

1 keeping your heart nice and strong. Well, when I go
2 up a trail, and I have a mountain bike coming at me,
3 that's heart attack time. So we got to think about
4 that, you know, there's a lot of older folks that
5 ride, that love riding horses, you know a lot of us
6 were brought up on horses, to us that's a peaceful
7 recreation that's important. No stress ride. Don't
8 like to be stressed. Don't like to think the animal
9 I'm on is going to die because they get spooked by a
10 bike. And they go down, and I'm under that horse.
11 You know when you flop a bike you can go buy a new
12 one. When that horse flops you're going to lose a
13 horse. And horses are like dogs, they're near to
14 your heart, and the horse that I rode was named
15 Pepper, and I liked Pepper, and she like me we're
16 getting older, and she's not on the trail anymore,
17 and I'm not either, but maybe I will be again
18 sharing trails. We heard this word about multi use,
19 or a proven conflict. Does someone have to get
20 hurt, and does a horse have to die to prove a point?
21 See, we don't want to do that. That's too far
22 folks. Another thing, sometimes I'm not saying that
23 we're all over 60. I met a young lady out front a
24 while ago, a young girl, and she's a rider, but most
25 bike riders, except for the gentleman who just

1 spoke, most bikers are young people, and they can
2 handle that. And they need, they need a trail of
3 their own, and that's my heart. I mean if we've had
4 a nice horse trail, equestrian trail, for a long
5 time, and I'm not, I'm not a greedy person. I like
6 to see everyone have a wonderful time, and family
7 we're talking about, we're talking about our kids
8 going with us, and they got their bikes, and I got
9 my horse, well, I don't know. I say find another
10 place to ride, and, and um, but we need, when you
11 go, you don't want your horse to get hurt, you don't
12 want to be hurt, so I say that -- and I believe in
13 getting along and talking with other folks about
14 this. We could work it out, but I do not see how
15 the multi use goes with horses and bikes, thank you.

16 MARTHA BRAATEN: My name is Martha Braaten,
17 B-R-A-A-T-E-N. And I'm a concerned about our little
18 town of Oroville. I was raised here, and I love it
19 here, and I think it's a wonderful place, and I
20 believe the future of Oroville and the whole area is
21 in recreation, that's our future here, and I don't
22 want to see us bickering and squabbling and getting
23 along over what is essentially not a problem. I'm
24 both an equestrain and a cyclist. I don't currently
25 own a horse right now, but I was riding down on the

1 Dan Beebe Trail, or that area, it was a little
2 different then, back in my childhood in the 60s and
3 70's, my stepdad was riding down there on horses in
4 the 30s and 40s, and I just love this area. I don't
5 currently own a horse, but I hope to some day. I'm
6 not athletic enough, or have the visual acuity you
7 need to ride a bike on single track, but I do ride
8 my mountain bike down on the Brad Freeman Trail by
9 the river, and I love it, and it's very quiet, and
10 peaceful, maybe Vivian doesn't realize that most of
11 the mountain bikers around here are middle aged and
12 older, and um, it is just a beautiful quiet place to
13 be. I love it down there on my bike, like I did on
14 my horse, and a good horse is not going to spook
15 with a considerate mountain biker. Horses see bikes
16 all the time, they watch them from their pastures,
17 um, when my husband would ride his mountain bike up,
18 the horse would winny, and come running because it
19 was time for dinner. It's like, it's just not a big
20 conflict, and I want to see our town coming
21 together, and doing what's best for our community,
22 and um, being the city with the heart of gold that
23 we are, thank you.

24 LYNN JOHNSON: Hi, my name is Lynn Johnson, and I'm
25 kind of scared. I'm with the Oroville Pageant

1 Riders, and I'm in a family with four generations of
2 horse riders. I have a 71 year old father who
3 rides, and I have a three year old grandson who
4 rides. He gets ponied on the trails, and my father
5 hangs on for dear life on trails. I wouldn't,
6 couldn't imagine them running into a bike at their
7 ages. I have, I'm in my 40s, if I ran into a bike I
8 hope to handle my horse, but when my eight year old,
9 or six year old, or 71 year old runs into a bike, I
10 fear for them, and I fear for the horse. I hate to
11 see us not be able to ride the trails with the bikes
12 on them, but I also have three BMX riders and they
13 love to ride their bikes on the trails also. I
14 think there's enough room out there for all of us
15 with seperate trails, and a safer environment for
16 all of us and our young generations coming up, and
17 our older ones that are still here, thank you.

