1 message

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**Buck Crockett** <buckmanriver@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 4, 2016 at 8:35 PM

To: mosquitobridge@edcgov.us

El Dorado County Transportation Division,

I understand parking at mosquito bridge is a problem for kayakers taking out after river trips. However, the proposed closer will significantly hurt the paddling community. I have used the site for river access since 2011. Please consider additional study which includes the input from both American Whitewater and the community on in general before moving forward with the proposed closer.

Thanks,

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Buck Crockett  
303.809.1430



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**mosquito road bridge**

1 message

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**Damon Gold** <damon@bigwaterstudios.com>  
To: mosquitobridge@edcgov.us

Fri, Aug 5, 2016 at 7:38 PM

to whomever receives these emails,

I am writing to protest the removal of parking and river access at the mosquito road bridge over the south fork American River slab creek run.

It is my opinion that removal of the Bridget will have a negative impact on the quality of river experience and may even lead to fatal consequences as kayakers who are not skilled enough may risk the class 5 rapid downstream (motherload falls) without having the safe takeout at mosquito road. I feel the removal of parking and river access that has been used since the mid 1980s is a decision that is short sighted, illogical and potentially fatal.

I'm urging you to rethink your decision and design into this new bridge parking for 12 cars and access to the river. it will cost far less to do this preemptively then it will to wait until the new bridge is built and design, engineer and build it after.

sincerely, Damon Gold.



Janet Postlewait &lt;janet.postlewait@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Fwd: Please allow for continued public access of Mosquito Bridge**

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Subject: Fwd: Please allow for continued public access of Mosquito Bridge

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From: **HANNAH LYNN DEMERSON** <hldreddogii@yahoo.com>

Date: Wed, Aug 3, 2016 at 3:27 PM

Subject: Please allow for continued public access of Mosquito Bridge

To: "bosfour@edcgov.us" &lt;bosfour@edcgov.us&gt;, "brenda.bailey@edcgov.us" &lt;brenda.bailey@edcgov.us&gt;

As property owners since 1995 and retirees now living in Swansboro Country, we have very much appreciated the beauty and fun of having this historic bridge among the wonderful things in our environs. Please keep it available for the public after the new bridge is in. The bicyclers and walkers could still really enjoy it in its lovely natural spot.

Again, please keep the historic Mosquito Bridge! -from Hannah Lynn Demerson and Charles E. Demerson of Peycos Dr.

*"My relationship with teaching was fraught, it is fair to say, but in general I loved it dearly.*

*Nothing touched my heart so much as a student who seemed genuinely to have learned something from me, and nothing made me feel so connected to the world as being the vessel through which someone else's discoveries, or philosophy, or art, poured into another human being." - by Liz Moore from Heft*



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## Fwd: Draft Feasibility Study for Public Access to The South Fork of the American River at Mosquito Road

1 message

Matthew Smeltzer &lt;matt.smeltzer@edcgov.us&gt;

Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 2:07 PM

To: Donna Keeler &lt;donna.keeler@edcgov.us&gt;, Janet Postlewait &lt;janet.postlewait@edcgov.us&gt;

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From: **The BOSFOUR** <bosfour@edcgov.us>

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To: Matthew Smeltzer &lt;matt.smeltzer@edcgov.us&gt;

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From: **Martin Gilbert** <mgilbert@wcs.org>

Date: Sat, Aug 6, 2016 at 2:52 PM

Subject: Draft Feasibility Study for Public Access to The South Fork of the American River at Mosquito Road

To: bosfour@edcgov.us, brenda.bailey@edcgov.us

For the attn. of: Supervisor Ranalli,

I am writing to voice my interest in the future of the Mosquito Bridge over the South Fork of the American River following the impending completion of the new bridge that will be placed to provide access to Swansboro/Mosquito from Placerville.

I understand that on August 16, 2016 the El Dorado County transportation Division will be giving a presentation to the County Board of Supervisors on the Draft Feasibility Study for Public Access to The South Fork of the American River at Mosquito Road. Having read the draft feasibility study, I understand the difficulties facing the County in reaching a decision that will not require the bridge to be dismantled. However, as a resident of Swansboro, I feel strongly that the 'old' bridge is an important and iconic symbol of our community, and am aware of many residents who share my concern that it be retained for the benefit of local people. I implore the County Board of Supervisors to take a creative approach in reaching a decision that allows the bridge to be maintained. Should it prove necessary, I strongly suspect that local residents could be called on to contribute to the future care of this iconic structure and the surrounding areas.

I intend to attend the meeting on 8/16, and look forward to hearing the options that would allow the bridge to remain, and am committed to doing whatever I can to help retain and maintain this important structure as a symbol of the character of our community. If there is anything further that I can do at this stage, then please do not hesitate to let me know.

8/8/2016

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Thank you for your consideration,

Martin Gilbert

1841 Swansboro Road,  
Placerville



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From: **Cynthia Morrison** <CMorrison@redhawkcasino.com>

Date: Thu, Aug 4, 2016 at 9:45 AM

Subject: Mosquito Bridge

To: "bosfour@edcgov.us" &lt;bosfour@edcgov.us&gt;

Hi There,

I am a Mosquito residence. I love our bridge!! I agree that we need a new one for daily driving and to make maintaining a lot more feasible, But please don't tear it down!! It is one of the many reasons we choose to live there. The bridge has so much history and stories for the many years it has existed. It deserves/ we deserve to have it "hang" around a little longer. Please find a way for it to stay and still be maintained according to its use. Like, Parks and Rec., for a walking biking bridge.

