

1 the meeting is to obtain public input on trail use  
2 policy that effects existing recreational trails  
3 within the FERC project boundry. Department,  
4 California Department of Parks and Recreation have  
5 nothing to do with what happens to our trails. We  
6 are under a unique situation because of the water  
7 and the power that's being sold out of the Oroville  
8 Dam. We have the money for the separate trails, and  
9 if there's anybody in here that prefers multi use  
10 trails, to seperate trails they got to have their  
11 head examined. You're telling me as a bicyclist, or  
12 equestrian` that you would prefer to meet somebody  
13 and stop, and if you got your head down peddling  
14 that bike as fast as you can go, you don't have to  
15 worry about a horse. The equestrian the same way,  
16 if he's going up the hill as fast as he can go he  
17 doesn't have to worry about it. So why, why are we  
18 fighting about this? The big issue here is we've  
19 got lots of dollars, we've got lots of money, and  
20 we've got the ability to come together and do this.  
21 So why don't you support the separate trail. There  
22 would never be an issue here had we not had a trail  
23 machine tearing up the trails over the last two to  
24 three years. That thing was a beautiful trail. If  
25 any of you had ridden it or walked it prior to the

1 time that the trail machine went in there, and  
2 destroyed it without any SEQUA or NEPA input. We  
3 illegally, illegally they did this. And yet we sit  
4 here and we allow this to happen; why?

5 NANCY WEINZINGER: Nancy Weinzinger,  
6 W-E-I-N-Z-I-N-G-E-R. I'm affiliated with the Back  
7 Country Horsemen, with the Golden Feather Riders,  
8 the Clear Lake Horsemen, and 'am a member of the  
9 MAU, however, I'm not representing either of those,  
10 but I want to the reiterate there was no need to  
11 change the historical Dan Beebe Trail which was  
12 built in the 50s as we've mentioned and dedicated in  
13 '63 from a single track to a multi use. In 1977  
14 like it was mentioned, mountain bikers had dedicated  
15 forty-one miles, and it was for the purpose of not  
16 having congestion later on. They've had the  
17 railroad grade for the last 25 years, and there as  
18 we mentioned, we had meetings with equestrians,  
19 bikers, hikers, everyone working together, and they  
20 did agree on the interium project and priorities and  
21 it was reached with a consensus to have the single  
22 track for mountain bikes. And then of course about  
23 a month later State Parks changed the trails to  
24 multi use, unbeknownest to anyone, and basically I  
25 feel that this conflict with the bikers and

1 equestrians, was brought about by State Parks when  
2 they did without public input, change these without  
3 any consideration for us. It also bothers me that  
4 the entire multi use change, was based on one user  
5 group and their wants it. Was not based on  
6 objective, fact finding, justifiable user needs.  
7 There are reasons why some trails -- it doesn't say  
8 all, but there are some trails that need to be  
9 single use, and I've had incidents even at Folsom  
10 about a year ago, there were two bikers coming so  
11 fast around a corner that they literally had to  
12 slide, hit the the bank, slide on their side and hit  
13 the bank, to keep from hitting us head on. Just  
14 last October, while I was riding Oroville, with a  
15 friend, I was with my twenty-month-old grandson in  
16 the front, he riding with me, and my horse is really  
17 gentle, so I really didn't think anything about it,  
18 but all of sudden a bike came from behind, he wasn't  
19 doing anything wrong, but he was just coming from  
20 behind -- there were bushes there, and my friends'  
21 horse bolted. Mine, naturally thinking there's  
22 something wrong, bolted forward and almost lost us  
23 both. And I mean if a twenty-month-old baby, it  
24 could have been really serious. That has really  
25 changed my outlook. When can pony this, my

1 grandchildren by themselves? Because I don't care  
2 how gentle your horse is, if they spook they're  
3 going to go forward and kids are going to fall off.  
4 Especially, when a back bike comes up suddenly and  
5 unexpected. I do have an article that I wanted to  
6 share, well, there was -- it says, "The net effect  
7 of opening the Dan Beebe Trail to mountain bikers  
8 users, will be to decrease overall public use of  
9 this trail. Why? Because most pedestrians,  
10 especially families with children concerned.