18 HARVEY WEIDMAN: Harvey Weidman, W-E-I-D-M-A-N, um,
19 concerned citizen. I'm both an equestrian and a
20 bicycle rider. However, I don't mountain bike, I
21 ride on flat portions of the trail, and I think
22 there's a big difference between recreational
23 riding, and a mountain bike level, and riding on
24 flat trails, and I think that's something we have to
25 address when we're talking about horses, and

1 approaching safety with the mountain bikes. The
2 mountain bikes I have encountered on the trail have
3 all been in illegal areas, not multiple use areas,
4 and they have posed a real problem because not only
5 is that area not designed to be multi use, but
6 they're going at what's fun for them, a fast speed,
7 and generally it does cause a problem. I've
8 encountered them at least three times. I won't ride
9 on a multi use trail, no matter what the distance.
10 I am not that good of a bicyclist, I'm not that good
11 of a horse rider, either one, to be able to handle
12 that situation. And uh, my horse actually, has a
13 lot less problem with motorcycles than bicycles
14 because of the sound, and again, if it didn't see
15 them, bicycles approaching from the back or even
16 from ahead are completely silent, and they seem to
17 frighten my horse a lot, a lot more than even a
18 motorcycle does. So, I have real problems with
19 that. I agree with Terry talking about multiple
20 trails, we have the money. We've already approved
21 it years ago, and I don't know why the bicyclists
22 continue to want to use the horse, the equestrian,
23 the established equestrian trails that have been
24 here for at least 40 years. I don't know. I can't
25 understand, why they don't want to make their own

1 trails. The equestrians that have worked on the
2 trails for all these years, I don't think they would
3 have worked as hard and as long as they had, after
4 all the years of being lied to by the Department of
5 Parks and Recreation that there would not be multi
6 use trails. The reason they were in such good
7 condition all these years is because of all the
8 hours of work the volunteers, the equestrian
9 volunteers put in. Um, I just have to again, echo
10 Terry's comments that we should work towards
11 parallel trails. We have the money, this is a
12 unique situation, it's not like other state parks
13 where everybody's worried about the money. We have
14 the room, and I think for safety in general, that's
15 the best thing to do, thank you.

16 CHARLES HORST: My name is Toby Horst. I'm the
17 Chairman of the California Equestrian Trails and
18 Lands Coalition. Uh, we have about three hundred
19 plus clubs, and 46,000 thousand members. So we're a
20 pretty large equestrian organization. We represent
21 all the pleasure loving horse community, and we've
22 taken this topic of safety on multi use trails as
23 being a very, very major concern to us as an
24 organization. We have um, contrary to some that say
25 we are safely interfacing on our trails. We are now

1 accumulating all of the incidents we can get our
2 hands on, and verify, because we're going to make
3 sure they're accurate, and there are many. Uh, some
4 to the extent of even a horse or two having been,
5 you know, injured to the point were they have to be
6 put down. Some people that have serious injuries
7 and it's all interface and it means we, we have to
8 do something to make it a, a safe situation. Horses
9 and equestrians, and I happen to be a back country
10 person, I pack with mules back into the back
11 country, and I've met equestrians. I mean I've met
12 mountain bikers coming around a corner at a speed
13 that wasn't safe. I had five mules all surrounding
14 me, and unfortunately, there was no place for the
15 biker to go because he either had to hit a wall of
16 animals or otherwise. Now, see, that's both unsafe
17 for the biker as well as the equestrians. We've got
18 to work at this in order to make it work. Now, I
19 just want to emphasize we do have a safety problem,
20 it's state wide. I'm getting masses of information,
21 e-mail, that is displaying this. So I don't want it
22 to be anyone leaving here, at least from the
23 equestrian community, thinking that we don't have
24 such a problem, and, and what the solution is -- I'm
25 not going to speak to the Oroville issue, I'm going

