

Community Input on Trail Projects through TAO (Trail Advocates of El Dorado County) sources

I think community trails in the western part of the county should be a high priority - those linking communities and residential areas. In particular, let's look for trail opportunities off of roads (nothing new in this, but still something to strive for). Also, any new developments should include some level of public access trails. Even if they don't connect to other trails yet, by getting some of the routes in now, there will be a chance to connect them together in the future. Within the public lands east of Pollock Pines, there are a number of trails already, within the national forest. There is a need for trails that are accessible in winter and spring, and trails that can be used throughout the year (below the snow belt, so in the western half of the county).

I don't have any specific ones in mind, although possibly taking advantage of some in the Pine Hill Preserve area, or open spaces between El Dorado and Diamond Springs or El Dorado Hills area. A number of years ago there was a representative on the Trails Advisory Committee that was reviewing all of the housing development plans submitted and looking for trail opportunities, then commenting to the Planning Dept and Commission. Also, the Parks and Trails Plan identifies some of the opportunities (I believe - I'll go and look for that document now).

Also, development of a good easily accessible map of public trails would be useful.

Thanks and I will look forward to the notes of the Commission meeting.

Lester Lubetkin

I'd like to see trails developed on the Cosumnes River.

I believe that this is a top priority because we have no trails in the South County as of now. It would be a tremendous asset to develop a system along newly acquired (by AmericanRiverConservancy) property.

Marry Elliott-Klemm

ARC has been working on the following projects for years and would love to see them successfully come to fruition:

(1) Expand Trail Connections (multi-use: bike, equestrian, hike) between South Fork American River Trail system and the Olmstead Trail Area/ASRA/North Fork American River Trails. Trailhead facility at Salmon Falls Road. Permits and CEQA completed for this project; grant funding is pending. Why? To expand access to these trails, provide better trailhead facilities, expand trail access for a growing human population.

(2) Multi-Use trail corridor between Magnolia Ranch (49) and Coloma Lotus area/Sutter's Mill – Part of a larger vision for a Sutter's Fort to Sutter's Mill Trail. Why? Provide a trail experience that merges cultural history and natural history.

(3) Trail Connector between Henningsen Lotus Park and Monroe Ridge Trail in Coloma. State Park is the lead, with ARC as a partner. Why? Expand hiking trail resources within and between the State and County park facilities.

(4) Cosumnes River Trail – Currently several years out, but still a priority. Why? To protect the river corridor from future development; protect oak woodland and riparian habitat and provide public access to one of California's relatively intact rivers.

Elena DeLacy

What is the status of the following trail "funding priorities" per the P & T March 27, 2012 Master Plan?

- El Dorado County Bicycle Transportation Plan implementation
- El Dorado Trail (EDT): Sac. County to Placerville
- EDT: Halcon Road to Pacific House Planning
- EDT: Brockliss Bridge Planning
- Georgetown Divide Neighborhood & Community & Connectivity Plan
- Camino/Pollock Pines Neighborhood and Community Connectivity Plan
- El Dorado/Diamond Springs Neighborhood and Community Connectivity Plan
- Shingle Springs Neighborhood and Community Connectivity Plan

In response to and in order of importance to Jennifer Russo's request "to create a list of priorities or items that the community would like to see happen in the area of Park & Trails in their district", I would like to see:

1. More collaboration between managing agencies so more can be accomplished re: trail development and maintenance. Erin McChesney, James Larsen agree
2. A low cost, low maintenance, pilot program to increase trail user education and collaboration implemented at Cronin Ranch and Cool. Erin McChesney agrees
3. A trail rating system estimating level of difficulty of trail for various user groups. Erin McChesney agrees
4. Greater connectivity between trails. Erin McChesney, James Larsen agree

I feel all the above, the last two in particular, will increase safety and lesson conflict between user groups. **How might we accomplish this?**
 Re: #2, group of folks currently working on a concept. Let me know if you'd like to learn more about this.

Pam Stoddard

Also in response to Jenifer Russo's TAOEDC Facebook post-

- Develop 60 acres at Cronin, multi-use facility with arena, dog park, bike park. Sarah Henjum & Erin McChesney
 - Picnic tables near horse trailer parking areas (line of sight placement). Erin McChesney
 - EDC phone app to post events happening at EDC parks or trailheads. Erin McChesney
 - Potable water at Cronon and Magnolia. Erin McChesney
 - Expansion of parking area at Cronin to accommodate all types of vehicles. Erin McChesney
 - Be taken to assure the safety of trail users. Donna Furlow
 - Safety of all users: what constitutes unsafe conditions and what actions will...? (response appeared to be cut off) Donna Furlow
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Hi Jenifer and thanks for asking! Since the park and rec commission just finished working on a sign plan for the SPTC/El Dorado Trail, I'd like to see that sign plan implemented as a priority, rather than just placed on a shelf. Also we have been talking for years about decking the bridges to make the trail accessible to equestrians. I thought that was going to happen after the baseline study. I'd like to see the commissioners stay on top of whatever needs to be done to get the bridges decked to make the El Dorado trail accessible to everyone. Jackie Neau

Jenifer, there are projects EDC has direct control over, both 62 acres at Cronan and connection from HLP to state park in Coloma are two such areas. I also wonder whether EDC could help advocate for trail projects where county is not land owner. There are a number of projects that could be supported at Cronan Ranch as well as a ARC project to develop a

staging area on Salmon Falls Rd. There continues to be a need for a multiple user trail connection between Cool trails and confluence. Ideally county would support building trail from Peninsula CG to Cool and work on a multiple use bridge across NF American near the Auburn Dam site. When river was restored at dam site, a study was created by State Parks on where to put such a bridge. It would be nice to see information in that study go to something real that could better connect trails in Cool and Auburn. I see many are concerned about safety and I believe more capacity, better maintenance, education, and access equity will make our trails safer. Mike Bean

How about a bike/hiking trail that leaves Cool, avoids highway 49 and ends up on the Quarry Trail in the Auburn State Recreation Area?

William Jensen