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The Sierra Freepackers are concerned that outside of the Pacific Crest trail revised plan equestrian use is not mentioned in the Revised Sierra National Forest Plan. There should be some provision in the for safe equestrian use in the Revised Sustainable Recreation plan especially in light of the recent USDA Management Horse Campsite whitepaper, setting guidelines for recommended best practices for horse campsites.

With increasing use levels at developed sites, campsites designed for use by stock users are being increasingly occupied by campers without stock. Since there are very limited camping options for stock users, this is resulting in displacement of this user group. This can result in safety concerns as non-stock users are often unaware safe behavior around stock.

We are also concerned that equestrian safety is not addressed in the Travel Management Plan. As bicycle and OHV use is increasing and most roads and trails outside of the Pacific Crest Trail and Designated Wilderness are multi-use the potential for problematic interaction also increases as Non stock users and are often unaware safe behavior.