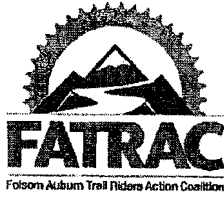


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Dear Mr. Mount:

The Folsom-Auburn Trail Riders Action Coalition (FATRAC) is the local chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) and represents the interests of mountain bikers in the Sacramento/Auburn/Placerville area. FATRAC supports development of multi use trails on public land.

The American River Conservancy (ARC) has requested a special use permit for a parking area, trailhead facility, and trail system on the east side of Salmon Falls Road approximately ¼ mile north of the Salmon Falls Bridge

FATRAC supports the project proposed by ARC and its request to obtain a special use permit from El Dorado County for the project. Completion of the project will provide several benefits. It will expand parking in the area and alleviate overcrowding of parking facilities near the Salmon Falls Bridge. It will also provide parking for equestrians, which is not currently available in the area. That will allow equestrians access to the west end of the South Fork American River Trail, which is currently not possible. Finally, it will provide a new access point for the South Fork American River Trail, at a significantly higher elevation than the existing Skunk Hollow trailhead. This will allow less-fit trail users to access the trail and avoid the long steep climb up from Skunk Hollow.

We encourage El Dorado County to approve the special use permit requested by ARC. As part of its commitment to trail development in the region, FATRAC's nearly 200 members will support the project by providing volunteer labor for construction and maintenance of the proposed trail system.

Sincerely,

Fred Strickland
President
Folsom-Auburn Trail Riders Action Coalition
A chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association
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