

TOPS WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

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A resolution from the TOPS Working Committee requesting that the City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board convey and endorse this resolution and subsequently forward the resolution to the Colorado Springs City Council 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 property.

Whereas, the TOPS Working Committee understands the county's premise that an OHV motorcycle park is needed 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 TOPS Working Committee 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 Extension Campaign and has been nominated as an open space by TOSC (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, of which we have a vested interest.

Whereas, the TOPS Working Committee 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 TOPS Working Committee desires that El Paso County defer action on 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.
2. The Tops Working Committee requests that the City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board endorses this resolution and subsequently forwards the resolution to Colorado Springs City Council to promote an open public process to determine best use of this land.

Respectively submitted for the TOPS Working Committee by:



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