

## **Cape Horn Flipchart Notes (and other written comments) from the Meeting held on 3/18/09**

### **General/Process**

- No parking on shoulder of SR14 – too dangerous
- Dangerous – hikers on cape horn road

### **Natural Resources**

- Dogs on the trail also? Would like to not have dogs on lower part (south of 14)
- Monitor peregrine but keep trail open during this time
- Protect the falcon. They need habitat too!
- Is there a way to visually screen peregrine from hikers?
- Provide protected guardrail viewing spots on top of cliffs west of waterfall – spur loop option?
- Signage to prohibit mt. bikers – it's easier to grant access later than to take it away after use has become common.
- I support some type of monitoring effort to better understand peregrine disturbance and habituation.
- Safety concerns with county road.
- No bikes.
- No motorized rehab existing spurs/trails not used for final trail package.
- Reduce seasonal closure in Alt. 2 to the area past the waterfall.
- Lower trail section is the favorite section to hike
- Would like to see “rim drive”? decommissioned because of the horse and other access to their private property
- Need good signage at trailheads (maps etc.).
- Prefer a loop trail.
- Lower segment hikers only - too dangerous.
- Concern that getting rid of use near nest and then allowing it at some future point may “shock” the birds even more. As opposed to steady disturbance.
- Reroute is a boring route. Right next o HWY 14. filled with garbage.
- Dogs should be on leash.

### **Recreation/Lands Cultural Resources**

- Multiple use – specific: Horses should be allowed north of SR14.

### **Other comments:**

- I strongly support monitoring trail useage and impact on the falcons before imposing a seasonal closure. Have a trail for half a year is not a satisfactory outlet.

- I oppose parking at the top of Strunk road. ADA access should be kept on the HWY 14 pull outs.
- The reroute of the lower trail takes away rest of the spectacularly views that are part of the lower trail. To cut the new trail itself will cause environmental
- Keep it a loop trail critical for its ultimate success – people will make illegal trails otherwise.
- Seasonal closure ok if no other way to mitigate for falcons
- Keep more of scenic viewpoints on lower trail – difference experience otherwise

#### Existing Trail:

- Pros – corridor already developed, takes hikers to many spectacular viewpoints, shortest route to waterfall from Hwy 14, shortens distance of 8 mile loop trail, and an historic route
- Cons – steep and slippery with many exposed sections (danger of falling), damage already apparent at sensitive sites (trampling and erosion, etc.), location doesn't consider wildlife needs (sensitive species), transits area of active springs especially in rainy season, and limits use by general public – trail classification is more to most difficult type.

#### New location:

- Pros – flatter grades with built in drainage, can much more easily be built to Forest Service standards, easy to moderate trail classification, potentially accesses more viewpoints – particularly on lower end – these would be accessed via side trail from main trail, easier to maintain due to improved drainage, safer access by work crews, fewer switchbacks 4 instead of 16, disperses hikers over a greater area – particularly is short loops are made to some viewpoints, avoids some sensitive areas – doesn't make thru-route of viewpoints
- Cons – requires opening up new ground, closer to Hwy 14 on the upper end, longer meandering route with more limited views, more distance of trail to maintain, need to deal with small but intense Himalayan blackberry patches