11 ROBERT HOROWITZ: Howdy, my name is Bob Horowitz.  
12 I'm a member of FATRAC here, and I've been a  
13 mountain biker oh, a better part of twenty years. I  
14 have to say I was a little bit puzzled when we were  
15 first hearing about this about FERC being involved  
16 in this, and my thinking was, well geese, what does  
17 FERC care about this. Who's using the trail isn't  
18 with going to affect the amount of electricity being  
19 generated by the dam, and then then we are asked to  
20 write a letter to the Department of Water Resources,  
21 and I usually cc., these kind of things to my  
22 assembly men, and I, I couldn't figure out to how to  
23 explain to him why we were writing to the DWR about  
24 mountain bike trails or horses trails because  
25 whoever is using these trails will not the amount of

1 water coming out of the lake that goes to the  
2 farmers. So I was just a little, very puzzled as to  
3 why these agencies were getting involved in this.  
4 We have the one agency who is contracted to, to run  
5 the State Parks and it's kind of their business to  
6 know about trails alcohol and to develop  
7 recreational opportunities for everybody in the  
8 state. Not just for the people who were here first,  
9 and not just the folks who happen to be very very  
10 lucky who live nearby. It's for everybody, and the  
11 State Parks has created a policy that promotes multi  
12 use trails. I assume that they used a lawful  
13 procedure to create this policy that's even codified  
14 in the public resources code which I read up there  
15 that says multi use is kind of a new way to go. And  
16 I understand that maybe not everybody trail's will  
17 be perfect and some of the things that people said  
18 about having lots and lots and lots of money to  
19 build parallel trails, you know, those are good  
20 arguments, but I would say in almost twenty years of  
21 biking I've had a fair amount of encounters with  
22 equestrian folks, and, and, although the people have  
23 misbehaved one or twice, I have to say the horses  
24 were very polite. And so I do think that everyone  
25 can get a long. I do think that's there's plenty of

1 room out here for everybody, and, and one of the  
2 folks talked about multi use kind of group and those  
3 seem to be really good things. What I'm hearing  
4 based on the last few speakers especially, is that  
5 there's been a failure to communicate, and maybe if  
6 people could just communicate a little more, we can  
7 get this all worked out, thank you.

8 DONNA WILLIAMS: Hello, my name is Donna Williams.  
9 And somehow this theatre looks a little smaller. I  
10 used to be an usher here when I was a junior year in  
11 high school here. So in the interior, I've done a  
12 lot of equestrian riding, and so it's kind  
13 interesting to come back and look at these hallways,  
14 and lodges and stuff. Um, what we find here, and I  
15 find in a lot of meetings, I find myself, is all of  
16 the people sitting here want to have answers. A lot  
17 of the problems are the, people that are not here,  
18 the ones who have abused it and their opportunities  
19 to go ahead and use the trail. So it makes it  
20 difficult in that light, but how I feel about it is  
21 if the State Parks and the different government  
22 agencies want to come down with a blanket thing that  
23 everything will be multi use, we as individual  
24 Americans who make choices about our recreation if  
25 you make a choice to go ahead and be a mountain bike

1 person, you're getting out to see the same thing we  
2 go out as an equestrian, and that is to see this  
3 country and fall absolutely in love with it. We're  
4 absolutely blessed with this country. So if we know  
5 that, and we know we have an opportunity to find  
6 some answers, I feel that really the blanket  
7 coverage of coming down that we have having multi is  
8 gonna be the way to go, I don't agree with that. I  
9 think that there's a lot of things we have to look  
10 at, we don't all drive Yugos, obviously. So, I  
11 think that what we need to look at is what can we do  
12 with our trail systems. Can we create more -- and  
13 I'm a real proponent for difficult terrain, to have  
14 parallel trails. You guys out there and the  
15 equestrians, we do a lot of work on those trails.  
16 All we have to do is wait out SEQUA, map out the  
17 trails, and start creating more of these trails, and  
18 I believe that the equestrian -- mountain bike  
19 people, as well as the equestrians, enjoy the single  
20 track trail. I think we have the answers. We can  
21 work together, but we just don't have to have a  
22 blanket coverage that someone presents to us. And  
23 as I said, I'll be out here, you're the ones that  
24 are coming forward looking for answers, and I think  
25 we can do it. But I think there has to be specific

