

## **RFVHC SUMMARY**

### **TRAILS & PARKING DESCRIPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**4/10/2022**

#### **Q12 TOSV (Horse & Hiker Trails Only)**

For equestrian trail riding, there is high demand on the Upper North Mesa Trail Due to access of ample Truck and Trailer Parking Lot at Town Park. Equestrians are unable to access Tom Blake from Town Park / Rodeo Lot due to traffic safety concerns

Equestrians are unable to park trucks and trailers in Tom Blake Parking Lot

Equestrians are unable to access Sky Mountain Park due to lack of truck and trailer parking and because multiuse trails are dangerous

#### **The RFVHC recommendations to TOSV**

- Design Town Park Parking Lot to preserve truck and trailer unloading area at TOSV Town Park on a suitable dirt surface for Upper Mesa Trail
- Build a staging/ concession area for the Guides/Outfitters that offer trail rides from Town Park for a robust summer and fall tourist & local amenity
- Repair shale hill on lower section of Upper North Mesa Trail.
- Place wayfinding signage to direct hikers and horses through the neighborhood
- Solve parking challenge for Tom Blake Trail by allowing parking at Two Creeks Lot, or enlarging Tom Blake parking lot.
- Eliminate intersections on Tom Blake trail where conflicts between hiker/horses and bikes now exist
- Consider potential access on a soft track trail to Sky Mountain Park across roundabout area using traffic lights to stop traffic
- Asking for public support to keep horses off the horse and hiker only trails permanently.

#### **In the works - solutions with TOSV**

- In 2021, the RFVHC worked successfully with TOSV on the realignment of the Upper North Mesa Trail to avoid the fragile Fen. RFVHC asks for a working grant for 2022 to start repair on shale hillside.
- The RFVHC meeting 4.13.2022 with the POSTR TOSV Committee and our community recommending that our hiker and equestrian trail safety enhancements.
- Introduce the TOSV to the ELCR's Safe Passing Action Plan and RFVHC's Yield signage, which is gaining national attention.
- Funding is being sought for 2022-23 projects and working grants with the TOSV