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Dear El Dorado County Supervisors,

I hope I am not too late, but I have just been made aware of an effort by The American River Conservancy to purchase 1,080 acres of the El Dorado Ranch property fronting the Cosumnes River. This land adjoins a previous purchase, which together would provide an opportunity for the creation of a public trails park, which would include a parking lot and trailhead off Highway 49.

Since, currently, there is no public trail system within the upper Cosumnes River east of the Sacramento County line, this effort would make an ideal opportunity for El Dorado County to participate in a project that can provide a wonderful service to residents of the area and beyond. I live in a neighborhood just north of the proposed project, and know we would make use of the trails and enjoy knowing that this "retreat" is available for public use. We've often admired the Cosumnes River from the road, but never felt permitted to explore much of the area. This park would be so much appreciated.

As the Fish and Game Commission expresses, I feel strongly about the need to preserve our woodland and riparian habitats for the use, enjoyment, and education of present and future generations who appreciate and recreate in the solace and beauty of our natural surroundings. What better legacy can we leave for our children and grandchildren than the ability to stay in touch with an environment where they can feel grounded and be inspired by the wonders and beauty of our natural world. I hope El Dorado County takes this opportunity to participate in this effort to be a good steward of what dwindling natural resources we have left.

Thank you for any help you can provide to make this project a reality. You will have many grateful constituents if this park comes to be!

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