



# Estrella Mountain Regional Park Master Plan Update Comments from April 30, 2015 Public Open House Meeting and Department Response

## SUMMARY

The public meeting was conducted in an open house format. Display boards were stationed throughout the room and the public was invited to work their way around the room to view each board. Department staff and special guests were available to answer any questions and to engage in discussions. Cards were available for interested parties to provide their comments and feedback. Approximately 40 people signed in for the meeting, and 15 comment cards were received in addition to a number of “Post-It notes” that were used on display boards. The Department allowed a 30-day comment period, concluding on May 30, 2015, to provide the public adequate time to comment. Table 1 details how the 134 pieces of communications (e.g. comment cards, Post-It notes, emails, etc.) were received. These comments, and Department staff response to the comments, were posted on the park’s webpage at <http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/estrella/emproject.aspx>.

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| At public meeting:                      | 46% of total |
| Comment cards from Public Meeting       | 15           |
| Post-It Notes from Public Meeting       | 42           |
| Flip chart comments from Public Meeting | 4            |
| 30-Day Comment Period:                  | 54% of total |
| Survey Monkey responses                 | 31           |
| Comment cards after meeting             | 2            |
| Email or other sources                  | 40           |
| <b>TOTAL all sources</b>                | <b>134</b>   |

Department planning staff reviewed each of the 134 comment cards, Post-It notes, emails, and other forms of communication received. Out of those 134 communications, Department planning staff recognized 261 unique comments. Further, out of the 261 unique comments, 156 (or about 60 percent) were considered to be out of the scope of the Master Plan Update. *Out of scope* can mean:

- the comment or suggestion is already covered by another planning document;
- the comment pertains to an operational matter;
- the comment does not otherwise fall under the purview of a master plan; or
- it may be too generalized or vague to work with.

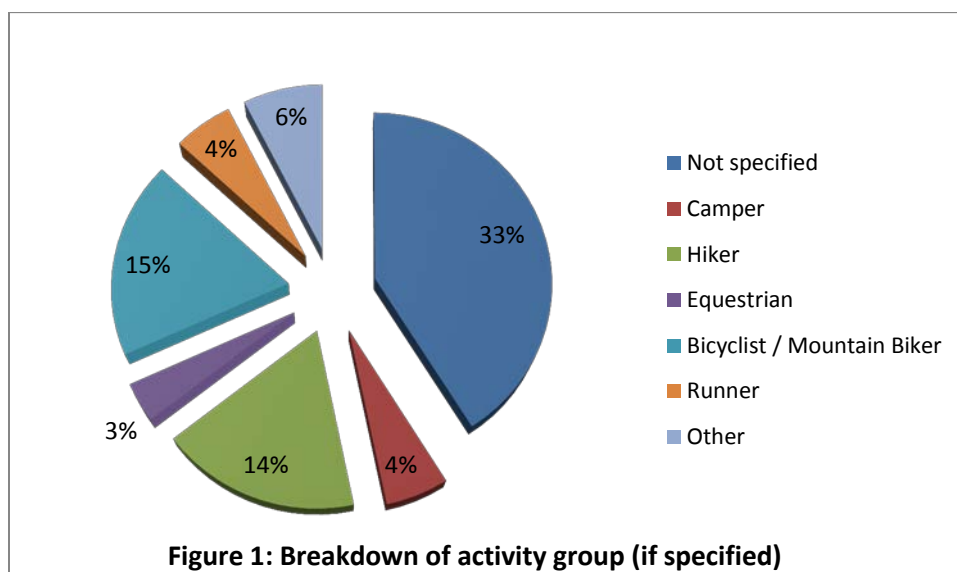
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| Unique Comments:*                                                                                               | 261 |
| Out of Scope Comments:                                                                                          | 156 |
| Percent out of scope                                                                                            | 60% |
| *One comment card may have contained more than one type of comment.<br>Total will exceed number of respondents. |     |

A master plan does not dictate hours of operation, staffing, programming or other day-to-day activities. A master plan also does not dictate activities that occur outside of park boundaries. As noted at the public meeting, the purpose of a master plan is **to outline the long-range vision for the park as well as development priorities that will provide for both the public’s enjoyment and the protection of the park’s resources.** A master plan also:

- Serves as a guide and policy document for current and future park staff, partnering agencies, elected officials, and interested members of the public.
- Provides guidance in the management of natural, cultural, and recreational resources.
- Considers a range of issues such as staffing, funding, encroachment, wildlife corridors, public needs, and more.
- Considers staff, stakeholder, and public recommendations.
- Identifies park enhancement opportunities including possible upgrades to park facilities, recreation infrastructure, restoration opportunities, etc.

The remaining substantive comments will be further evaluated and potentially carried forward into the draft alternatives for the master plan. Table 3 details each unique comment received and the Department response. Please note that all comments have been forwarded to the appropriate Department staff for their review (and to address as needed) which may be independent from the Master Plan Update process.

About one-third of meeting participants did not specify their preferred outdoor activity. Of those that did specify, Figure 1 shows that “Bicyclists / Mountain Bikers” represented 15% of respondents and “Hikers” at 14%.





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**Table 3: Public Comment Evaluation - Public Open House Meeting #1 and 30-day open comment period**

| Public Meeting: |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                              |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Method          | Respondent | Comments/Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Visitor Group (if specified) | Out of Scope | MCPRD Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Comment Card    | 1          | I am one of the people who go to corral west the reason I think corral west should stay is because corral west is where I got on a horse for the first time that was also where my brother and sister got on a horse for the first time so there are lots of fun memories there at corral west. Corral west has taught me a lot about horses. They have given me the chance to be around horses. Without them my chance to ride a horse and see horses would be less often. Please keep the horses at Estrella mountain Regional Park. |                              | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place.<br>This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). |
| Comment Card    | 2          | update the water lines so park does not run out of water. Drinking water!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Comment Card    | 2          | Have an entrance that stands out. People see golf course not park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                              |              | Refer to 2011 marketing plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Comment Card    | 2          | talk to local people and they don't know park is here                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                              | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place.                                                                                                                        |
| Comment Card    | 3          | Continue horse use in park. Great to see horse trail riders and wagon rides to enjoy the desert.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | equestrian                   | x            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Comment Card    | 3          | I would love to see some more activity in the arena, rodeo, roping, horse shows, concerts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | equestrian                   | x            | Operational. Refer to 2011 marketing plan.<br>This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Comment Card    | 3          | Overnight facilities for private horse users would be great.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | equestrian                   |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Comment Card    | 4          | Thank you for all you do with the parks. I use Estrella and White Tank 3-4 times a month. I love all the trails and thank you for maintaining them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | runner                       | x            | Thank you, too.<br>The 2012 trails plan amendment added a trail at elevation. This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                        |
| Comment Card    | 4          | I would like to see more trails with elevation gain at Estrella. Especially into the southeast corner of the park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | runner                       |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Comment Card    | 4          | I love that Estrella has open gate policy to allow early morning entry (4-5am). I would love to see White Tank accept this policy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | runner                       | x            | Operational.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Comment Card    | 5          | I am 50 years old. Born and raised here. Been coming to this park since I was little.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | hiker                        | x            | Thank you.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



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| Method          | Respondent | Comments/Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Visitor Group (if specified) | Out of Scope | MCPRD Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| Comment Card    | 5          | Back in the day the grass was green and well kept. The play areas were large and fun - now - the turf is dirt and weeds. The play areas are torn down. The ball fields are a mess. Why build ball fields and take away nature. FIX - repair/ replace what is here.                                                                                       | hiker                        |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                             |  |
| Comment Card    | 5          | This park is the 1st one here. Put your \$ into fixing it up and people will come.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | hiker                        |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                             |  |
| Comment Card    | 6          | Your 1988 Master Plan has been changed since I saw the Master Plan when CEMP was started. This tells me that the Regional Park Management can chance anything at any time. Including withdrawing funds to control outcome.                                                                                                                               | camper/hiker                 | x            | The 1988 Master Plan has not been changed or amended since it was approved and adopted in 1988. Revenue and some general fund dollars go into the park budget each year and are detailed in the annual operating budget and/or the 10-year CIP. |  |
| Comment Card    | 6          | Why don't you let more people know the park is here?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | camper/hiker                 | x            | Refer to 2011 marketing plan.<br>This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                            |  |
| Comment Card    | 7          | I would like a {unreadable} gardin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                             |  |
| Comment Card    | 8          | I think that the most important things is to make sure the park remains connected to and open to the community, which will increase the revenue generating capacity for the long term.                                                                                                                                                                   | hiker                        |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                             |  |
| Comment Card    | 8          | To the degree that the ballfields will increase youth participation from the entire community, I support that - but the local community uses the park as a place to picnic, celebrate weddings & quinceneras, throw festivals, and hold group functions. Decreasing common space in the surrounding community makes this an extremely valuable resource. | hiker                        |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                             |  |
| Comment Card    | 8          | I also support making the trails and backcountry more accessible, better marked, w/o a lot of development. That's a great way to increase the number of people who can use the park while reducing the environmental impact, so that I can remain a community natural resource for generations to come.                                                  | hiker                        |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). Trail building follows the Parks Department Trail Management Manual.                                                        |  |
| Comment Card    | 8          | Please continue to make efforts to reach local communities of color as well.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | hiker                        | x            | Thank you. We will do our best. Refer to 2011 marketing plan.                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| Comment Card    | 9          | I am so appreciative that EMRP remains on the radar for growth of amenities and family entertainment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                              |              | Thank you. The growth of amenities is carefully considered via the planning process.                                                                                                                                                            |  |