1 to say the solution has to be worked out, someway.
2 I'll leave it with that, and we'll go from there.
3 BARBARA WEINZINGER: Hello, my name is Barbara
4 W-E-I-N-Z-I-N-G-E-R. I ride with the Mounted
5 Assistance Unit with the state parks, and I've
6 enjoyed the Oroville trails, I haven't had a
7 problem, a serious problem, with the bikers.
8 They've all been very polite, but there's a little
9 thing about a horse that they should be more aware
10 of. I've had bikers come up a little close behind,
11 and if it's sudden the horse will shy. My horse is
12 very quiet, and she has been to the training where
13 she's trained not to be afraid of things, but if a
14 mountain bike happens to not speak when they're
15 behind me -- a horse doesn't see well to the rear.
16 And if suddenly there's a, a motion or something
17 like that that frightens them, they will spook, even
18 the well trained ones. I, I feel like getting along
19 with everyone, but it -- like the two former
20 speakers say, there are possibilities for accidents,
21 and we certainly don't want that to happen, thank
22 you.
23 KATHRYN FOLEY: My name is Kathryn Foley, that's
24 F-O-L-E-Y. I'm an equestrian. I have three
25 Arabians, and a mule at home. My father put me on a

1 pony when I was three, and I'm 55 now, and equines
2 have been a part of my life ever since. I'm a
3 member of the American Endurance Ride Conference,
4 and Backcountry Horsemen of California, although, I
5 do not claim to represent those organizations. I'm
6 only here representing myself. I just want to say
7 that I welcome the bicyclists to the trails at Lake
8 Oroville. The trails here are very fine, and should
9 be enjoyed by as many members of the public as
10 possible. We're hearing a lot about the fact that
11 horses can be spooky, um, if look you spooky up the
12 dictionary, you'll see my name there. I know all
13 about that. However, if we're going to remove
14 everything that makes at least that bay mare spook,
15 you're going to have to get rid of all the big
16 rocks, all the down logs, squirrels, squirrles are
17 really bad. The greenbrook four-year-old I'm riding
18 right now is terrified of creek crossings, so I hope
19 DWR will be damming up all those creeks. It's kind
20 of the least, the least they can do, really. Other
21 horses, I was run into full speed one time by a
22 runaway horse, that was pretty scary thing. So
23 other horses should probably be prohibited from
24 using the trails while were out there. Deer are out
25 of the question. And there was a killer turkey at

1 Loafer Creek that tried to get me for years. So,
2 you know, let's, let's make these trails a little
3 bit safer than they are. We hear about parallel
4 trail systems, that the bicyclists should have their
5 own trails. One of the big ironies of trail use at
6 Oroville, was that the first time a bicycle use only
7 trail was opened, immediately, 90 percent of the use
8 on it was equestrian. It was a beautiful trail, and
9 the equestrians wanted to use it, and they did by
10 golly, despite the fact that is was -- I didn't of
11 course, because I obey the signs, but it was very
12 well signed that it was for bicycles only. We talk
13 uh, us equestrians talk out of both sides of our
14 mouth on a little bit on this one. We all want more
15 trails to ride on. I would much prefer to see the
16 park service expend what little money they're gonna
17 have in these terrible budget times, building new
18 trails, building trails that all of us can use, not
19 just one portion. Um, that's all I wanted to say.
20 I welcome the bicyclist to the trails. I hope that
21 we'll all be able work to work together for
22 everybody's good.

23 MICHAEL MURPHY: My name is Michael Murphy, and I'm
24 an equestrian. I'm the president of the Sonoma
25 County Hourse Counsel, and Backcountry Horsemen,

1 North Bay unit. We've had this same situation in
2 Sonoma County. We had 750 people in a room because
3 the state parks made 18 to 24 inch, multi use
4 trails. It's 750 people in an auditorium. So they
5 lined the trails a little bit. We discussed the
6 issues, but conflicts still occur. Like you were
7 talking about your horse, I ride a leopard Appaloosa
8 that's really bright and loud, hoping that everybody
9 can see her everywhere I go. She's trained, I've,
10 I've patrolled with the Mounted Assistance Unit,
11 she's trained to have bicycles slide up underneath
12 her, and stand still. I put my three-year-old
13 daughter on her, but I've also seen bikes come
14 flying down a hill, hit one horse, bounce off of it,
15 plow through another, and then I've chased them out
16 of the park. The ranger asked me what were you
17 gonna do Michael Murphy if you caught that, that,
18 that, bicyclist, and I looked at this guy and I
19 said, well, you know, he looked like Darth Vader on
20 a bike. So I don't know what I would have done, but
21 it's just inevitable when you make trails too narrow
22 they're gonna have conflicts. One issue I'd also
23 like bring up, in our county, we did an economic
24 impact study of the horse industry and we found that
25 in Sonoma County the horse industry is a

