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Comments: I'm a mountain biker, having started riding in the mid '80's. At the time, there were no 'mountain bike' trails and we didn't understand the impact we would have on the hiking and equestrian community who's historical trails became our new pathways. It is because of the hazard that mountain bikes posed to equestrians that nearly all single track on Mount Tamalpais was closed to mountain bikes and remains so today. I say this because in the intervening decades, as mountain biking has exploded in popularity, equestrians have found themselves marginalized and SHARP, as it relates to much of the northern side of Sherwin Creek Road, threatens to make it unsafe to ride a horse. Mountain bikers, though broadly group with much greater etiquette than in the early years, rarely operate bikes around horses and frequently don't understand the risk they pose to equestrians, their riders and even the cyclists themselves.

In my opinion, it's critical that the construction of these new multi-use trails follow best practices to maintain line of sight and keep rider speeds from being excessive by building in trail features that prohibit the high speeds that can be achieved on straight sections of trail. Additionally, signage should be incorporated at trailheads and along heavy use paths reminding cyclists of how to courteously interact with the equestrian community and of the safety hazard cyclists pose to equestrians and animals alike if they don't follow the guidelines.