

Trails "X" Us



Submitted by Melba
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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
 330 Fair Lane
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RE: Personnel Allocation

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Recognizing that times are very difficult right now, and innovative ways of doing business are being looked at, it still is hard to imagine or envision that the Parks and Recreation Department has come to the present state that it is in. It is a staff of one, and a promise of another that didn't come about. This goes back a long time, but most recently too January 2008. Jordan Postlewait has served the Parks/Recreation Department admirably, and I am relatively sure he would continue to do so even under the most difficult of circumstances.

Without a actual position/person having recreational experience or a recognized Parks and Recreation Department, who is going to administer the grants that Jordan has already been successful in obtaining for the County, who will actually have the commitment or the time to seek out and compete for other grants, who will actually keep the successful ball rolling that has finally been seen regarding trails and trail linkages within El Dorado County? Who will your El Dorado County Trails Advisory Committee work with?

El Dorado County has its Gold County History and that draws tourism. What goes better with tourism than parks, recreation and trails? There are endless opportunities if the community has a recognized Park and Recreation Department. It seems due to poor planning and organization those opportunities want to be taken away.

It really is hard to imagine a historical community without the proper driving force that has the time and commitment to do what is best for El Dorado County, a much needed, a real honest to God Park and Recreation Department, even if has to be a staff of two.

Sincerely,

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 El Dorado County Resident Forty-Four Years