1 trails. There's specifically for equestrians and  
2 specifically for mountain bike, and I think that's  
3 Okay. And I would like to see that happen, and I  
4 think if we work towards that end and I think within  
5 -- a case -- I understand you have a little more  
6 money than we do around Folsom Lake, and if given  
7 that type of scenario as groups we can come  
8 together, and we can work, and we can get sponsors  
9 and different, you know, organizations to go ahead  
10 and support this trail, and the monies we need to do  
11 -- and the big thing is you just have to wait out,  
12 and when you want to cut a new trail, you have to  
13 wait SEQUA out, you have to wait Fish and Game out.  
14 So let's do that in a real positive note. Realize  
15 in the future we're going to have more trail users,  
16 but we can do it in a safe and ethical way. We just  
17 have to agree upon how to do an approach, and  
18 there's gonna be where we can use multi use, but I  
19 think there's a real definite need for separate  
20 trails, so we can enjoy them, thank you.

21 CHRIS MARNEY: Good evening, my name is Chris  
22 Marney, and I'm a member of the Folsom-Auburn Trail  
23 Riders Action Coalition, although I am not  
24 representing them, necessarily, tonight. I'm also a  
25 trail -- a trail, um, a trail leader in group rides

1 and that. And I wanted to first of all thank the  
2 departments who are represented here tonight, as  
3 well as the City of Oroville for allowing cyclists  
4 to use the trails every other day since March of  
5 last year. This is far more convenient than many  
6 years ago when I use to ride the trails, and it was  
7 once a year that we mountain bikers were allowed to  
8 come on out. As mountain bikers we appreciate the  
9 challenges that these particular trails offer. The  
10 climbing and decending and negotiating of creeks,  
11 and other obstacles, as Mr. Hurst, the President of  
12 LOBO, eluded to earlier on the Freeman Trail, 39  
13 miles of gravel road is really not enough for  
14 mountain bikers. We do really love the single  
15 track. Now outlined cyclists on these trails  
16 saddens me. Um, I enjoy Oroville very much. I'm  
17 not from the Oroville area earlier um, and I really  
18 want to revisit it, but quiet frankly, it's the  
19 trails that draw me to the town. To enjoy the  
20 surroundings, and also spend my money here as a  
21 tourist: My wish is for these wonderful trails to  
22 remain open for mountain biking club rides, such as  
23 what I've led in the past, and hopefully in the  
24 future, and I want to come back again and again.  
25 Now, safety on the trail, um. Here's an interesting

1 prospective I heard recently, that cyclists add  
2 people to the trails, obviously, but it's a comfort  
3 to many people to know that there are other users  
4 out there. There are many people that perhaps we  
5 don't see that go out on these trails, and they're  
6 individuals, and they love enjoying the environment,  
7 but they're a little scared -- maybe rattle snakes,  
8 maybe nerdwells(sic) off the trail. Equestrians,  
9 pedestrians, and cyclists that come out on the trail  
10 add an element of comfort and safety. It's  
11 something to think about. Also cyclists may help  
12 scare off rattle snakes. I, I'm not particularly  
13 fond of rattle snakes maybe all of you are, but it's  
14 nice to have them off the trail when we come on by,  
15 and as I said cyclists can help out in that  
16 department. Um, groups like LOBO, the Lake Oroville  
17 Bicycle Association, as well as FATRAC, and others  
18 here representing FATRAC tonight -- I'm sorry, not  
19 representing FATRAC, but we're members of FATRAC,  
20 can come on out and help work on these trails. And  
21 makes these trails make, make it work, work with the  
22 departments and make it work with the improvements  
23 that are obviously needed for all of us to get  
24 along. Um, I, I was part of a group, a large group  
25 in November that came on out to enjoy the trails.

1 Thank you, very much. Let's all work together, we  
2 can do it.

3 RON DAVIS: Ron Davis, the time for a public hearing  
4 is before a resource decision is made, not after.  
5 The information given us for this meeting was wrong.  
6 The trails were not single use before this change  
7 was made. There was twice as much multi use trails  
8 under their management as there was hiking slash  
9 equestrian trails. There was relatively no single  
10 use trails at all. DWR told FERC that there's been  
11 a big increase in mountain bikers coming in here  
12 spending money. I don't see it. I see less  
13 mountain bike use. What I have seen is a mountain  
14 biker coming down the hill at me, yelling and  
15 screaming about we're taking over, you're days are  
16 numbered, cursing me. I've noticed the few mountain  
17 bikers I have seen neglecting, two or three of them,  
18 neglecting to yield as they're required to under  
19 current management. That's what I've seen. Local  
20 needs. The local community needs money. We're not  
21 gonna to get a lot of people to come in here and  
22 ride these trails by giving them the same old stuff.  
23 You got on the State Park system wide. Well trails.  
24 We got the room for seperate trails we got the room  
25 for multiple use boats we should give a diverse

