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Comments: To Todd Stiles, district Ranger and other interested parties:

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment. I use the Cache Creek Trailhead frequently and live in the neighborhood. I have several points of opinion about the redesign.

-If bathrooms need to be rebuilt, they should be moved farther from creek, perhaps inside one way loop.

-I am all for rebuilding the handicap access loop.

-I understand the desire to reroute the Hagan Trail and first Putt Putt/Sidewalk trail accesses if necessary at N and C on the landscape architect's map, although these access points do divert congestion from the main parking lot for thru pedestrians, horses and bikers.

-I understand the desire to gate the majority of trailhead to decrease vandalism. This can be accomplished by siting trailer parking and the smaller lot for overnight parking at B and N.

-I am strongly against increasing the parking lot toward the creek. This is contrary to the goal of protecting the watershed.

-I am against closing the existing loop for one-way exit and creating a separate road for exclusive administrative and commercial access. This is a waste of limited space in a sensitive area and it creates the need to increase the footprint of impact.

-I am against paving the parking area. Asphalt and paint have their own environmental impacts and parking spots will be invisible for half the year. Perhaps there is another system to use to mark parking spaces like posts with numbers to avoid the environmental and budgetary costs of pavement and paint?

-Protection of the watershed from pollution from parking area can be accomplished with sloping and plowing toward the hillside not towards the creek.

-I am against building an indoor space for ambassadors and educational groups. This also creates the need to increase the footprint of impact. Instead there could be a small roof over one or both of the educational kiosks at each trailhead if ambassadors need shelter.

-Please keep the Sidewalk Trail and the one-way loop open to allow for thru horses, bicycles, dogs running and walking with owners to avoid the congestion of the main parking lot. As a neighborhood resident, I see a steady flow of pedestrian and bicycle traffic heading to the Trailhead daily. Please consider this contingent when planning traffic flow to trail access.

Keep me posted.

Respectfully, Georgie Stanley