1 \$185,000,000 dollar industry. That's six hundred
2 thousand dollars that we give to open space every
3 year for access to parks and recreation, and to the
4 state in just, you know, with just the quarter of a
5 cent for our open space district, it's six hundred
6 thousand every year. So one of the things with our
7 failing economy in California, I would, I would
8 recommend build more equestrian trails, make
9 California a more friendly state for equestrian use.
10 You're going to bring more people in here with more
11 bucks to spend. Horses eat six tons a year,
12 defecate, I don't want even want to tell you, but we
13 deal with that in our state, and this is what made
14 California a great state, being able to work
15 together, and we need to be able to exercise this
16 economic impact that we have here, and be able to be
17 bigger than the motion picture industry, bigger than
18 the motion picture industry, the economic equestrian
19 impact on our state. So we should be able to figure
20 these issues out so we can have safe places to ride
21 so that my three old, when she grows up, isn't going
22 to be nailed by somebody going over fifteen miles an
23 hour on a trail.

24 RICK TRITES: Good evening, my name is Rick Trites,
25 T-R-I-T-E-S. Um, I'm a mountain biker. I've been

1 riding for some 28 years here throughout California.
2 Um, and I've had some scary incidences. Not with
3 other bikers but equestrians. Uh, a funny story.
4 First bike I ever owned I bought back in 1984,
5 riding it on a multi use trail, came around a
6 corner, here was three guys racing their horses, and
7 I got ran over. It's kind of an ironic thing. I
8 owned the bike not more than two hours and already
9 my bike had gotten trampled by horses. Um, I know
10 it's a weird statistic, and we're always scarring
11 you guys, and I apologize for everyone out there who
12 has ever been frightened on a horse. I have ridden
13 horses before, I know that these animals are
14 skittish, I feel that through uh, conditioning and
15 through people coming together much like this.
16 Unfortunatley, in this forum we're not really
17 serving a greater purpose, which would be something
18 like I would like to see which would be a mountain
19 bike, equestrian group ride, where we can condition
20 these animals to not be afraid of us, and to realize
21 that we are the nice people. I'm the guy that
22 you'll always see getting off your bike, and
23 scooting off the trail, five or ten feet, and
24 getting poison oak all over myself trying not to
25 scare your animals. Um, I would just like to say,

1 please, keep an open mind. I wish we could see
2 these dollars spent in a more frugal way, building
3 more trails, getting more involvement from the
4 community, and grabbing hands rather than raising
5 fists. That's what I'd like to see, thank you.

6 DAVE GARCIA: Good evening, my name is Dave Garcia,
7 and I work with the California State Parks. I'm a
8 ranger with them. I've been working with State
9 Parks here for 19 years, right here at Lake
10 Oroville. I was also a ranger in Sonoma County, and
11 I was at Sugarloaf and Anadel State Parks. Uh,
12 Anadel had five thousand acres, and 35 miles of
13 trails that were multi use, and Sugarloaf had 25
14 hundred acres and about 20 miles of trails. When I
15 was there we had no conflicts, or at least we didn't
16 have any reported injuries of horses and bikes, and
17 um, Anandel was one of the first units that ever had
18 mountain bike races, uh the stunt jumper. We are --
19 when I first came in existence my feeling is that
20 multi use is the best for everybody. Here at
21 Oroville, I'm also the coordinator for the Lake
22 Oroville Bicycle Patrol Unit, and I got about six,
23 seven guys that patrol the trails for me, we -- our
24 inception started last year, and between the
25 rangers, and the bicycle patrol unit, we probably

1 put over a hundred hours of patrolling on the
2 trails. And along with MAU, which is also a great
3 group that put in a lot of time, volunteer time on
4 the trails. This last year we put together a trail
5 etiquette day, where we tried to inform everybody of
6 proper etiquette, and how to approach a horse and,
7 you know, hikers, horses, and bicyclists getting
8 together. Basically, it goes down to each
9 individual being responsible for themselves, and for
10 the rest of the community. Um, if we look at
11 ourselves, and become responsible people, um and
12 follow the trail etiquette, the safety factor should
13 increase considerably. I want to thank everybody
14 for listening to me this evening, and I hope we can
15 all work together, and continue to build our trails,
16 and continue to be a good community, thank you.

