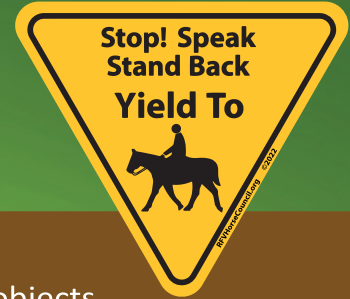




## Please Remember The Trails Safe Passing Plan Stop! Speak and Stand Back



### **STOP:**

Horses are prey animals and naturally can be afraid of unfamiliar people and objects. People with horses should pass at a walk while other trail users remain STOPPED, until passed. When approaching horses from behind, please STOP! SPEAK to announce your location and pass slowly when the people with horses are prepared. STOPPING allows TIME for everyone to prepare for safe trail passing.

### **SPEAK:**

Please ANNOUNCE your presence.  
Please SAY "Hi" when we pass by.  
Speaking helps horses identify you as a person and will help keep them calm.

### **STAND BACK:**

Please STAND BACK with your whole group on the same side of the trail.  
Please contain children and dogs.  
Please do not hide or stand behind a tree, as these actions may cause horses to fear you are a predator planning an attack.

### **SMILE:**

Enjoy the safe, happy trails! Please contact the Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council for the use of the Stop! Speak and Stand Back sign at: [RFVHC.Colorado@gmail.com](mailto:RFVHC.Colorado@gmail.com)