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**To:** <erika.pulst@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/16/2009 5:42 PM  
**Subject:** Mountain Bikes and Public Parkland

Hi there Erika! I just received an e-mail regarding an amazing bit of elitist propoganda from the equestrian community regarding the banishment of tax paying citizens from public areas. I have been to numerous trail access meetings regarding trails like Backbone (the very namesake of my national, professional cycling team!) and Tapia Spur Trail to defend the folks who actually MAINTAIN them on a regular basis, the mountain bikers. Mountain bikers have families (apparently the equestrian letter writers don't think we can procreate), and they go camping and riding on this parkland. Cyclists don't leave gloppy green piles of animal byproduct on the trails. Cyclists also don't leave deep and cavernous holes to collect water and damage trails. Cyclists are an ever increasing number of the users of public land. They are educated, hard working individuals like everyone else we encounter on the trails. I have never actually seen ANY equestrian groups

(including the one my own mother is the Treasurer for, The California Fox Trotting Horse Assoc.) actually WORKING TO BUILD/IMPROVE the trails they are laying exclusive claim to. Please be sure to recognize and understand that all these trails are the rightful domain of the citizens..ALL of them. In a time of public outcry for reducing the weight of the nation, excluding the only group actually earning those hill climbs (not on the back of a two thousand pound animal) won't do much to offset those Big Mac value meals..

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**Date:** 4/16/2009 6:56 PM  
**Subject:** Closing trails to mnt. Bikers

THis is crazy being as Iv'e NEVER seen a horse person do any trail maintanance and don't we have an obesity problem in this country, so let's close the trails to bicyclists so lazy people on horses can use them.  
Not a smart idea. Randy Rush  
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

**From:** Val Kleinbach <mail4val@yahoo.com>  
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**Date:** 4/16/2009 8:40 PM  
**Subject:** Save our trails - for bikes

Anyone who has ever been on a trail that allows both bicycles & horse know that HORSES DO MUCH MORE HARM TO TRAILS THAN BIKES. Just go see for yourself! Horses leave poop everywhere & their hooves tear up the ground much more than a bike tire! And bikers are much more likely to pitch in and help clean up/fix trails than horseback riders, just ask them!

**From:** "WhataboutBob, thanks 4 askin" <whtabbob@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <erika.pulst@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/16/2009 8:41 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Trail Closures

Good Evening,

It has been brought to my attention that there may be an issue voted upon that involves closing complete networks of LA City trails to mountain bikers to allow for equestrians. As a user of these trails this concerns me. I could not find any info on your website about it, so if you could direct me to the info, or clarify it yourself, that would be great. As a hiker and biker it is very important for me to retain acces to trails. They provide not only the opportunity to enjoy nature, but also for excercise and solitude not found elsewhere in the city. Your own Parks & Rec. Executive Summary Report notes that 63% of people (the highest amount) desire hiking and biking trails, whereas only 17% (the lowest amount) want equestrian use. This disparity would seem to preclude any thought of closing trails to hikers or bikers. Also, the increased impact horse hooves have on trails, their unpredictability, and their excrement make them much more a candidate for exclusion than any other user group.

As I say, if you have more info concerning the issue I would definitely like to get the full story.  
Thank you for your time,

Robert Snyder

**From:** "MS" <mnmgisiu@att.net>  
**To:** "Erika Pulst" <erika.pulst@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 4/16/2009 11:19 PM  
**Subject:** Mountain biking

Dear Ms Pulst

Please reword the mountain bike motion from "mountain biking in all City Parks except Griffith" to:  
"Remove all City Parks from consideration for mountain biking and reaffirm the existing City ordinance prohibiting them on city park trails".

Much time and energy went into a previous survey which stated that the community is adamantly opposed to biking on city park trails. Mountain biking is a thrill sport which means bikers want to go FAST and is therefore a threat to the safety of walkers and hikers on the trails. It also causes much rapid erosion of the trails.

If parks are opened to mountain bikes, next will come the motorized bikes. Many of us have opposed biking on park trails for years. Please help us STOP these continued efforts to open city park trails to all bikers.

Sincerely

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