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[prc] Shingle Springs Trail - CIP Budget

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To: El Dorado County Parks And Recreation Commission.

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Don Rose. I coordinate volunteer construction and maintenance on the dirt section of the El Dorado Trail, under the supervision of the Parks and Trails Department. I see that after I exited the December Parks and Rec Commission meeting, the trail project from the train depot in Shingle Springs to Shingle Springs Drive was added back into the prioritized list of CIP's. During that meeting, I had stated that the dirt trail runs virtually the entire length of the corridor, and I suggested that when any project is considered within the corridor, the dirt trail route should be provided for as part of the project. The Shingle Springs trail project is exactly the situation I'm concerned with – if a paved trail is built off the rail bed in that location, what will happen to the dirt trail? Will we be required to re-create the dirt trail on the other side of the track, as with the new paved trail from Missouri Flat Road to El Dorado? Will the terrain even allow for that? The JPA which owns the corridor, and all of its member agencies, including El Dorado County, have always maintained that they supported all three uses the entire length of the corridor – trains, paved trail, and dirt trail. That commitment needs to be maintained. The dirt trail serves a completely different constituency and provides a very different experience than a paved trail, serving mountain bikers, trail runners, hikers, and equestrians.

Thank you.

Don Rose

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