1 recreational experience. My recreational enjoyment  
2 has been diminished by the ruining of these trails  
3 with their trail machine, and they didn't follow the  
4 law on SEQUA and NEPA on it. They bifurcated their  
5 project by putting it in small pieces when they did  
6 it and saying they're exempt from environmental  
7 review. They said there was no impact. Well, how  
8 come then when the relicensing crew went out there  
9 they found a bald eagle nest, and all of sudden they  
10 had to change their plan if they did their plan  
11 properly with a study and public review, and  
12 biologists out there, they wouldn't a had these  
13 problems. We have a problem, we have conflict, that  
14 was created by the State Parks. The root of it is  
15 they say there's not enough money to maintain  
16 separate trails. The 1974 Trails Act requires them  
17 to operate with volunteer groups like the Back  
18 Country Horsemen, they've refused to do it. The  
19 president of the United States and the Governor of  
20 California are asking us to volunteer our labors,  
21 and their laborers here, we can maintain those  
22 trails, and the State Parks can sit around and  
23 collect their money for nothing.

24 MIKE KELLEY: My name is Mike Kelley. I am, have  
25 been a member of ORAX since it's institution when

1 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission caused for  
2 it to happen. The thing that no one has touched on  
3 here is this is a very unique situation that we have  
4 here in Oroville. The financing for any of these  
5 trails comes from the Department of Water Resources  
6 sale of the water. And the water contractors are  
7 obligated to provide any money that is necessary for  
8 the construction of anything that is relative to  
9 recreation in this area. So, the fact that we have  
10 moved to multi use trails for economical standpoint  
11 in this area, is absolutely false. The funds are  
12 there. This generation billions of dollars every  
13 year into the general fund of the State of  
14 California. And FERC is obligated when a  
15 recreational facility is created by the power  
16 generation here. The Federal Energy Regulatory  
17 Commission has to receive a recreation plan. When  
18 the first recreation plan was put in place here, it  
19 was known as Bullitin Number 117 dash 6, and the  
20 requirements of that recreational plan were never,  
21 ever, fulfilled. In 1992, the Department of Water  
22 Resources, because we had raised hell because of the  
23 fact that they were not fulfilling the obligations  
24 of Bullitin Number 117 dash 6. They decided that  
25 they would submit another recreational plan, which

1 they did. Know, included in that recreational plan  
2 that they submitted, I'm gonna read right from it.  
3 It says, "Given issues raised by the interested  
4 entities, and the possible inconsistency with the  
5 approved plan a request to amend the approved  
6 recreation plan is now necessary. Therefore, if you  
7 wish to operate the trail as a multiple use trail,  
8 you will need to file an amendment application for  
9 commission review and consideration for approval.  
10 Public input would be a component of this amendment  
11 process. In the mean time, the trail system located  
12 within the project boundary should immediately be  
13 converted. Now, I want emphasis on that word should  
14 be immediately. Is there any question about the  
15 responsibility that the Department of Water  
16 Resources has in placing this back as, as an  
17 equestrian trail only. And I'm speaking  
18 predominately to the Dan Beebe Trail, which was  
19 constructed by equestrians here. It's original use  
20 be consistent with the approved project recreation  
21 plan within 30 days from the date of this letter.  
22 Please file documentation that the projects trail  
23 system has been converted back to its original use  
24 as consistent with the approved recreation.  
25 JIM HAAGEN-SMIT: Good evening, I'm Jim Haagen-Smit.

