



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

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To: Paul J. Davis, Environmental Specialist, Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

Subject: Chatsworth Park South Remediation

- **Trails and Trail Signage - Connecting with Trails at Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park**
- **Coordination with California Department of Parks and Recreation**

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (SSMPA) is extremely pleased that remediation work is underway at Chatsworth Park South (CPS) and that work is expected to be complete by the end of 2016.

Of special interest to SSMPA is the task of effectively re-connecting trails within CPS with trails in adjacent Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park (SSPSHP).

The Remediation Action Plan mentions connection of trails of the two parks:

The Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park borders the Site to the north, south, and west. Various recreational trails for pedestrians, hikers, and equestrian use surround the level park facility areas. [CPS Final RAP Rev021513_Rev_031513.doc 1-2]

Several trails originating in the Santa Susana Pass Historic State Park extend into the Site (see map in Appendix A). The trails that enter the park include the Hill Palmer Trail, the Bannan Quarry Trail, and the Chatsworth Wagon Road. [CPS Final RAP Rev021513_Rev_031513.doc 1-3]

The Report of the General Manager to the Commissioners mentions:

... [C]onstruction of outdoor park improvements including decomposed granite walking paths, metal barrier gates,... perimeter fencing... [Report of General Manager No. 14-286, No. 19, 2014]

SSMPA however is not aware of details regarding the upcoming construction of trail connections, nor is California State Parks. In the interest of advance planning, SSMPA suggests that **LADRP and California State Parks come together** to define details:

- how many connections, locations, which trails, hiking, equestrian, multi-use?
- physical configuration of gateways through the new perimeter fence
- trail signage

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Please keep SSMPA advised on future actions related to trail articulations at Chatsworth Park South.

Gratefully,



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Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is a 43 year-old non-profit organization based in Chatsworth, Los Angeles, California.

We represent approximately 700 members and concerned citizens, and we partner with many organizations to promote ecological and recreational quality in Southern California.

SSMPA's mission is to preserve and protect the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, and regional open space.

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