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| Method          | Respondent | Comments/Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Visitor Group (if specified) | Out of Scope | MCPRD Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Comment Card    | 9          | I am so glad that the horse riding amenity is growing in popularity as {unreadable} the years (past {unreadable}) so many were disappointed in the lack of riding access.                                                                                      |                              | x            | Operational<br>This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Comment Card    | 9          | This has great potential. Let's keep looking for partners to make things happen.                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Comment Card    | 10         | I come here because it is quiet and there is a lot of wildlife to observe. I have seen how loud baseball and soccer fields are. Along with noise comes the traffic. I live near here and I have seen the traffic from the Goodyear Ballpark.                   | hiker                        |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).<br>The 1988 master plan (p99) calls for an approx. 50 acre sports complex to include 12 softball fields, football/soccer, volleyball, tennis, basketball, racquetball, playgrounds, and a full service concession stand. The Department began discussion with a local non-profit group several years ago in its effort to implement the 1988 plan. |
| Comment Card    | 10         | I do not want this park to become a money making scheme for wealthy investors.                                                                                                                                                                                 | hiker                        | x            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Comment Card    | 10         | You will already be taking kids playgrounds and our ramadas.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | hiker                        | x            | Old playgrounds throughout the park system, including EMRP, that do not meet safety standards are being replaced with new desert-inspired equipment and positioned where they will meet the highest demand. No net loss to ramadas/picnic space is expected. This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                       |
| Comment Card    | 10         | Then you will need a lot more room for parking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                | hiker                        |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Comment Card    | 10         | The park could use some changes but massive sports fields is not the way.                                                                                                                                                                                      | hiker                        |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Comment Card    | 11         | I come here to hike and so quiet. I love the plants grew and more gardins and I want to save it.                                                                                                                                                               | hiker                        |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Comment Card    | 12         | For safety issues - add a crosswalk on Vineyard for people hiking from the park east to the riparian area and onto the Jackie Meck Lakes. Sonoran Audubon Society leads a bird hike every second Saturday of the month with numbers of participants from 7-30. | bird walk leader             |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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| Comment Card    | 13         | Investigate the scale working model of the Mississippi River on the island located on the east side of that river at Memphis Tennessee. This model is more than a few thousand feet long, with city maps embedded in the concrete materials which contain the flowing water in the model. Scale-wise is extends from the river's source in Minnesota to its delta at the Gulf of Mexico. | retired civil engineer           | x            | Refer to 2006 El Rio Watercourse Master Plan.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Comment Card    | 14         | Some wonderful ideas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | hiker, star gazer, love outdoors | x            | Thank you for your input. This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                               |
| Comment Card    | 14         | Centennial Trail is a great idea/plan. Please don't drop it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | hiker, star gazer, love outdoors |              | Thank you for your response; will be forwarded to operational staff.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Comment Card    | 14         | Have concerts & perhaps art shows.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | hiker, star gazer, love outdoors | x            | Thank you for attending.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Comment Card    | 14         | Thanks for having this gathering.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | hiker, star gazer, love outdoors | x            | Thank you.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Comment Card    | 15         | Overall I think the trail system here is good.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | bicyclist                        | x            | The 2012 trails plan amendment provided and expansion area for the competitive track. This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                   |
| Comment Card    | 15         | It would be nice to see some more technical trails being developed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | bicyclist                        |              | The 2012 trails plan amendment provided additional trails alignments. Trail design and building follows the Parks Department Trail Management Manual. The Parks Department has volunteer opportunities for some trail maintenance projects. |
| Comment Card    | 15         | South Mountain has a trail called "National" which is a great example of what is missing from our park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | bicyclist                        | x            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Comment Card    | 15         | There is a strong biking community in the West Valley and I am sure we could all be willing to help design and build new trails.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | bicyclist                        | x            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Comment Card    | 15         | I think with this addition you would see a significant increase in mountain bike use within the park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | bicyclist                        | x            | Thank you for your input.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Comment Card    | 15         | Thank you for all your efforts!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | bicyclist                        | x            | Thank you, too.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Flip Chart      | 16         | Bike path/trails along Agua Fria River area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                  | x            | Outside of park boundary. However, there is an existing short trail in the Gila River bed called the El Rio Plant Research Trail for pedestrian use.                                                                                        |
| Flip Chart      | 16         | Bike trail/path from bottom of Estrella Pkwy / MC85 to Tower                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                  | x            | Outside of park boundary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Flip Chart      | 16         | Horse camp for youth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                  | x            | Operational.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



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| Flip Chart                               | 16         | nature trails                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                              |              | The park currently has over 33 miles of trails. Other trail-related opportunities will be further evaluated for inclusion in the draft master plan alternative(s).                          |
| Post-It note from El Rio Board           | 17         | El Rio is a HUGE project. It really needs multiple IGAs and a dedicated group for it. Keeping it a small part of EMRP is good but a separate group needs to be in charge of it. Something like a conservancy should be a steward of it. |                              | x            | Refer to 2006 El Rio Watercourse Master Plan.                                                                                                                                               |
| Post-It note from Master Plan Board      | 18         | Weekly astronomy night                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                              | x            | Thank you for your response, will be forwarded to operational staff.                                                                                                                        |
| Post-It note from Master Plan Board      | 18         | Later hours for star gazers                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                              | x            | Thank you for your response, will be forwarded to operational staff.                                                                                                                        |
| Post-It note from Centennial Trail Board | 19         | YES!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                              |              | The Centennial Trail will be further evaluated for inclusion in the draft master plan alternative(s).                                                                                       |
| Post-It note from Centennial Trail Board | 20         | Develop a volunteer group dedicated to only the Centennial Trail. Have one main contact within the park with scheduled timelines to follow up with volunteers.                                                                          |                              | x            | Thank you for your response, will be forwarded to operational staff.<br>This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). |
| Post-It note from EYS Board              | 21         | Prefer the picnic, relaxing setting over a sports complex                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                         |
| Post-It note from EYS Board              | 22         | RV camping                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                         |
| Post-It note from EYS Board              | 23         | Develop a path around the fields. Use it as way to get around the fields and park. Could be used for kids run events.                                                                                                                   |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                         |
| Post-It note from EYS Board              | 24         | This is a good idea. The park needs users and this brings them in.                                                                                                                                                                      |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                         |
| Post-It note from EYS Board              | 25         | Amphitheater is neat. Keep it.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                         |
| Post-It note from EYS Board              | 26         | Where is \$ going? Be more open & transparent with public.                                                                                                                                                                              |                              | x            | Revenue and some general fund dollars go into the park budget each year and are detailed in the annual operating budget and/or the 10-year CIP.                                             |



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| Post-It note from EYS Board  | 27         | arena - lack of marketing for park and arena             |                              | x            | Refer to 2011 marketing plan.                                                                                           |
| Post-It note from EYS Board  | 27         | get in front of parents, not the school principals       |                              | x            | Refer to 2011 marketing plan.                                                                                           |
| Post-It note from EYS Board  | 27         | get in front of the moms and dads                        |                              | x            | Refer to 2011 marketing plan.                                                                                           |
| Post-It note from EYS Board  | 27         | keep arena - asked for jackpot and jr. rodeo association |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).     |
| Post-It note from EYS Board  | 27         | don't realize park is self-sufficient                    |                              | x            | Thank you for your input.                                                                                               |
| Post-It note from EYS Board  | 28         | arena - don't know its there.                            |                              | x            | Refer to 2011 marketing plan.                                                                                           |
| Post-It note from EYS Board  | 28         | keep the agricultural background                         |                              | x            | Thank you for your input.                                                                                               |
| Post-It note from EYS Board  | 28         | think out of the box on funding                          |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).     |
| Post-It note from EYS Board  | 28         | change lights at arena - power company charges too much  |                              | x            | Thank you for response, will be forwarded to operational staff.                                                         |
| Post-It note from EYS Board  | 29         | 1-2 ball fields                                          |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).     |
| Post-It note from EYS Board  | 29         | why on County lands?                                     |                              | x            | The Department often engages in partnerships to provide amenities and/or services that the Department otherwise cannot. |
| Post-It note from EYS Board  | 29         | if market demands it, then expand.                       |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).     |
| Post-It note from EYS Board  | 29         | locals won't use for more than 3 months                  |                              | x            | Thank you for your input.                                                                                               |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 30         | outdoor concerts and art shows                           |                              | x            | Thank you for response, will be forwarded to operational staff.                                                         |