1 I'm actually representing International Mountain  
2 Bike Association this evening. Um, I'd just like to  
3 say I support State Parks multi use trails plan, um,  
4 I support the State Parks decision making process,  
5 um, it might not have included tons of public input,  
6 but I believe it included public input suitable for  
7 the changes made. Um, I'd like to say that we've  
8 all wasted a whole lot of time on issues such as  
9 this, and we would have been much better off  
10 spending our time and money building more trails,  
11 ideally, multi use, some cases single use, um,  
12 trails for everyone to enjoy. Everyone's talked  
13 about a lot of money floating around Oroville, I  
14 don't see it. Um, and if, you know, there is a lot  
15 of money we can build a lot more trails, and over 30  
16 years, I don't know the exact numbers, but it's not  
17 a lot in miles, it's a trail that had been built.  
18 So, if we do find that money, let's build more  
19 trails. Some can be single use, but most of them  
20 should be multi use, and I think we can all get a  
21 long in that aspect. Um, people have commented on  
22 odd even day, or commented on needing trails for  
23 equestrian use only. The odd even day in certain  
24 areas here in Oroville have done a fine job of  
25 providing for that need. I think it a, in certain

1 trails that works well. I don't believe we should  
2 have large trail systems that are all odd even day,  
3 but in certain cases it seems to work, and this is  
4 an example. I've ridden the trails here a few times  
5 now, and I'm not from Oroville. I've come up here  
6 and spent money, and enjoyed the trail system here,  
7 and hope to come back again. So, hopefully, we can  
8 all get a long, and thanks everyone tonight.

9 CATHY HAAGEN-SMIT: My name is Cathy Haagen-Smit.  
10 I'm a member of the Folsom-Auburn Trail Riders  
11 Action Coalition, and the International Mountain  
12 Bike Association, and I've been mountain biking for  
13 almost twenty years, and more and more I've seen  
14 resources being taxed to meet the needs of user  
15 groups, and balance the impact of the natural  
16 resources. Our multiple use trail system meets  
17 those, um, balances those needs the best. Um,  
18 another, um, thing that hasn't been mentioned a lot  
19 here although some people have touched on it, that  
20 um, a lot of the equestrians have mentioned bringing  
21 out their children, and grandchildren over the  
22 years, more and more we need to make sure that the  
23 bicyclists of Oroville, the young children who are  
24 given mountain bikes for Christmas, are given a  
25 place to ride close to their homes, and what better

1 place to do that than the Town of Oroville because  
2 the trails are right here. Um, I was lucky enough  
3 to ride here a couple of times with local mountain  
4 bikers and I've ridden just about every stretch of  
5 legal trail here and it's absolutely wonderful, and  
6 what's really great has, has been to meet all the  
7 other users groups, including hikers with their  
8 dogs, children on their little scooters, um,  
9 equestrians and mountain bikers and it's a great  
10 trail system and I really hope we can continue to  
11 support the decision makers who work so hard to make  
12 this trail system the best for everybody, thank you.

13 TANYA MEETH: Hello, my name is Tanya Meeth, I'm a  
14 member of FATRAC. The Folsom-Aubrun Trail Riders  
15 Action Coalition, and avid trail runner, and a  
16 mountain biker for about ten years now. Um, first  
17 I'd like to thank State Parks for improving the  
18 opportunity for the public to enjoy public land, and  
19 have the opportunity to recreate. I think in a  
20 perfect world there would be unlimited resources and  
21 land to build single use trails for every user group  
22 out there. Unfortunately that's not the case, and I  
23 think given that situation multi use trail systems  
24 are the solution to that scenario. So with that in  
25 mind that's the way we need to work together as a

1 group to make it as safe and just make it work for  
2 everyone, thank you.

3 GLENN MEETH: Hi, my name is Glenn Meeth.  
4 I live in cool California. I'm a member also of  
5 FATRAC, an avid mountain bike rider. Um, gosh, I  
6 wish I had never seen these many people at a trail  
7 work day. This would be really great. We could  
8 plow out a new trail, probably, tonight. Um, today  
9 we went for a mountain bike ride. Um, we had two  
10 horse people, it was kind of a training ride, she  
11 had a great idea, let's play a game. So we would  
12 sneak up behind the horses, and she would tell us,  
13 "Hey, you need to announce your presence." I've  
14 done this in the past. I've learned that my  
15 announcement wasn't, like, loud enough. They  
16 couldn't hear us. So I learned something today. I  
17 need to really be loud. I think that, I think multi  
18 use trails it's a matter of educating all user  
19 communities. Hikers, mountain bikers, and horse  
20 people. Um, today I learned something. I've ridden  
21 mountain bikes for a long time. I think horse  
22 people, they've ridden horses for a long time,  
23 getting these two communities together might be  
24 something new for a lot of people. Um, if we have  
25 multi use trails, as it is new in this community, I