8/8/2016

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Thank you for your time on this matter. This means the world to our community!!

Thanks,

Cynthia Morrison



Janet Postlewait <janet.postlewait@edcgov.us>

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## Slab Creek Access

1 message

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**Sean Thompson** <seanjasonthompson@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 5, 2016 at 10:49 PM

To: mosquitobridge@edcgov.us

Cc: theresa@americanwhitewater.org

To whom it may concern,

Please do not block access to Slab Creek at Mosquito bridge after bridge construction is complete. This access point is critical to paddlers, whom have used the area for decades. It would be disappointing to lose this resource given it would take very little to accommodate our needs as paddlers.

Thank you,

Sean Thompson

Sent from my iPhone



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## Mosquito Bridge Access

1 message

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**Tom Senter** <tsenter69@comcast.net>

Fri, Aug 5, 2016 at 9:10 AM

To: mosquitobridge@edcgov.us

Cc: Theresa Simsiman &lt;theresa@americanwhitewater.org&gt;

Hello – I am both a rafter and kayaker who has boated the Slab Creek Run on the Upper American.

This is an epic run whether or not SMUD is releasing 'recreational flows.'

Taking out before the class V rapid is the safest way – so far – to have a successful run. And Mosquito Bridge has been this place.

IMO there should be other options that coincide with any removal or less access at the bridge.

- Provide a portage trail around Motherlode Falls
  - This is currently an arduous portage and in a raft can take upwards of :45
- Provide an alternate take-out below the bridge and before Motherlode.
- Blow up Moterlode and create a lower class rapid (I'm joking here).

Just pulling access to Mosquito Bridge without another plan (and according action) is just so beaucroatic and shows lack of forethought.

The river belongs to all of us so let's take care of ourselves – provide a safe and fun passage for those of us who still enjoy whitewater.

Tom Senter

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## Mosquito Road Bridge Access

1 message

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Jeff Wasielewski <wasiel@att.net>  
To: mosquitobridge@edcgov.us  
Cc: theresa@americanwhitewater.org

Thu, Aug 4, 2016 at 9:11 PM

I will be unable to attend the County Board of Supervisors meeting on 8/16, but I would like to make some comments regarding river access at the Mosquito Road Bridge.

I began running the Slab Creek run with friends this year, taking advantage of the new, higher minimum releases that occur from the end of March until the middle of June. We boat in inflatable kayaks and the flows of 180 – 250 cfs are ideal for that run. The run is challenging and it take between 3 and 4 hours to go from the Slab Creek dam put in to the Mosquito Road Bridge. Due to the strenuous nature of the run it is not feasible to continue past the Mosquito Road Bridge to another takeout located downstream. By the time we reach the Mosquito Road bridge everyone is very tired. In my opinion the Slab Creek run is the finest class IV+ inflatable kayaker run in California! I introduced 5 different inflatable kayakers to the run this year. I did the run four different times this year. I plan on running it at least six times per year beginning next year. Since we boat on days that are not recreational releases, there has been no problem with parking near the bridge. Not only is the Slab Creek run a navigable river, it is a gem of a run and forcing me to park 0.5 miles from the bridge would effectively end my ability to kayak this run since inflatable kayaks are not easily carried uphill. No recreational facilities need to be added to the current Mosquito Road Bridge in order for me and my friends to continue to enjoy this resource but I do need to be able to continue to park at the bridge.

I thank you for your time!

Jeff Wasielewski  
8634 Gunner Way  
Fair Oaks, CA 95628  
916-967-6060



Donna Keeler &lt;donna.keeler@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Mosquito Bridge, River Access Feasibility Study

2 messages

Donna Keeler &lt;donna.keeler@edcgov.us&gt;

Fri, Aug 5, 2016 at 12:02 PM

To: "Tobey, Marcus" &lt;mtobey@blm.gov&gt;

Hi Marcus,

On August 16, 2016 the El Dorado County Transportation Division is giving a presentation to the County Board of Supervisors on the *Draft Feasibility Study for Public Access to the South Fork of the American River at Mosquito Bridge Road*. The Draft Study is available for viewing at: <http://www.edcgov.us/MosquitoBridge/>.

The presentation will take place in the Planning Commission Hearing Room at 2850 Fairlane Court in Placerville, California. The meeting agenda and details will be posted on the County's website **one week prior** to the meeting: <https://eldorado.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions. Comments and questions can also be posted on the County's website.

Kind regards,

Donna

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**Tobey, Marcus** <mtobey@blm.gov>

Fri, Aug 5, 2016 at 12:24 PM

To: Donna Keeler &lt;donna.keeler@edcgov.us&gt;

Cc: James Eicher &lt;jeicher@blm.gov&gt;, Heather Daniels &lt;hdaniels@blm.gov&gt;

Hi Donna,

Thank you for the notification regarding the upcoming Draft Feasibility Study. The BLM Mother Lode Field Office is very interested in maintaining access to the river in this location for recreational users.

Within the last few months I transferred duty stations so I will no longer be your point of contact regarding the Mosquito Bridge project. Please continue to send upcoming meetings and events to Heather Daniels or James Eicher (I've CC'd them). Thank you very much!

Regards,

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