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| Post-It note from Idea Board | 31         | Provide Sonoran Audubon Society 3 or 4 cones to put in place on Vineyard to indicate a temporary crosswalk for the monthly Saturday bird hike (which goes east along the river). |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                              |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 32         | Encourage more youth equestrian programs                                                                                                                                         |                              | x            | Thank you for response, will be forwarded to operational staff.                                                                                                  |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 33         | Entrance for horse arena to bypass fields                                                                                                                                        |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                              |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 34         | Trail for handicapped loop around main 1 mile area                                                                                                                               |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                              |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 35         | restrooms, showers                                                                                                                                                               |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                              |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 36         | rodeos: senior high school, Jr gymkhana                                                                                                                                          |                              | x            | Thank you for response, will be forwarded to operational staff.                                                                                                  |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 37         | make more use of the arena                                                                                                                                                       |                              | x            | Thank you for response, will be forwarded to operational staff.                                                                                                  |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 38         | We don't need change of purpose. We need to invest in what is here and do a gradual change to see what gets used.                                                                |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                              |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 39         | Work with other government agencies. IGAs are the only way to fund large projects.                                                                                               |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                              |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 39         | Develop a dedicated volunteer group/stewards of the park. Volunteering is a difficult task.                                                                                      |                              | x            | Operational. Refer to Citizens for Estrella Mountain Park (CEMP) for information on how to join CEMP. The Department also has a park host and volunteer program. |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 40         | Fix up communal picnic areas / more outlets                                                                                                                                      |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                              |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 41         | Movie nights. Silent disco (w/ headphones).                                                                                                                                      |                              | x            | Thank you for response, will be forwarded to operational staff.                                                                                                  |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 42         | church group hikes                                                                                                                                                               |                              | x            | Thank you for response, will be forwarded to operational staff.                                                                                                  |





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**Table 3: Public Comment Evaluation - Public Open House Meeting #1 and 30-day open comment period**

| Public Meeting:              |            |                                                                                                                           |                              |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Method                       | Respondent | Comments/Questions                                                                                                        | Visitor Group (if specified) | Out of Scope | MCPRD Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 43         | clearer trail markings on longer trails                                                                                   |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). Refer to Parks Department Trail Management Manual.                                                          |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 44         | youth programs with horses - inside and outside the arena                                                                 |                              | x            | Operational. Thank you for your input.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 45         | 1. More dedicated camp sites to include RV sites and remote sites well into the park such as the south end of Pedersen.   |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                             |
| Post-It note from Idea Board | 45         | 2. Develop infield to encourage more users to use the park and experience not just their field sport but the trail system |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                             |
| Post-It note from Wall Map   | 46         | A good beginner is desperately needed, something with little elevation gain                                               |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                             |
| Post-It note from Wall Map   | 47         | Improve wash crossings on existing trails (re-routes). Ex. Gadsden is horrible.                                           |                              | x            | Refer to Trails Maintenance Manual<br>This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). Refer to Trails Plan and 2012 Trail Amendment.                        |
| Post-It note from Wall Map   | 48         | What about this massive hill here ->                                                                                      |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                             |
| Post-It note from Wall Map   | 49         | Real toilets & garbage cans & gazebos                                                                                     |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                             |
| Post-It note from Wall Map   | 50         | real facilities and camping for events. You could partner with PIR too. They would want it.                               |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                             |
| Post-It note from Wall Map   | 51         | Re-open trails closed to hiking & biking                                                                                  |                              | x            | Refer to Trails Plan and 2012 Trail Amendment.<br>Comment it unclear. Refer to Trails Plan and 2012 Trail Amendment. Existing trails (BU, CO, CW, GD) go around the hill (Knob Hill). The hillside itself should not be in use. |
| Post-It note from Wall Map   | 52         | Go around this hill. Its getting destroyed.                                                                               |                              | x            | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). Refer to Trails Plan and 2012 Trail Amendment.                                                              |
| Post-It note from Wall Map   | 53         | Hi loop                                                                                                                   |                              |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



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| Public Meeting:            |            |                                                                                                                            |                              |              |                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Method                     | Respondent | Comments/Questions                                                                                                         | Visitor Group (if specified) | Out of Scope | MCPRD Response                                                                                                                                                     |
| Post-It note from Wall Map | 54         | need trail etequite signs                                                                                                  |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                |
| Post-It note from Wall Map | 55         | Move towards not just 4 foot trails. More challenging features in the trails. Something like South Mtn to draw users.      |                              | x            | Refer to Trails Plan and 2012 Trail Amendment. Refer to Trails Maintenance Manual.                                                                                 |
| Post-It note from Wall Map | 56         | Set up backpacking / dry camping area. After end of PD trail.                                                              |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                |
| Post-It note from Wall Map | 57         | YAY trails as "competitive loop" type trails. Switchbacks, etc as req'd                                                    |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). Refer to Trails Plan and 2012 Trail Amendment. |
| Post-It note from Wall Map | 58         | Why not go all the way south to encourage long rides /hikes. It opens the comp track to endurance events that are growing. |                              |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). Refer to Trails Plan and 2012 Trail Amendment. |



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| 30-day Comment Period: |            |                                                                                                                                     |               |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Method                 | Respondent | Comments/Questions                                                                                                                  | Visitor Group | Out of Scope | MCPRD Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Survey Monkey          | 1          | A bike lane on the loop around the large turf area, more bike/caution driver signage.                                               | bicyclist     |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Survey Monkey          | 1          | Interpretive signage along the main road naming the trees, cacti along the entrance to the park.                                    | bicyclist     |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Survey Monkey          | 1          | An air pump station for bikes                                                                                                       | bicyclist     |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Survey Monkey          | 1          | paint warnings on roadway for drivers to be aware of bikes - start seeing bikes.                                                    | bicyclist     |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Survey Monkey          | 2          | Repair the existing 2 ball fields and see how it goes before destroying the grass play area for soccer fields and more ball fields. | hiker         |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Survey Monkey          | 2          | Repair or replace the kids play area and swing sets.                                                                                | hiker         |              | Old playgrounds throughout the park system, including EMRP, that do not meet safety standards are being replaced with new desert-inspired equipment and positioned where they will meet the highest demand. Department preference is to keep day use separate from overnight use. Alternative areas for camping will be explored for inclusion in the master plan draft alternatives. |
| Survey Monkey          | 2          | Allow camping in the Navy Area.                                                                                                     | hiker         | x            | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). Alternative areas for camping will be explored for inclusion in the master plan draft alternatives.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Survey Monkey          | 2          | Restore the grass areas, repair the ramadas and clean up the Primitive Camping area.                                                | hiker         |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Survey Monkey          | 2          | Keep the county park as a family park and the only one with a true grass play area.                                                 | hiker         |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Survey Monkey          | 2          | Find another place for the 8 ball fields and multiple soccer fields.                                                                | hiker         |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Survey Monkey          | 2          | Our families need a green park to gather and play and not another commercial area.                                                  | hiker         |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |



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**30-day Comment Period:**

| Method        | Respondent | Comments/Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Visitor Group                       | Out of Scope | M CPRD Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Survey Monkey | 3          | I am disturbed, upset & dismayed to see the inclusion of a sports complex for PRIVATE groups use - even is this private group is funding all or part of the project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | hiker, trail runner, picnic/day use |              | The parks current 1988 master plan (p99) calls for an approx. 50 acre sports complex to include 12 softball fields, football/soccer, volleyball, tennis, basketball, racquetball, playgrounds, and a full service concession stand. The Department began discussion with the youth sports group several years ago following the direction of the 1988 plan.<br>This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). The 1988 master plan (p99) calls for an approx. 50 acre sports complex to include 12 softball fields, football/soccer, volleyball, tennis, basketball, racquetball, playgrounds, and a full service concession stand. The Department began discussion with the youth sports group several years ago following the direction of the 1988 plan. |
| Survey Monkey | 3          | A sports complex of almost 20 new soft ball and multi use fields is not in line with the vision and mission to "preserve the natural setting and environmental aspects of the park by heavily restricted use and recreational public access"??? How does a sports complex with grass fields that need watering contribute to a natural setting?                                                                    | hiker, trail runner, picnic/day use |              | Operational. The Department often allows third party partnerships access to its public lands in order to provide services or amenities that it otherwise be unable to provide such as horse rental concessionaires, golf courses, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Survey Monkey | 3          | My opinion is that a private group could not be given access to public lands, even if they bring \$\$\$\$ to the deal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | hiker, trail runner, picnic/day use | x            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Survey Monkey | 3          | My use of this park is for hiking and relaxing day use for picnics - the proposed sports complex will GREATLY interfere with the relaxing and natural setting that I have enjoyed for many years - if you must push this sports complex and private use, please RESTRICT it to the existing ball diamond area in the far west end and leave the main picnic/ramada/trees section as it is currently being used!!!! | hiker, trail runner, picnic/day use |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). Hiking, day use, and picnic use will remain prominent features of the park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Survey Monkey | 3          | If the county does not have money to make improvements, I would rather see no improvements at all than what you are proposing with this private development of our public park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | hiker, trail runner, picnic/day use |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).<br>This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). Refer to Trails Plan and 2012 Trail Amendment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Survey Monkey | 4          | I would like to see some more technical trails being developed in the park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | bicyclist                           |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Survey Monkey | 5          | Better Trail design, especially regarding run-off w/rains, and then any/better trail maintenance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | bicyclist                           | x            | Refer to Trails Plan and 2012 Trail Amendment. Refer to Trails Maintenance Manual.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Survey Monkey | 6          | great                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | bicyclist                           | x            | Not clear what "great" refers to, but thank you.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Survey Monkey | 7          | Provide better mtn bike trails.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | bicyclist                           | x            | All trails are multi-use unless otherwise designated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



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| Method                 | Respondent | Comments/Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Visitor Group | Out of Scope | M CPRD Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Survey Monkey          | 8          | Mountain bike trails are my main interest.                                                                                                                                                                                     | bicyclist     | x            | All trails are multi-use unless otherwise designated. This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). The 2012 trails plan amendment provides some additional trails and the Maricopa Trail Manager is currently and actively working with local jurisdictions to determine the preferred location of a Maricopa Trail connection.                                                                        |
| Survey Monkey          | 9          | I love the existing trails out there. Any additions or connectors to trails outside the park would be awesome! Keep up the great work.                                                                                         | bicyclist     |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Survey Monkey          | 10         | Make the park friendly to all users, and educate bikers and hikers to share the trail.                                                                                                                                         | bicyclist     | x            | All trails are multi-use unless otherwise designated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Survey Monkey          | 11         | I currently have a season pass and ride my bike in the park often.                                                                                                                                                             | bicyclist     | x            | Thank you. The trails plan and 2012 trails plan amendment provides three entry points along the west boundary. One is currently open. The remaining two will be opened as additional development occurs and in cooperation with the City of Goodyear's Parks Trails Open Space Master Plan preferences.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Survey Monkey          | 11         | I would like to see more entrances into the park that connect with the Estrella Mountain Ranch community.<br>I would also like to see connector trails between the park and the competitive loops.                             | bicyclist     | x            | The 2012 trails plan amendment added a connector trail between approximately the rodeo arena and the competitive track.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Survey Monkey          | 11         | Lastly, I would like the trails to be a bit more bike friendly especially in the south end of the park.                                                                                                                        | bicyclist     | x            | All trails are multi-use unless otherwise designated. Refer to Trails Maintenance Manual.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Survey Monkey          | 11         | Many of the trails are found within the wash and are nearly impossible to ride. Some of the trails are so sandy that they are nearly impossible to ride. Better trails that are ride-able will bring more revenue to the park. | bicyclist     | x            | The 2012 trails plan amendment provides for alternative trails near south washes. Refer to Trails Maintenance Manual.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Survey Monkey          | 12         | More multi use trails                                                                                                                                                                                                          | bicyclist     |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).<br>Comment is unclear. The main park entrance is on the north side. However, the 2012 trails plan amendment provides three entry points along the west boundary. One is currently open. The remaining two will be opened as additional development occurs and in cooperation with the City of Goodyear's Parks Trails Open Space Master Plan preferences. |
| Survey Monkey          | 13         | A Northern entrance into the park from Estrella would allow us to make a loop from and to the community instead of having to turn around would be great.                                                                       | bicyclist     | x            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



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| Method                 | Respondent | Comments/Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Visitor Group                      | Out of Scope | MCPRD Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Survey Monkey          | 13         | A re-opening of the World-Class trails "that were closed" are my second item.                                                                                                                                                        | bicyclist                          | x            | Comment is unclear as to location of "world class trails that were closed". The only trails that have been closed in recent years, are rouge trails that were built illegally. This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                |
| Survey Monkey          | 14         | Love the park and use it regularly. Development needs to maintain big open spaces and not overdevelop.                                                                                                                               | Hiker, Bicyclist, Trail Runner     |              | Thank you. Please contact the Park or the Volunteer Coordinator to get signed up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Survey Monkey          | 14         | Would love to help in any way I could.                                                                                                                                                                                               | Hiker, Bicyclist, Trail Runner     | x            | Refer to Trails Plan and 2012 Trail Amendment. Refer to Trails Maintenance Manual.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Survey Monkey          | 15         | 1. Better sustainable trails - reroute problem areas                                                                                                                                                                                 | Bicyclist, Mountain biker          | x            | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). Refer to Trails Plan and 2012 Trail Amendment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Survey Monkey          | 15         | 2. More technically challenging trails further back                                                                                                                                                                                  | Bicyclist, Mountain biker          |              | Refer to Trails Plan and 2012 Trail Amendment. Refer to Trails Maintenance Manual.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Survey Monkey          | 15         | 3. 4 foot trails only for beginner type trails                                                                                                                                                                                       | Bicyclist, Mountain biker          | x            | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Survey Monkey          | 15         | 4. Better facilities at competitive track                                                                                                                                                                                            | Bicyclist, Mountain biker          |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). The 1988 master plan (p99) calls for an approx. 50 acre sports complex to include 12 softball fields, football/soccer, volleyball, tennis, basketball, racquetball, playgrounds, and a full service concession stand. The Department began discussion with the youth sports group several years ago following the direction of the 1988 plan. |
| Survey Monkey          | 16         | Generations have been attending Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Changing the structure from a family oriented park to a sports facility is not what the community wants or needs.                                                   | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Picnics |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Survey Monkey          | 16         | Re-seed the picnic area, repair the irrigation system, add new playgrounds, replace picnic tables and BBQ's, purchase lawn mowers, bring better water and electric to the Ramada's so guests can use them. Bring back our customers. | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Picnics |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