1 think education's a big part really big part of  
2 making it really work. To make it work, having --  
3 unfortunately, this forum's probably not the most  
4 opportunity, or best place to educate people, but  
5 the energy, and resources, and pulling people  
6 together, um to make a form like this would be  
7 great. Somebody else had a suggestion of having a,  
8 you know, horse and bike rides together. I had a  
9 lot of fun today. So, in summer any ways I'd like  
10 to say thanks to State Parks, it was great we had  
11 multi use trails. Your trails are wonderful here,  
12 we have them up in Auburn, they work there. I think  
13 one of the reasons they work there pretty well is  
14 people are educated up there, for the most part.  
15 Unfortunately, a lot of mountain bikers that are not  
16 here tonight, are probably the ones you'll run in to  
17 doing forty miles an hour down the trail and  
18 scarring the bee geez us out of your horse. So,  
19 anyways, thank you.

20 LYLE WRIGHT: Hello, my name is Lyle Wright. I'm 46  
21 years old. I've lived in Oroville 35 of those  
22 years. I enjoy riding on the local trails more so  
23 now that it's legal. I enjoy meeting my neighbors  
24 out there. No matter how they are using the trails.  
25 Do you know what you call two restricted use trails

1 side by side? You call that a loop. I am here in  
2 support of the decision to allow bicycle use on the  
3 Dan BeeBee, Roy Rodgers, and Loafer Creek Trail  
4 loops and the Lake Oroville state recreation area.  
5 I believe these trails can safely be shared by  
6 bicyclists, hikers, and equestrians alike. The past  
7 season of near incident free use has more than  
8 proven it's point. It has been suggested that the  
9 bicycle use on these trails has divided this  
10 community. Nothing could be further from the truth.  
11 The division was already here. It was just pushed  
12 into prominence when someone here started  
13 complaining about having to share what they  
14 considered to be their own private trail system.  
15 Separate trails of restricted use can only serve to  
16 divide this or any community even more. A proposal  
17 to build a separate single track for mountain bikes  
18 was discussed in Relicensing Committee, but was  
19 dismissed as my understanding by State Parks for  
20 valid reasons including problems with where the  
21 trail was to be routed on private and PG&E lands.  
22 During the receivership and reorganization PG&E  
23 cannot negotiate land deals, but more than simple  
24 logistics, a separate restricted trail for each  
25 user that comes along, is a bad idea. Learning to

1 share is much easier than trying to enforce  
2 impractical restrictions. Some here would like to  
3 see every trail be put into the relicensing process.  
4 Ignoring the ongoing responsibility that State Parks  
5 has to manage our recreational resources on a day to  
6 day basis. Time has come to set aside our  
7 differences over how we choose to enjoy these  
8 trails, and to appreciate each other for what we  
9 have in common. It is time we all learn how to  
10 share. I encourage this community to speak out in  
11 favor of sharing. Some day you may wish to ride a  
12 bicycle on these public trails. You can help make  
13 it happen. If you don't want to meet the public  
14 out there on a public trail, maybe you should stay  
15 on private property. Thank you.

16 GREG MILLER: Hi, my name's Greg Miller, I'm LOBO's  
17 secretary. Basically, I'd just like to just come up  
18 and say that Oroville is beautiful, and we're for  
19 multi use trails, and that's everybody. That's  
20 hikers, joggers, bicyclists, equestrians, bird  
21 watchers, fishermen, I guess. I don't know, but  
22 everybody. I've rode many multi use trails, and I  
23 can't figure out what the big deal is here. I just  
24 -- I don't get it. Where's the beef? Where the  
25 litigation? I mean, it used to be a commercial

1 where's the beef. I don't see giant lines out in  
2 front of the county waiting for litigation on horse,  
3 equestrian, hiker -- whatever, accidents. I mean  
4 let's get real. I've been riding a few times and  
5 occasionally, I run into another person on the  
6 trail. Now it might get a little bit more congested  
7 up there, but I'm I give up, you know, I'm amazed.  
8 And the third thing is, that as usual the state, I  
9 don't think, can give anybody exclusive rights to a  
10 special interest group on, on a piece of property.  
11 In other words, they're not gonna give exclusive  
12 right to any one group just for that usage. If you  
13 do, you better be paying them a hell of a lot of  
14 money. Because I don't think they're going to do it  
15 without that. So again, I'm with LOBO, and I'm for  
16 anybody using those trails, and getting out there  
17 and getting with nature. We got other things to  
18 worry about like our health, and other problems, so.  
19 Thanks.