17 CLIFF SCHEER: My name is Cliff Scheer, S-C-H-E-E-R.
18 Like Scheer Memorial Chapel. Um, I've lived in the
19 Oroville area for almost 50 years. I've enjoyed
20 recreation in many forms in Butte County, and the
21 surrounding areas. I grew up as a 4H member, and I
22 saw Roy Rogers here earlier, and I just happened to
23 notice on the map he has a trail named after him, I
24 think that's appropriate. I learned how to ride
25 with etiquette with the other horsemen, and

1 horsewomen, as a young fellow, and I haven't been
2 active in riding in the past 20 years, due to a lot
3 of other things, raising five children along with my
4 wife, and we just purchased some registered quarter
5 horses, and they'll be ready to start breaking this
6 summer, and I'm looking forward to riding them on
7 the trails around Lake Oroville, and using them in
8 that capacity. Ironically, I have three sons who
9 are mountain bikers, two of them avid mountain
10 bikers, and they're putting in hours and hours and
11 hours, of riding their bikes, and their bikes cost
12 more than my horses, and if you added up a couple
13 years of feed, and shoeing, and everything else,
14 and, and their bikes are still more expensive. And
15 so I know that, and I know that they -- their
16 concerned about others, and about being responsible,
17 and so am I. I thought it was pretty interesting
18 though, Terry mentioned earlier about the trails
19 being dusty in the summer, and muddy in the winter,
20 and that's the way I always remember them being,
21 dusty in the summer, and muddy in the winter. So,
22 anyway, so I have some grandchildren, and I'll tell
23 you all here, but don't you go tell any of their
24 mothers and fathers, but I, I hope to spend a lot of
25 time trail riding rather than sitting at soccer and

1 baseball and football games with my grandkids. So
2 that's what, that's what my hope is. I'd rather
3 spend that time on a horse with them. I think
4 shared use gives the best recreational opportunities
5 for all involved. Cooperation between horsemen, and
6 cyclists may take some education on some people's
7 part. It may take some policing on the part of the
8 equestrians organizations if they happen to see
9 people who are not responsible using horses, as just
10 as well cyclists and organizations working together
11 to see if their groups are responsible. One of the
12 former speakers mentioned how that they thought it
13 would be great to get bicyclists and horse people
14 together, and I think that sounds like the best deal
15 yet. We, we're Americans and we better learn to get
16 along with one another cause I'll tell you what, if
17 we were in Iran, we'd be riding one of those camels.

18 KELLY JOHNSON: My name is Kelly Johnson. My wife
19 Dina and I have a house here on Lake Oroville. We
20 use the trails quite frequently, and to this point
21 have never had an incident with an equestrian. The
22 equestrians have treated us with respect, and vice
23 versa. So up to this point, I've never seen any
24 circumstance that shows that we can't get long with
25 the multi-use trail system. So I appreciate your

1 time for coming, thank you.

2 LYNGE SIMONI: I'm Lynge Simoni. I live in Grass
3 Valley. Um, I'm getting older. I have six
4 children, and six grandchildren, and that's why I'm
5 here. And I wish I had the humor that Kathie had,
6 or Michael Murphy , I don't. But I can speak to the
7 issues from years of riding with my six children and
8 now, with my eldest granddaughter who's 11. I'm --
9 I want multi use trails, where they work. I totally
10 agree we have to make the best use of our trail
11 dollar, but not all trails should be multi use, and
12 I do feel we need some single track trails for
13 horses without bikes on them. I'm happy that we're
14 out there. Now the reason -- I really want to talk
15 to the Parks Department more than anybody else here.
16 Um, the population increasing that you told us about
17 will be on those trails very shortly. So you're
18 looking at making your decisions on users now, but
19 when that user group doubles, it's going to be
20 really impacted, differently than today. Um, we are
21 Americans, but we decided a long time ago that that
22 one room school house didn't work. All children are
23 entitled to an equal education, but we realized that
24 the younger children were not taken care of well in
25 the same school as the highschoolers. Now, I think

