

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 3/18/2024 4:03:49 AM

First name: Vallie

Last name: Lichner

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I am commenting to give my full support to the Corral Flat Endurance Trail Project. It has been a long time coming. Projects such as these are very much appreciated by the local equestrian community. There has been an increase of off road activity in recent years that leaves devastating consequences on the trail itself as well as erosion in vulnerable areas. In my experiences as an equestrian, I firmly believe that where resources exist, ATV's and bicycles should have their own appropriated areas. There are glaring examples of erosion on Grey Butte trails from bicycle use rutting trails, then rain follows these low areas causing trail creepage to adjacent areas to avoid the inevitable rocks exposed. I've also seen this in the Coast range trails. ATV's have caused considerable damage to BLM areas south of Lower Bridge Road in Terrebonne. In recent years this is extending to the north side of Lower Bridge. These areas have sensitive vegetation that is easily crushed by ATV's as well as sandy soils which quickly turn to dust bowls, obliterating the established equestrian trails. This is an area heavily used by equestrians that is beginning to see some signage that will hopefully help preserve the extensive, and much appreciated horse trails in this area.

Thank you for creating this trail project! We hope it will eventually provide reliable recreational opportunities for equestrians for a long time. It is an incredibly beautiful area, and we are very fortunate to have it to enjoy.

Sincerely, Val Lichner Terrebonne OR