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Comments:

In reviewing the list of proposed projects for the Southern Region, we have particular interest in the following:

1) REC-080402-22-01 Horse Creek Recreation Area Rehabilitation, 2) 0804 NFSR 31 Hurricane Gap Rd Reconstruction.

In short, we request increased parking for horse trailers at Horse Creek Recreation Area, since horses are often ridden using the 4-wheel drive road that goes up to the overlook at the top of the mountain. We also request the hiking trail, Sarvis Cove, be redesignated as a multi-use trail, to include horses. The Sarvis Cove trail needs work and appears to be only lightly used by hikers, so by extending it to equestrian use would enable us (BCHET) to assist the Forestry Service in maintaining this valuable trail.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Victor Mathis, President
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