1 all of you went through that process, and understand
2 now why we have institutions for each age group.
3 One of the State Parks people talked about the lakes
4 very briefly, and I think that's an example, we
5 forget. We all get to use the lakes, but and no
6 bike -- excuse me, no boat or no child, or no
7 swimmer, or no water skiers, spooks, we don't have
8 that problem. There's perfect visibility on a flat
9 lake, but we choose to have a swimming area that no
10 boats go into. We choose to have a slow area where
11 people can fish because with the faster boats
12 there's conflict, and safety is removed. So do
13 consider that the Parks Department already realizes
14 that not all uses are safe together. Please,
15 consider that we do need, as equestrians, some
16 trails, that can be single use, and some that can be
17 shared, and in that particular location I believe
18 there was a plan, there was money, and there was
19 plenty of land to have some multi use, and some
20 separate use trails, thank you for your time.

21 MIKE HURST: My name is Mike Hurst. H-U-R-S-T. I'm
22 with the LOBO Bike Club it's Lake Oroville Bicyclist
23 Organization here in Oroville. Number one, I don't
24 believe -- I believe State Parks' lands should not
25 be exclusive to any one user group, be it hikers,

1 bikers, equestrians, runners, whoever it maybe. A
2 lot of the issues brought up tonight were addressed
3 before opening these trails. Um, for instance a lot
4 of equestrians don't like to ride when bikes are on
5 the trail. In the Loafer Creek area it's an odd and
6 even system, where no bikes are allowed on the
7 trails on odd days, it's a horse and hiking only.
8 Horses can ride odd and even days, but bicyclists,
9 mountain bikers, can only ride on the even days. I
10 ride that trail approximately twice a week, an
11 average of twice a week, sometimes more often.
12 Rarely, do I see folks on the trail during the week
13 and there's a moderate amount of use on the
14 weekends. I have never had an altercation with an
15 equestrian. I probably have run in the last year,
16 probably, run into several hundred. They all have
17 been very pleasant. We've got along, there's been
18 no conflicts whatsoever. It's been, it's been very
19 well accepted. Um, LOBO has an open invitation to
20 desensitize any horse or equestrian that would like
21 to get their horse desensitized to, to ride trails.
22 We would be glad to take them out anytime, ride
23 horses. We did that today with some equestrians on
24 the trail and had a great ride. The Brad Freeman
25 Trail, which you will probably hear some input on

1 tonight, which is 41 miles of trail primarily
2 dedicated to mountainbiking, but it is mostly multi
3 use as well, now, but it is also 39 miles of gravel
4 road that is not conducive to trail riding, it's not
5 a trail. Two miles, two miles of trail, 39 miles of
6 gravel road is what the Brad Freeman Trail is. The
7 bike club agreed to build a paralell, a small
8 section, a paralell trail, approximately seven miles
9 long, as bike only with the equestrians last fall,
10 or last year. We rescinded that idea when the state
11 decided to consider making the trails multi use, and
12 we support the multi use trail system, thank you.

13 DON AMADOR: My name is Don Amador. I'm the western
14 representative for the Blue Bibbon Coalition, which
15 is national recreational access group representing
16 both motorized, and nonmotorized users. I came up
17 earlier today from the Bay area and hiked on some
18 trails, took some pictures. I hadn't been up to
19 this area before, and I appreciate the tresure you
20 have up here, but I must tell you that it pains me
21 to see two user groups battling it out here. I
22 think unnecessarily, when at a time throughout
23 California we have equestrian trails being closed in
24 the Indio National Forest, horse packers are being
25 told they're not welcome there. In the Bay area we

