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Seaside, California 93955

Mr. Thom McCue
Monterey County Planning and Building Inspection Department
Coastal Office
Marina, California 93933

Dear Mr. McCue:

I have worked and ridden at the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center since November 15, 1971. Having reviewed the EIR Report for the Pebble Beach Project, I have a few issues to address.

First, weed free hay is not available. Hay is grown in fields outdoors where animals and birds and air can deposit seeds as they can anywhere. If you restrict the horse feed you must consider restricting any load of landfill and compost that enters the gates at Pebble Beach. I have seen load after load of semi-trucks filled with earth come into the Forest. Unless it is sifted and radiated, it will have weeds in it. To single out the horses, that are regularly maintained to prevent parasites and digestive upsets, is unfair and unreasonable. Horse owners are very particular about what they feed their horses, they look for the best quality possible.

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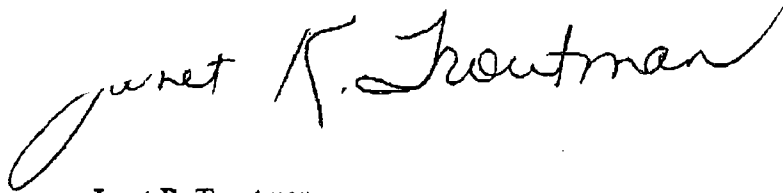
Second, there should be no restriction on trail use. There is a maintenance plan in place to regularly care for the trails. The equestrians will be an asset by reporting problems on the trails. The three-day moratorium on use of the trails by horses following a rain is ridiculous since the horses flatten the trails as the trails dry. I have seen it happen every spring. What really tears up the trails are the mountain bikes and motorcycles that create furrows in the earth. Rain then erodes the trails. This is a big safety issue for the equestrians as well as destroying the ground. With more equestrians out there, the trails would be better protected from this illegal use by bikers.

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Third, the manmade wetlands could be moved. They are not natural wetlands, therefore they can be relocated. It will be done for the new golf course where there are multiple wetlands throughout that proposed site.

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emphasize that singling out horses is unfair. They are very well
parasites both externally and internally. Deer are tick ridden
Raccoon feces can be deadly to both humans and horses.
poisonous weeds. Yet, there is nothing I have heard proposed to

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet R. Troutman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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