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| Method        | Respondent | Comments/Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Visitor Group                                 | Out of Scope | MCPRD Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Survey Monkey | 16         | When the park had grass and playgrounds nearly 20,000 visitors came to the park over Easter weekend. The Ramada's were filled every weekend with birthdays, anniversaries, family reunions, and wedding receptions. Estrella Park was the highest income producer next to Lake Pleasant. People came for the grass. Boy Scouts, girl scouts and families stayed over night to camp and setup tents on real grass. It was the only grass in the Maricopa County Park System. | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Picnics            | x            | Operational. The park has been very active with large groups in the past, however annual visitation and ASU Visitor Use surveys show that this is no longer the case. Adobe Dam and Lake Pleasant Regional Parks are typically the "highest income producers", not Estrella. The turf area at Estrella is indeed the only turf grass in the park system as turf grass is not our typical park amenity. |
| Survey Monkey | 17         | Hunting within the park boundaries has been a factor in my less frequent visits (noise and safety factors).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Hiker                                         | x            | Hunting locations and rules are determined by Arizona Game and Fish Department.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Survey Monkey | 17         | I love the bird walks and hiking along the river (as well as the desert trails), but too many "undesirable" folks are hunting, camping and basically trashing the riparian areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Hiker                                         | x            | Thank you for your response, will be forwarded to operational staff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Survey Monkey | 18         | I went there more when Pat was leading the night hikes. She did a wonderful job & I love night hikes!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Hiker                                         | x            | Thank you for your comment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Survey Monkey | 19         | I believe the horse venue is an exciting addition to the West Valley...not having to drive to Cave Creek or Scottsdale is wonderful.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Hiker, Equestrian                             | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Survey Monkey | 19         | Please do not stop Horse Adventures just as they are getting established.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Hiker, Equestrian                             | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Survey Monkey | 20         | I look at your declining numbers on park attendance and activities and I blame the park itself and the upkeep.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Native to Arizona, Grew up coming to the park | x            | Thank you for your response, it will be forwarded to operational staff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Survey Monkey | 20         | I grew up coming to the park for Masonic picnics, family gatherings, Church picnics and had NICE turf areas to play in. The last time I walked the turf my shoes were so full of spurs it hurt my feet. I would not want to have my now grandkids play in that.                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Native to Arizona, Grew up coming to the park | x            | Operational.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Survey Monkey | 20         | We don't need ball fields and soccer fields.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Native to Arizona, Grew up coming to the park |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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| Survey Monkey | 20         | We need what we already have taken care of!                                                                                         | Native to Arizona,<br>Grew up coming<br>to the park |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Survey Monkey | 21         | The park needs resort style trails like a flow trail with jumps which was discussed years ago that we could use machinery to build. | bicyclist                                           |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Survey Monkey | 21         | The park could also benefit from a pump track similar to the one outside the park that is bringing people from all over the valley. | bicyclist                                           |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Survey Monkey | 21         | Build a jump trail with the West Valley Trail Alliance and a pump track, you will see numbers double.                               | bicyclist                                           |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). The Parks Department has many volunteer opportunities for trail maintenance projects and has also worked with WVTA on several projects. Trail building follows the Parks Department Trail Management Manual. |
| Survey Monkey | 22         | Thanks for the Iron Ranger from EMR.                                                                                                | Bicyclist                                           | x            | You're welcome.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Survey Monkey | 22         | The mountain biking in the park is awesome.                                                                                         | Bicyclist                                           | x            | Thank you.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Survey Monkey | 22         | The more trails the better so we would love to help.                                                                                | Bicyclist                                           | x            | Thank you. The Department has a Volunteer Coordinator to match up interested parties to available projects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Survey Monkey | 22         | Maybe you could offer some recognition to employers who support the park.                                                           | Bicyclist                                           | x            | Operational. Thank you for your input.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Survey Monkey | 23         | Would like to see more trails to the peaks and not just in the valleys.                                                             | Trail Runner                                        |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). The 2012 trails plan amendment provides for a trail at elevation.                                                                                                                                            |
| Survey Monkey | 23         | I like that I can get in before it opens ( I have annual pass)                                                                      | Trail Runner                                        | x            | Operational. Thank you for your input.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Survey Monkey | 24         | Trail leading from main park to comp track would be great.                                                                          | Bicyclist                                           | x            | The 2012 trails plan amendment, added a connector trail between approximately the rodeo arena and the competitive track.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Survey Monkey | 24         | Also periodic maintaince of the comp track. It has seen better days on the second half                                              | Bicyclist                                           | x            | Thank you for your response, will be forwarded to operational staff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Survey Monkey | 25         | I'm especially fond of the youth sports plan, this will be a welcomed resource.                                                     | Hiker, Bicyclist                                    |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                              |





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| Method                 | Respondent | Comments/Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Visitor Group                    | Out of Scope | MCPRD Response                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Survey Monkey          | 25         | I'd also like to see improved trails for mountain biking/hiking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Hiker, Bicyclist                 |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                    |
| Survey Monkey          | 26         | Thanks for all the recent trail work! As a mtn biker it's great to have maintained trails to ride without the fear of falling!                                                                                                                                                                                      | Hiker, Bicyclist                 | x            | Thank you.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Survey Monkey          | 27         | Cant see the boards, the page opened up to just this so I don't know what you are talking about.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Bicyclist                        | x            | Boards were linked just underneath the survey link on the "park projects" page.<br>This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). |
| Survey Monkey          | 28         | Things I would be most excited to see: hike-in camping                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Camper, Hiker, Trail Runner      |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                    |
| Survey Monkey          | 28         | more hiking trails. Especially a summit hike and river trail.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Camper, Hiker, Trail Runner      |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                    |
| Survey Monkey          | 28         | updated picnic areas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Camper, Hiker, Trail Runner      |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                    |
| Survey Monkey          | 28         | shooting range                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Camper, Hiker, Trail Runner      |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                    |
| Survey Monkey          | 29         | Things I would be most excited to see: hike-in camping                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Camper, Hiker, Trail Runner      |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                    |
| Survey Monkey          | 29         | more hiking trails. Especially a summit hike and river trail.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Camper, Hiker, Trail Runner      |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                    |
| Survey Monkey          | 29         | updated picnic areas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Camper, Hiker, Trail Runner      |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                    |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | 5/27/2015 - To whom it may concern I am writing to comment on the new Master Plan being considered for Estrella Mt Regional Park. This issue is very important to many people, and I hope you'll take comments into consideration when making your final decision to change this family park into a sports complex. | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | All comments are taken into consideration as the Department progresses through the master plan update process.                                                                                         |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | My husband & I were park hosts at this beautiful park years ago, and were saddened that even though it was the 2nd top money maker for the park system, the funds were disbursed to other parks without maintaining Estrella to its full potential.                                                                 | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Operational. Speculation. All budget requests are contingent on available funds and the urgency of the request (i.e. human health or public safety related).                                           |



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| Survey Monkey          | 30         | During the years we were there, there were issues with an inadequate sprinkler system, the barbeques were not maintained, the Ramadas needed repair, and even proper tools for trimming trees were not supplied by the County.                                                                                        | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Thank you for your input; it will forward to operations staff as the listed items will continue to be addressed daily.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | The funds earned by the park were diverted to other parks in the system leaving the Citizens group the job of fundraising to come up with supplies to repair the rusty BBQ'S and purchase items for the park that should have rightfully been supplied by the County.                                                 | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | All budget requests are contingent on available funds and the urgency of the request (i.e. human health or public safety related). Friend groups are sometimes willing to fund or volunteer for small projects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | With that said, in previous years the park was extremely busy with family gatherings, Easter picnics, scout events, SCA gatherings & other events attended by the thousands. The Ramada's were full every weekend.                                                                                                    | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Thank you for input.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | The guests were allowed to 'rent' the park after hours, at a fair price, and were required to pay for security from Park Rangers, then ultimately the Sheriff's Dept. This was not a problem to those who wanted to enjoy the facilities, and take advantage of the beautiful area with trees, open spaces and grass. | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Operational. It is not Department policy to "rent" the park after established park hours. It may have been a special provision made by a previous Park Supervisor on a case-by-case basis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | Many camped out with tents, and comments were constantly given to the park hosts of the appreciation for the grass and trees.                                                                                                                                                                                         | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Thank you for input.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | No other facility in the area had such wonderful accommodations for families to use.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Thank you for input.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | The desert areas are nice for their purpose, but many crave the 'green' terrain, and it gives the feel of a vacation away from the dry desert. To do away with this unique facility and turn it into a sports park would be a travesty.                                                                               | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | There are plenty of places for sports events, but not any other that allows dry camping, open space to play family football in the grass, nearby river, hiking a spell and returning to a BBQ under the trees.                                                                                                        | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Thank you for input.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | This park has always been unappreciated by the County, but it is truly needed and appreciated by those who used the park.                                                                                                                                                                                             | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Inaccurate statement that the County does not appreciate the park. Thank you for your support. Park fees remain low to allow all families reasonable access to the park and its facilities. Neighboring cities such as the Cities of Goodyear and Avondale require home builders to include parks of varying sizes into their development plans. Additionally, each city maintains its own parks, for example Goodyear Community Park that offers ramada rentals and other family-friendly activities. |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | We hear lots of rhetoric about helping the underprivileged and those in lower socio-economic levels, so this is an opportunity for the County to show that they do care about the people who can not afford their own grassy areas for family use.                                                                    | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