1 have mountain bike trails being closed in East Bay
2 Regional Parks, mountain bikers are told they're not
3 welcome there, and when I see this it's, it's
4 unnecessary, and I ask myself the question whenever
5 I come to a conflict area like this, "Is there a
6 local trail user group?" Now I've asked a lot of
7 people here today, and nobody's told me that there
8 is a functioning trail organization, made up it
9 looks like, in this case, of equestrians, hikers,
10 and mountain bikers, to protect the treasure you
11 have here. Now, in areas where there's successful
12 trail programs, Georgetown area on the El Dorado
13 National Forest, there they have a trail coalition.
14 The equestrians are working with the bikers and
15 hikers. It's a lot work. You can to a meeting of
16 Jody Reed and, and, and those folks go to a lot of
17 meetings. They spend a lot of time hashing out
18 these problems, and I haven't seen anything here
19 today that I don't think can't be worked out by a
20 local trail group. So it's going to be my
21 recommendation to this body, that after this is all
22 done, you know, I'm not going to be making specific
23 recommendations, whether you have horns on your
24 bikes like they do at the trails at Marsh Creek down
25 by Antioch, or whether you split up the motorized,

1 or the mechanized, like they did over at Cal
2 Mountain over in Eukiah, north is passive and the
3 south has mechanized, and motorized, but I will tell
4 you that your local user groups have to get
5 together, form your own coalition, uh incorporate
6 it, and help your managers here take care of this
7 land because you have a treasure here, and you need
8 to protect it.

9 JANET PETERSON: I'm Janet Peterson. I'm a midget
10 here too. I'm the President of an equestrian group
11 called ACE, A-C-E, stands for, Action Coalition of
12 Equestrians, and I want to start this evening by
13 clarifying or actually straightening out some
14 misconceptions or misunderstandings about one, um,
15 the purpose of ACE, and then two, ACEs' position on
16 the issues that face Oroville. The first thing is
17 that Ace is an organization, does not take a stand
18 on multi use, one way or the other. Now, they do
19 that on purpose because it is the feeling of the
20 organization that each trail whether it's a new
21 trail or it's a trail that's under consideration for
22 conversion, needs to be evaluated on its own merit.
23 It needs to be evaluated, you know, based on
24 topography, and who the users are, and what the
25 climate is, you know, all the basics that are

1 applicable to that particular trail. And so for
2 that reason on purpose, we don't, we don't report to
3 be pro or con, multi use. The, the second thing is
4 to let you know that the reason Ace was formed
5 earlier last year, 2002, was for the sole purpose of
6 encouraging equestrians to participate in public
7 forums just like this, was to encourage equestrians
8 it get out and let their voice be heard.
9 Participate in the process as it's offered to
10 everybody and to assist in that process. Our
11 organization has a variety of different volunteers
12 who do their very best to participate themselves, in
13 the various public forums, whether it's state or
14 local or federal, or whatever, and bring that
15 information back to the general body. So that even
16 our members who don't have the opportunity to
17 actually go to the meetings, will have an
18 opportunity to be informed on what's being
19 discussed, what the options are, how they might make
20 comments, and things such as that and that is our
21 sole purpose for existing. In terms of the issues
22 that are facing Oroville tonight, I would bet that
23 many in the audience tonight don't know, or perhaps
24 have forgotten that, as a part the relicensing
25 process, very very involved, complicated, but

1 incredibly important process that is taking place
2 here at Oroville. That trail task force was formed
3 and of course it was made up of all users, hikers,
4 bikers, equestrians everybody, and that it was
5 formed to evaluate the trail system at Lake
6 Oroville, and it's serviceability for the next 50,
7 5,0 years.

8 ROBERT WEINZINGER: My name is Bob Weinzinger.
9 W-E-I-N-Z-I-N-G-E-R. We just heard a comment just a
10 bit ago that we had a seperate trail in the makings.
11 We are in an unique situation. We're getting
12 comments from people outside the area that do not
13 know this area, and we had seperate trails, we can
14 have seperate trails, and as Mr. Hurst mentioned,
15 the trails were being flagged and unknownst to the
16 equestrian community they pulled out of this without
17 our knowing this, and went with parks because they
18 said we're going to change the Dan Beebe Trail, the
19 historical Dan Beebe Trail, into multi purpose. We
20 never new this. We have never new this at all. And
21 for that to happen, how can you trust an
22 organization that stabs you in the back. That's
23 what happen. And if there's anybody in here that
24 disagrees they can come up here and tell us the
25 facts, if the facts are different. The purpose of