20 STEPHEN SCHEER: My name is Steven Scheer. And I'm  
21 here to show my support of the multi use trails  
22 policy. Um, I'm a bike rider, trail runner, and  
23 equestrian. I don't, I have been actively  
24 participating in the public input process relating  
25 to these trails decisions for the past 8 years as of

1 many of the other people in this group tonight  
2 including many of the local equestrians. In the  
3 last year I've been using the newly designated multi  
4 use trails on a frequent basis, and I've had nothing  
5 but positive interactions with other trail users,  
6 including some of the people that like to ride with  
7 their grandchildren. I'm many also one of the group  
8 of local cyclists that has volunteered to be active  
9 in the bike parole unit, to patrole the trails and  
10 help educate other trail users about etiquette on  
11 the trails. I'd like to stand behind with the facts  
12 that since March 1st, 2002 when these changes were  
13 made, there have been no horse, bike, interation  
14 played there are no horse bike interaction related  
15 injuries on these trails reported. It has also been  
16 showed state wide that multi use trails are not  
17 inhierantly more dangerous than restricted use  
18 trails. Education is the factor that makes the  
19 difference. Also multi use trails are the most  
20 judicious use of tax payer resources, as well as  
21 being more environmentally sound. I'm concerned  
22 that negative comments from a few residnece are  
23 given credence, over a vast majority of people who  
24 support this type of trail use. In fact, the  
25 recreation survey of the Lake Oroville State

1 Recreation Area, presented to the DWR Recreation  
2 Work Group on November 21st, 2002, showed that over  
3 70 percent of the people surveyed were happy with  
4 their recreation experience, and this survey took  
5 place after the trails were designated multiple use.  
6 Additionally, as member of LOBO within the greater  
7 Oroville area, roughly, 30 miles of this locality,  
8 we collected over three hundred letters in support  
9 of these trail use decisions, and I think this shows  
10 that in this area we have an abundance of support  
11 for multi use. In inconslusion I'd like to ask the  
12 trail use decisions continue to be made based on  
13 fact. Mainly, that multi use trails are not  
14 inherently more dangerous, that multi use trails are  
15 the most environmentally sound and judicious use of  
16 our public lands, and that the exclusion of certain  
17 user groups, based on anything other than fact, is  
18 not acceptable, thank you.

19 ALLAN CARLSON: My name is Alan Carlson.

20 C-A-R-L-S-O-N. Thank you, for the opportunity to  
21 speak tonight because it seems to matter. I'm 50  
22 years old, and about a year ago I had a heart  
23 attack, and that seems to be two big issues tonight,  
24 and how old we are, and what our health is. So  
25 there it is. I'm also I've been also been a

1 mountain bike rider for about seventeen years rode  
2 bicycles all my life. When my son came of age to  
3 ride mountain bikes I raised him on riding mountain  
4 bikes in the Oroville area. I used to live here we  
5 come back into the Oroville area to recreate, and  
6 the reason we do this is because of the mountain  
7 bike trails. Um, we haven't been here for a number  
8 of years because they were off limits. We came for  
9 the race day and that was about it. Um I see this  
10 whole thing as an issue of attitude, and that  
11 attitude is that we need to be a, express civil  
12 courtesies to each other when we're out there on the  
13 trail, and being 50 years old, and having had a  
14 heart attack, I get passed by other mountain bikers,  
15 and I require the same kind of civil courtesy from  
16 them when they come to pass me. Believe it or not  
17 even before my heart attack I sometimes got passed  
18 by equestrians, and um, they we're very courteous  
19 too. Again, it's a matter of giving right of way,  
20 and being polite to each other, and I think on the  
21 issue of building seperate trails, somebody asked  
22 here if we'd vote whether we'd want separate trails,  
23 or the same trails. If I could have more trails  
24 that we could all use, I would very much vote for  
25 that than anything else, and I very much thank you