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| Survey Monkey          | 30         | The County claims that the attendance has dropped off in the past few years.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Park records, in fact, show declining visitation over the last decade.                                                                                                                                            |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | That may be due to their lack of upkeep, their lack of advertising, and the lack of events available to the public.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Declining visitation unfortunately results in declining revenue for park projects. Refer to 2011 Marketing Plan. Demand for large scale events has declined over the years as other venues have been established. |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | The 20,000 plus visitors who used to line up to use the park shows how badly a park of this type is needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Park records in fact show declining visitation over the last decade.                                                                                                                                              |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | This lack of attendance was caused by the County... • Sunday's were busy with baseball teams.... until the fields were left to deteriorate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Operational. Thank you for your input.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | • Ramada's were full with picnickers..... until the picnic benches and barbeque pits were worn out or damaged beyond usage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Operational. Thank you for your input.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | • Campers enjoyed the trees and grass..... until things were left to dry out because the irrigation system wasn't repaired.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Operational. Thank you for your input.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | • Events were held at the Rodeo ground, and trails rides were planned..... until the County made so many restrictions that entrepreneurs gave up trying to jump through hoops.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | No new or additional "restrictions" have been put into place. Events have been planned, however, when attendance is low the concessionaires are not able to make the even financially viable for their operation. |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | Requests have been made over the years asking for funding and manpower to improve the park, or at a minimum, at least keep it maintained properly. Using the prison workers helped with picking up litter, but they had little heart for their chores. Maintenance men employed by the County were needed and we saw the labor pool shrink from 4 to 2 in just a couple of years. This was a set-up for failure with over 65 acres of grass and trees to maintain, 10 covered Ramadas, two playgrounds, picnic tables, two lighted ball fields, and a rodeo arena. | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Operational. Thank you for your input.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | Equipment was requested and promised, only to be diverted to other parks a little more 'upscale'. It seemed that Estrella made the money, but got the scraps.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Declining visitation unfortunately results in declining revenue for park projects.                                                                                                                                |
| Survey Monkey          | 30         | The County would not even have this beautiful addition to the Park system if it had not been for the forward thinking, civic minded ranchers like Jim King, who donated time, money, and solicited other ranchers and companies like APS and Caterpillar to donate towards this well- needed and disserved amenity to the west valley.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Thank you for your comment. The park was, indeed, founded between a community grassroots effort and the County acquiring additional federal lands.                                                                |



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| Survey Monkey | 30         | In the Article "Life of J.L. King" he comments: "This could be one of the greatest parks in the state because it will be diversified in its type. We have the mountain range, flat and rolling ground with good soil for a city type park, and possible golf course, and the lake would be stocked with fish for the sportsman. The surface has just been scratched." J. L. King, Chairman, Estrella Mountain Park                                                                                                                        | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Thank you for input.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Survey Monkey | 30         | When the Park was created, the County was "focused on having the foresight in designating land for public use so that future generations will have a place to go and connect to the desert, and the natural habitat and settings". What happened to that focus??                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | The Departments current vision and mission support the focus mentioned in the quote. The park is over 18,000 acres and has miles of trails to connect with nature and view natural habitat settings. |
| Survey Monkey | 30         | In your comment "While certain elements of the 1988 Park Master Plan have been completed; other elements are no longer relevant as recreation trends and park uses have changed over time." Imagine if Tempe had thought in that manner when contemplating the construction of Tempe Town Lakes. That project caused a burst of tourist business and economic growth in that area. They had VISION.                                                                                                                                       | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other |              | River access is being considered for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s) and in accordance to the El Rio Watercourse Master Plan implementation.                                       |
| Survey Monkey | 30         | Not many areas are fortunate enough to have access to a river and it's many benefits, so why not make Estrella Park the 'destination point' that it can be with a little work, imagination, and return of some of the money that the Park has earned for the County over the years.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other |              | River access is being considered for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s) and in accordance to the El Rio Watercourse Master Plan implementation.                                       |
| Survey Monkey | 30         | I have filled out one of the ASU Visitor Survey used by the Park, and found the questions to be a little 'directional' in that it fails to ask questions relating to what people WISHED for the park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Thank you. This feedback will be relayed to ASU for future visitor use surveys.                                                                                                                      |
| Survey Monkey | 30         | Those who remember back to the beautiful area, as it was, are sad to see it in such a disheveled mess. No wonder they look for other options for family gatherings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Operational.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Survey Monkey | 30         | There are such wonderful possibilities available for this park. A water feature, fishing pond, the amphitheater improved and events advertised, open up the park with more trailhead access for horses (iron rangers), craft shows, work in conjunction with the Tres Rios festival (also be available to host the event in the case of them being rained out along the Gila River as was done in 2010), open up more camping space and build shower facilities. These are only a few ideas available for this beautiful piece of ground. | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                  |
| Survey Monkey | 30         | There is nothing wrong with the current purpose, only the deplorable condition that the County has let it evolve to.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                  |



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| Survey Monkey | 30         | You state in your Master plan revision that you have not made up your minds yet and are accepting public input.... So, if that is the case, why are the playgrounds being removed? It seems that you are only giving lip service to what has already been decided.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Playgrounds were a safety issue and in need of replacement throughout the Department regardless of this master plan update. New playground equipment was chosen to focus on desert life rather than standard metal equipment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Survey Monkey | 30         | I have included an article from the West Valley View celebrating the 50th celebration for Estrella Park. It tells a little about all the hard work and community commitment involved in developing the Park. The intention was to create a recreation area for families to enjoy in perpetuity. This park is a fabulous recreational resource for the public to go out and just enjoy. It was created as a benefit for the common people & to deviate so far from the original intention is an egregious abandonment of trust by County officials. The land, improvements and purpose were secured and accepted by men of character and honor. Their vision was true and honest, as important today as it was then. There are no excuses to justify such an abandonment of trust.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | The 1988 master plan (p99) calls for an approx. 50 acre sports complex to include 12 softball fields, football/soccer, volleyball, tennis, basketball, racquetball, playgrounds, and a full service concession stand. The Department began discussion with the youth sports group several years ago following the direction of the 1988 plan. The planning process includes evaluating all existing conditions and potential park improvement opportunities - as well as asking for public input - something that has been done with past planning efforts and continues today with current planning efforts. |
| Survey Monkey | 30         | Do you remember your VISION for the Park system? Vision: Our vision is to connect people with nature through regional parks, trails and programs, inspire an appreciation for the Sonoran desert beauty and natural open spaces, and create life-long positive memories. Somehow I don't find baseball fields mentioned in your "Vision".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | The Department is updating the park's master plan, not its system-wide vision.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Survey Monkey | 30         | WEST VALLEY VIEW APRIL 14, 2004 50th Anniversary for Estrella Mt. Regional Park Excerpts... A family affair Dennis McCarthy, director of the Maricopa County Parks Department, and Jim King secured Caterpillar Tractor Co. to build about 2½ miles of roads in the park. The company donated its labor for the project, which would have cost \$25,000. The location of the roads, however, needed to be staked out first. "But the park didn't have any employees yet, so I took my three little kids," King said. "They carried bundles of lath and hammers and things, and we went out there and staked out the roads." He also was hands-on in building Estrella Mountain Golf Course adjacent to the park, operating the heavy equipment to clear the desert floor. His major role in the creation of the park, as well as businesses in the West Valley, was bringing the relevant parties together, King said. "He just had a genuine interest in seeing Goodyear develop, culturally and every way," King's wife, Gloria, said. She and King remain active in the community, including as members of the new organization Friends of the Park, a group dedicated to promoting and raising money for Estrella Mountain Regional Park. ("Friends" refers to Citizens For Estrella Mt. Park, CEMP) "If it wasn't for the foresight of Jim King and some of the original founders, we wouldn't be here," said Mollyann Garrett, supervisor of the park. "I think it's just a huge asset to have this kind of open, public space saved, and that they had the foresight 50 years ago to save this for the future." | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other | x            | Reference to article.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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| Survey Monkey | 30         | I appreciate your true consideration on this matter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Camper, Hiker, Equestrian, Other |              | All comments are taken into consideration as the Department progresses through the master plan update process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Survey Monkey | 31         | Number one question: If soccer fields and baseball fields are so vital to the recreational well being of the area/community, why do they need to be placed in the county park rather than appropriate nearby land that should be available or (re-purposed) for recreational sports? Still no clear answer to this question without further research and investigation. Answers on May 12 were unsatisfactory. | Hiker, Picnicker                 |              | The 1988 master plan (p99) calls for an approx. 50 acre sports complex to include 12 softball fields, football/soccer, volleyball, tennis, basketball, racquetball, playgrounds, and a full service concession stand. The Department began discussion with the youth sports group several years ago following the direction of the 1988 plan. The Department held no meeting regarding this park on May 12 - unsure what this is in regards to. |
| comment card  | 32         | would like to see notebook, dry erase board, chalk board or any other place to write down what has been seen in the park recently - birds, mammals, reptiles, etc                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                  | x            | Thank you for your input.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| comment card  | 33         | We are excited to see new development with the playground area, however are hoping that we will not lose the equipment. A splash pad would be an absolute wonderful addition to the recreational areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Other: parent                    |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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| email  | 34         | <p>I am a horse LOVER and I used to help my parents with their Quarter Horse Ranch south of beautiful Billings, Montana! We called it Shangrila! AND, IT WAS! We took, without question, the occasional odors, blocked poo paths, fleas, ticks, biting flies, Giant Bumble Bee's and ALL the things that COME with HAVING, breeding, riding, and LOVING these MAGNIFICENT animals God gave US!!! Not to mention the PURE ENJOYMENT WE GLEANED FROM THEM!!! I am in COMPLETE DIS BELIEF that this Concerns ANYONE who enjoys playing in the BEAUTIFUL OUTDOORS, and I CAN'T BELIEVE ANYONE would want to BAN an animal for doing what comes naturally!! I personally have had MANY mishaps while riding, feeding, grooming, and / OR transporting our horses. The times this is done, is at the Race, Show, or OUR home STABLES (On a daily basis!) IF, I was visiting a friend, in their yard, in town, and he relieved himself, of course, I'd clean THAT up! But, I would NEVER HAVE THOUGHT of doing it, while out riding the Range! That's just ABSURED, RIDICULOUS, LUDICROUS, and REALLY UN NATURAL! ! Has HE NEVER had to " Find a bush " while out hiking? And did HE clean it up???? I rather doubt it! So, WHY, NOW, is it NO longer ACCEPTABLE to a few people, who find it offensive, hard to step around, or a cause for insect parties? What is the the BIG DEAL? The Good Lord made NATURAL garbage disposals for ALL His creatures, and it's worked for a Million plus years, with NO PROBLEMS!!! I SINCERELY HOPE YOU DO NOT BAN HORSES, OR ANY OTHER CRITTERS FROM YOUR RANCH (which would BE IMPOSSIBLE)!! THAT WOULD BE A MAJOR CRIME AND THEE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF THIS CENTURY!!!! The handful if people that MAY consider the BAN a NECESSITY before THEY would visit your Ranch or the Park , will have to find a new place to hike, which would be THEIR LOSS, or accept NATURE, AS IT IS INTENDED, in ALL ITS GLORY!! DO NOT GIVE IN OR GIVE UP ON THIS MAJOR ISSUE!! PLEASE feel free to ask me to vote or comment on your behalf! I am on YOUR SIDE TO KEEP HORSES on your Ranch!!!</p> |               | x            | The Parks Department will remain a multi-use trail system to welcome human foot traffic, bike riders, and equestrians.                                                                                                            |
| email  | 35         | <p>understand that you all are making decisions on the recreational and future events for the beautiful Estrella Mountain Park. I would like to express my request for supporting the continuance of the events and horseback riding provided by the Corral Horseback Riding Adventures company. Our girl scout troop enjoy this establishment, as a group, and we personally, as a family, love to take part on occasion for family outings. Please try and keep this special provider on your grounds for future use.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |
| email  | 36         | <p>We absolutely LOVE the services that Corral West provides, both for our extended family events as well as for our school and Girl Scout events. Its such a wonderful option to have available at Estrella. It seems that most things are always being located in the far east valley or up north, making them not feasible for the west side families. Please keep them in our park, we look forward to seeing them in the spring and fall. Great group of kind, caring, professional people.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |



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| email  | 37         | I am writing to you to express my strong support of the continued operation of Corral West Adventures in the Estrella Mountain Regional Park. I visit family in the Phoenix area regularly. My family has visited Corral West's operation near Goodyear. My daughter is a wrangler with the Bittons' Idaho operation in the summer. I own a sheep ranch in Idaho that operates on more than 875,000 acres of public and private rangeland. (See {website redacted} for details.) I have worked with many outfitters over the years. I have known Jeff and Deb Bitton for more than 15 years, have used their services many times in Idaho, and can honestly tell you that I know of no other horse outfitter that operates with the same competence, professionalism and commitment to service. During the busy fall of 2002, when all of our horses were busy with sheep bands in the mountains, the Bittons outfitted a 184-mile trip on horseback from Lava Lake Ranch to Stanley, Idaho, during which we toured 13 of our grazing allotments, all without incident in very challenging terrain. Although the rides in the Estrella Mountains may be at a different scale, I know Corral West delivers what the public increasingly yearns for – an authentic experience with dust and horse sweat, through beautiful country, with friendly helpful people. As the years go by, it is harder to find this sort of opportunity. I think the citizens of and visitors to Maricopa County deserve to have this amenity continue to be available to them. I am delighted to address any questions you may have. |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |
| email  | 38         | I would like to take a moment to mention a great asset at and to Estrella Mountain Regional Park and that is the Corral West Horse Adventures located at the Rodeo/Horse Arena. Myself, as well, as many of my friends have used Corral West many times a year over the past three years. We have enjoyed it and continue to go back for more. It is a great way to see parts of the park that would otherwise go unnoticed except for the few that would venture out into its depths hiking or biking. Corral West offers a unique experience of horseback rides, wagon rides, and cookouts for families and friends. I believe it would be a huge disservice to the community to lose such a business as this. One that adds a unique experience that can not be found anywhere else close to Goodyear. In closing, consider Corral West an amenity to the park and the public while reevaluating the plan for parks usage and what it has to offer to the public now and in the future. If you would like additional feedback feel free to contact me at {phone number redacted}. Thanking you in advance for your time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |
| email  | 39         | My daughter is in a girls scout troop and we have been going to Corral West for the last three years. This is an event that our troop loves so very much and they look forward to it every year. They work extra hard in cookie sales so that they are able to go ride horses and have smores by the fireplace. It is an amazing experience for them. This year a couple of the girls have gone more than once and have made many great memories. We hope those fun times and memories continue for them. The owners, Deb and Jeff are wonderful people. They run a first class business.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |





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| email  | 40         | I understand that as part of the plan for the park you are considering the inclusion of horseback riding in the park. If the plan is anything like the current operation I would urge you not to include horseback riding in the park. The reason is that the horse operators do a poor job when it comes to sharing trails with other park users. That is because they do not pick-up or clean-up after their mounts. If I take a dog in the park I have to clean-up after it. Why don't the horse riders do the same. At times trails are not useable by hikers because they are covered with horse droppings. Hikers can't enjoy the scenery because they are too busy watching where they step. Park rule R-105 No. 5 Prohibits "Allowing dogs and/or other animals to create a nuisance, noise or disturbance in any area." I think that blocking park trails with horse manure, a product that attracts flies and gives off a foul odor, is clearly a nuisance. Why you would consider including such an activity is beyond comprehension. Park rule R-105 No. 6 Prohibits the "Failure of owners of pets to properly remove and dispose of any waste." Why would you permit a park concessionaire to avoid this rule when private individuals riding the own pet horses are required to comply. I have taken the liberty of cc'ing Jennifer Waller since she and I have discussed this issue on several occasions. I would like to address the Commission about this issue when they are next considering the inclusion of horses in the park. Can you please let me know how to arrange this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering changing a park rule or policy to ban or otherwise eliminate horses or other animals from the park. The commenter has been contacted and given information on how to address the Parks Commission. |
| email  | 41         | Wanted to take a moment to tell you how important it is for the community to have Corral West Adventures at your park. It's my understanding there are planning discussions under way as to what activities/programs will be offered. This is one program, without doubt, that brings a great deal of value to the park. The experience our family, Girl Scout troop and many other friends of ours have had with Corral West Adventures is amazing, memories that last forever. Not only do Jeff and Deb run an incredibly well established business - they are so connected with their visitors it only makes us come back for more. This just means more revenue for the park as well as bringing awareness of the park and its other programs to more people. My daughter attended a Girl Scout horseback trail ride in March - it was intended to be a one time event for the year. It was so amazing (we brought 16 riders) that since end of March...we have gone back three more times! Including one night for a cookout which was the most magical evening ever. Not only have we gone back three more times in the last month, but we brought friends each time = more visitors to the park because of Corral West Adventures. I realize there are lots of options you may be considering for the park overall, Corral West Adventures is one that should remain part of your program offering. It's a business based on creating memories for their riders - managed based on strong ethical business practices - and we already have plans to visit all the time next year! As a community we need Corral West Adventures at Estrella Mountain Ranch Park - we ask that you continue to make this part of the valuable programs and resources you provide. It is an amazing opportunity to experience horse back riding and cookouts with them. Can't wait for next year. Thank you for your consideration. |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering changing a park rule or policy to ban or otherwise eliminate horses or other animals from the park. The commenter has been contacted and given information on how to address the Parks Commission. |
| email  | 42         | Duplicate comments from SurveyMonkey #30 entry.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               | x            | See responses to Survey Monkey #30 entry.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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| email  | 43         | Deb and Jeff of Corral West adventures where professional and caring while working with our boy scout troop. They served roughly 50 scouts for us the day that we where their. I have not worked with a team as great as theirs during an outing. They out real emphasis on each and every one of our scouts having a fun and safe time. As a troop we were beginning to work with them on being available to the whole of the scouting community over the coming years. I know that camping at the park and enjoying the trail rides really went hand in hand. we were unable to find a location that could accommodate us as well s Corral West Adventures did. Thanks Deb and Bob for your dedication to the outdoors .                                                                                                                                                      |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |
| email  | 44         | I couldn't make it to tonight's meeting regarding the future park planning so I thought I would email my thoughts. I am an outdoor enthusiast and enjoy spending my time on the trails, hiking and horseback riding. I enjoy the recreation that Maricopa County Parks provide, especially the Estrella Regional Park. My hope would be that the Estrella Regional Park would continue to host guided horseback ride concessionaires. This is a great option for horse-lovers who may not have horses or for people who can't physically hike the trails to see the beautiful views that the park provides. I enjoy seeing a variety of users on the trails and having a place that I can take friends and family to do safe, guided horseback activities. I believe that it is a wonderful service to offer park users as many people dream of seeing the desert on horseback. |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |
| email  | 45         | I would like to express my extreme concern regarding the future at our beloved park. The open space and the opportunities that are in place now have been a blessing to my friends and family. We have especially been enjoying the fairly new addition of the horses! Friends and family have learned how to ride and care for these lovely animals by taking lessons given by Corral West Adventures. Our family has taken trail rides and many fabulous rides in the wagon. We absolutely love the bon fires and BBQ's. We hope that this operation will continue for many years to come.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |
| email  | 46         | We have visited phoenix for the past few years and were thrilled to find Corral West in Estrella park. We now make you a destination just so we can partake in the Horse rides to view your beautiful area. We have enjoyed the wagon/dinner rides so much, we gather our friends and family there to enjoy the activities of Corral West. Deb and Jeff Bitton (and the rest of their team) are wonderful to work with. Bittons have gone out of their way to be personable and knowledgeable. Deb facilitated and advised us to help make our visit to your park fantastic. We have Estrella and Corral West on our yearly schedules. I hope you do everything you can to keep this wonderful activity available for the rest of us. They are a gem!                                                                                                                           |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |



