

Trails and Open Space Coalition Resolution
Approved, January 9, 2008, TOSC Board of Directors

A resolution from the Trails and Open Space Coalition opposing the development as proposed of an off-highway vehicle (OHV) park on land previously designated as an open space candidate area – Corral Bluffs and requesting from El Paso County a full and open public process involving all interested stakeholders on placing the proposed El Paso County OHV motorcycle park on the Corral Bluffs proposed open space area prior to purchase of any such property and requesting that the County pursue other alternatives for the proposed park.

Whereas, the Trails and Open Space Coalition understands the county's premise that an OHV motorcycle park is desired in the Pikes Peak region.

"Whereas, the Corral Bluffs properties proposed by the County to be turned into an OHV motorcycle park are on the county's open space candidate list and the properties are an area of interest for non-motorized preservation, and

Whereas the Trails and Open Space Coalition believes that the Corral Bluffs area has significant open space values worthy of preservation, and

Whereas there has not been a full, open, and transparent discussion of the County proposal to place an OHV motorcycle park on the Corral Bluffs proposed open space.

Whereas, Corral Bluffs was prominently displayed on the map of proposed open spaces during the overwhelmingly successful 2003 TOPS Extension Campaign and has been nominated as an open space area by the Trails and Open Space Coalition.

Whereas, it is a contiguous property to the City boundary with connection to the Banning Lewis Ranch developments and close proximity to the Jimmy Camp Creek area which could provide a regionally significant open space and recreation area.

Whereas, the Trails and Open Space Coalition is willing and eager to participate and cooperate in the preservation of meaningful natural resource values of the Corral Bluffs area.”

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Trails and Open Space Coalition opposes the development as proposed of an OHV park in the Corral Bluffs area, and
2. Requests El Paso County research and find an alternative for the proposed OHV park, and
3. Requests El Paso County defer action on any property acquisition until full and adequate public discussion can be held on the merits of placing the proposed OHV motorcycle park on the Corral Bluffs proposed open space area or any other location.

Respectively submitted for the Trails and Open Space Coalition:

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