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& Environmental Impact Statement**

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COMMENTS

The testing done by the EPA for dust was in the dry periods and on ATVs^{Figure #1} which make much more dust than motorcycles, Most of the trails should be limited to motorcycles and then limit the riding to winter months, also make everyone sign a waiver to relieve liability to all agencies. The EPA is not good at there job, like any government agency.

COMMENTS (Continued)

The riding at Clear Creek is unbelievable one of the best in California, with limited riding already in the state we cannot afford another closure of riding areas, with trouble in Carriage and Hollister over crowded.

There is very limited use of the forest already, camping for adults and children is very hard to find. With county parks and state parks in trouble of funding. This is not a good thing. Signing of waivers are the best way to resolve this issue. Reopen Clear Creek the way it was in 2008 till the real Deis is complete. Maybe by an unbiased organization.

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COMMENTS

Please re-think the closing of Clear Creek. I have grown up riding at Clear Creek (We used to get to Clear Creek from New Idria area). I've raced there, ridden there

COMMENTS (Continued)

and had great times there. I am greatly disappointed that the BLM has shut down my absolutely most favorite place in the entire world (or in my world) Clear Creek.

I pay taxes in OHV & gas taxes fees to be able to ride but I am becoming more and more unable to actually ride my dirt bikes because the riding areas are being closed (now on a yearly basis) as it seems.)

I know that I ride at Clear Creek because it is so much fun on the hills, trails and roads (I've got to rest sometime).

I take risks everyday by driving in my car, going to work and dealing with everyday stress. I am willing to ride at Clear Creek and take my chances on my own volition.

Keep Clear Creek open for everyone to use. We pay for it, we the riders should & must be able to use Clear Creek. Stop closing our riding areas, I do NOT want to stop riding, stay at home inside watching T.V. like the environmentalists want us to do.

OPEN CLEAR CREEK FOR
ALL USERS! THAT IS WHATS
IT IS FOR RIDING



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COMMENTS

I own Zoom Cycle Accessories here in Santa Clara, CA. We have been opened since 1971. We sell dirt bike parts. We support Blue Ribbon Coalition, AMA. When Clear Creek

COMMENTS (Continued)

closed our sales^{gross} plummeted 40%. We catered to hundreds of Clear Creek riders who purchased gear, tires, numbers for races, clothing racing gas etc...

My business has suffered greatly due to the major loss of Clear Creek as a riding area. I must tell my customers that they can ride at Hollister Hills but, I forewarn them that they must arrive early since it fills up and closes up. Carnegie is now on the list to close up and this leads to only Metcalf (which closes when full & has 20 miles of trails) and Hollister Hills (which also closes).

My rights as an American and as a small business owner are being infringed on by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) I am very disappointed that the BLM does not want to work with the thousand of riders, hunters, rock hounds. What the BLM really wants to do is close Clear Creek from the people. The United States government is supposed to work WITH the people not take away from the people.

Please re-open Clear Creek for all users and people. I and other small business owners need Clear Creek open. We the people (riders, hunters, rock hounds) all want Clear Creek open.

My business NEEDS CLEAR CREEK OPEN SO MY BUSINESS (ZOOM CYCLE ACCESSORIES) WILL STAY OPEN. Thank You

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COMMENTS

To whom it may concern,
My name is Mike Evans
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From the San Jose APTA

COMMENTS (Continued)

I have been a visitor to the clear creek area most of my 30 years on this earth or since I was born 1-25-79.

The only option acceptable to me is Option (A) no change to current management. Plano California has seen a huge increase in OHV use and has also seen a huge decrease in OHV parks.

We need this land. I have grown up in the South bay area, and serpentine Rock is everywhere. I don't believe the EPA has proven there to be a problem with there testing and believe the park should be re opened. Thank you



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COMMENTS

I learned to ride at Clear Creek (1988)
I was lucky enough to learn at one of the
finest riding areas in not only California
but in the entire United States. My father-

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in-law was riding at Clear Creek when I-5 was non-existent. He and numerous other trail riders cleared trails and cleaned up Clear Creek for all people to enjoy. My husband since he was 11 y.o. (he's 60)

I know that there is an asbestos issue at Clear Creek. (or as we have been told to believe) Yet I currently work in several buildings that contain asbestos (they were built in the 1950's) and no one seems to worry about this asbestos as an issue.

The testing done was not needed for if I want to take the risk of riding I know I will get hurt by falling off not by asbestos.

Currently with Clear Creek closed this causes Hollister Hills to be OVERLY PACKED. Hollister Hills must TURN AWAY riders and close down when it reaches capacity.

Clear Creek should be maintained as all open. The barren hills have been barren for over 100 years before bikes and quads were invented. Proof of this is in the San Benito Horseman's Association Museum at the San Benito Fairgrounds as shown in photographs of that time. There are also photos at the Historical Museum in Hollister on 5TH Street, in Hollister, CA.

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COMMENTS (Continued)

Currently with Clear Creek closed my children are unable to further their riding skills. Just as they are physically & mentally ready for the challenges at Clear Creek they are being kept out.

The first problem was the Evening Primrose where the only people to go "see" it rode on quads, dirt bikes or 4x4's.

Now in all the years I rode at Clear Creek (1988) I NEVER saw a hiker (unless they were pushing a broken dirt bike).

I know from riding at Clear Creek help is a long way away so I took an EMT class to be better prepared.

The loss of Clear Creek is a fundamental loss. We the riders lose the best riding area in California. We have lost the National Hare Scrambles that were held at Clear Creek which is a major monetary loss for San Benito County where Clear Creek is located.

I have not had proof given to me

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COMMENTS (Continued)

or anyone that any rider at Clear Creek has BECAUSE of Clear Creek gotten asbestos poisoning or cancer.

I have know several people who died, of cancer from smoking cigarettes/cigars, but not asbestos.

The other problem of keeping Clear Creek closed is that the drug growers will (or have already) taken over Clear Creek by growing & manufacturing illegal drugs. Along with these drug growers who litter, poison, kill and bring assault weapons, booby traps and such who stops these actual criminals out of Clear Creek, I sure am as a taxpayer much more worried about these illegal criminals causing more damage and suing the BLM for the asbestos they might get. If riders are allowed to ride all throughout then you (BLM) will have that many more honest pairs of eyes.

The BRC Blue Ribbon Coalition is a major helper along with the Salinas Ramblers. Keep Clear Creek as open as possible. The land in America is for All American's use not to be closed for no use.