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From: Codie22@aol.com**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2004 5:45 PM**To:** mccuet@co.monterey.ca.us**Subject:** Public comments on the Draft EIR

Dear Mr. McCue:

As a life long equestrian, I would like to comment on some important issues per the Draft EIR.

I have ridden in Pebble Beach since the late 70's and couldn't imagine riding anywhere else. We are a community of animal lovers and environmentally conscious people.

I would like to comment on and hopefully shed some light on key points directly affected to the proposed Equestrian Center.

Man made wet lands are just that. Man made. As a result I feel we should be allowed recreational use for the proposed center. In no way would horses impose any kind of environmental damage. If mitigation is required for the use of these particular areas, the mitigation should be centered on creating other manmade wetlands elsewhere on the site where equestrian activities won't be restricted.

I would hope that continued access to the current trails system would be continued. My family and I belong to a currently well organized maintenance program which is in place not only to maintain the trails but even improve upon them. One can only hope that mountain bikes and motorized cycles will continue to be prohibited. We as a community are very conscious about proper trail usage and safety. Unfortunately cyclists tend not to think about ecology and adhering to the properly marked trails. I have often seen them simply going off trail and creating there own. This cannot be considered a good thing. Our trail system should continue to be dual use. Civilian and equestrian. Relocation of the Equestrian Center would discourage these uses and have a positive environmental impact.

As for the usage of Weed-Free Feed, it is currently not available to us in our area. Imposing this on outside visitors to our various shows simply be impossible to monitor.

In closing please consider the impacts of our current Equestrian Center activities during construction of the new golf course. If issues of safety and trail access need to be mitigated, lets address them. Many of us have literally been run down by large speeding semi trucks in our own crossing zones.

I thankyou for your time and hope we can all look forward to another seventy-five years riding in out beautiful forest.

Sincerely,

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