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Mr. Thom McCue  
Monterey County Planning and Building  
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Dear Mr. McCue,

After reading the Draft E.I.R., regarding Pebble Beach Company's Del Monte Forest Preservation and Development Plan, we would like the following items addressed:

1. Pebble Beach Company has assured us that a new Equestrian Center would be built and ready for occupancy before the current one is demolished. Please do not issue any permits for the proposed new golf course and buildings before a permit is simultaneously issued for the new Equestrian Center. Mark Stillwell from PBC has said that they are planning to build the golf course around the current Equestrian Center. We feel that this would be most hazardous to have heavy equipment moving so close to horses and the children and adults riding them. This is a safety issue! Please hold PBC accountable to their word that the new Equestrian will be built. 1
2. Many of the proposed and existing trails close to the Proposed Equestrian Center site are for pedestrians only. Please insist that all trails around the new Equestrian Center site be "dual" use, for pedestrians and Equestrians. 2
3. There is an issue about the Equestrian Center using only weed free hay. Since this hay is not available in our area, it is nearly an impossible request. The reason for this issue is that seeds from out of area weeds might get through a horses digestive system and drop in their manure causing a weed to grow. I assure you that we have more out of area seed dropping's from migrating birds than from a few horses. Besides, there are no restrictions on any of the other barns in Monterey County, so this seems to be an unfair request. 3
4. The current policy in use (and this has been since the beginning of time) is that there are no restrictions to use of trails by Equestrians and horses after rainfall. The draft EIR recommends limiting use for 3 days. This seems unfair. We recommend that the current policy remain. We would also like to mention that there is constant attention and maintenance to all of the trails by a Trails Coordinator and the Riding and Trails Association of which we are members. 4
5. There is an issue regarding man made wetlands at the new Equestrian Center site. These man made wetlands were a result of poor grading from prior quarry operations rather than a natural formation. Re-grading to restore original drainage 5