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| email  | 47         | I am writing in reply to your comments regarding the Master Plan for Estrella Park, where there's consideration of removing the grassed area of the park, and putting in a ball field . We volunteered as hosts there for 2 years and totally enjoyed the wonderful people who worked so hard for the Park. In fact, we were the ones who formed the Citizens for Estrella Mt Park (CEMP) as a non-profit organization. The feature that sets Estrella Park apart from the other County Parks is the wonderful grassed area, surrounded by trees and open areas for families to enjoy Frisbee, kick ball, and just run around. Each Park has it's own unique feature, and Estrella Park's was the expanse of grass and beautiful trees. Once this is taken away, it can never be replaced. Don't make changes for change sake..... save the money and use it to improve what is there. Yes, the Ramada's need repair, but structurally they are reparable, and you can replace a lot of tables and benches for the cost of building another baseball diamond. I respectfully request that you please do not remove this wonderful area to accommodate the baseball teams. Remodel what field you have (which will save you money) and improve the large grassed area for families to enjoy.... Easter egg hunts, Scout campouts, family reunions with field games, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |               |              | All comments are taken into consideration as the Department progresses through the master plan update process.                                                                                                                    |
| email  | 48         | Is there any plan to increase the number of campsites available at Estrella Park? It's the perfect place to stop when cycling to Gila Bend, but there are not enough campsites, restrooms and showers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |               |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                               |
| email  | 49         | Please find below an email that I posted on our community email last week following a wonderful evening with Corral West Horse Adventures. I feel this venue is just coming into its own and is such a wonderful asset to the West Valley. Many people are just learning of this and are excited that we would not have to drive to Scottsdale or the far East Valley to enjoy some of the history of this area. Our grandkids were so thrilled to be "cowboys" and ride into the desert mountains. City kids need experiences like this. Please do not stop Corral West from continuing their programs in the park. / Just want to share a great evening that we experienced last night at Corral West Horse Adventures in the Estrella Mtns. We enjoyed a one hour horse back ride through the regional park, arriving at a lovely site surrounded by mountains and overlooking the Phoenix valley. There we were treated to appetizers and a catered BBQ supper. Later a huge bonfire was lit and a guitar playing, singing cowboy hosted a sing along. Lastly we toasted marshmallows and enjoyed s'mores. We were taken back to our cars in a large wagon, pulled by two energetic draft horses. If someone does not want to ride horseback, the wagon is available...esp. for younger children. All this and right in our own back yard...less that 1/2 hr. away! We had taken our kids and grands from MN there over spring break and they loved it. They also furnish hats, chaps, boots and toy guns if desired. The owners, Deb and Jeff Bitton are closing down for the season this week and going back to Utah. They will return with all the horses in the fall when the temps allow. Give them a try...it's so much fun and a great time for visiting friends and family. |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |



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| email  | 50         | Keep the horse concessions in the parks. They are one of the few money generators at Estrella.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |
| email  | 51         | My husband and I enjoyed a sunset horseback riding in the Estrella mountains last year. It was in April and the desert flowers were in bloom. Gorgeous! We are in our mid sixties and we always felt safe and the guide pointed out various cactus, flowers and landmarks. It would be a shame if this were no longer available for all to enjoy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |
| email  | 52         | IN THE REVISED MASTER PLAN FOR ESTRELLA PARK, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO INCLUDE THE HORSE RIDING ADVENTURES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY CORRAL WEST HORSE ADVENTURES. THIS IS ONE OF THE FINEST USES THE PARK PROVIDES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND OLD ALIKE WITH HORSE RIDES AND HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES FOR THOSE THAT CANNOT RIDE A HORSE. . IT TAKES YOU BACK IN TIME WHEN COWBOYS ROAMED THE RANGE. IT HAS THE CHUCKWAGON BBQ REMINISCENT OF THE OLD CATTLE DRIVES WHEN COOKIE SERVED UP THE BEANS AND HARDTACK. BEING OUT THERE IN THE ESTRELLA MOUNTAINS AS THE SUN SETS IS A THING OF GREAT BEAUTY AND LOOKING UP AT THE STARS THAT SHINE SO CLEARLY WITH AN OCCASIONAL FALLING STAR IS ABOUT AS CLOSE TO HEAVEN AS CITY SLICKERS FROM THE WEST VALLEY WILL EVER GET ON THIS EARTH. THIS IS THE DEFINITION OF RECREATION AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE IT AND PROMOTE IT. WHEN MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS COME FROM BACK EAST, I TAKE THEM TO ESTRELLA PARK AND THE CORRAL WEST HORSE ADVENTURES. THEY JUST LOVE IT, AND MORE AND MORE PEOPLE HERE IN PEBBLE CREEK ARE DISCOVERING THIS JEWEL IN THE DESERT MOUNTAINS, AND WHEN WE SIT AROUND THE CAMPFIRE AND SING THE OLD HOME ON THE RANGE", WE GET VISIONS OF ROY AND GENE AND TOM MIX RIDING HARD TO CATCH THE RUSTLERS AND I STILL SEE GABBY SAYING "YER DERN TOOTIN". PLEASE KEEP THIS LINK WITH THE OLD WEST. IT IS ONE OF THE BEST RECREATIONS WE HAVE. THANK YOU. |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |
| email  | 53         | Please keep Estrella horse friendly. Coral West Adventures has really made a difference at the park. Our park system in Maricopa County, more and more seem to be less friendly to our Western Heritage that tamed this great land. Please keep this tradition for our kids and their kids.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |



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| email  | 54         | <p>Thank you for reaching out the Audubon Important Bird Area program. The lower Salt and Gila Rivers IBA is adjacent to Estrella Mountain Park. The park has been a historic and valued partner in celebrating the river, including hosting the Tres Rios Nature Festival in past years. Our local chapter, Sonoran Audubon Society, has a partnership with the park, offering guided bird walks at the park. It appears the park only identifies the guide, Joe Ford, and not his affiliation with Sonoran Audubon Society. I am hoping that members of this chapter have been engaged in the earlier public meeting held in January. Your communication is the first I had heard of this effort. I will forward your email to them, as they will likely have more site specific comments. As a note, Audubon is keenly interested in the unfolding of the El Rio project and any remediation of adjacent sand and gravel operations along the river. We would encourage restoration of natural channel functions as much as is possible. The current value of this IBA is largely found in the river channel and associated backwaters that are suitable for the Federally endangered Yuma Ridgeways' (formerly clapper) rail and native riparian habitats that would be suitable for breeding neotropical migrants. From a park planning perspective a route offering safe pedestrian passage from the park to the river with appropriate river edge trails would be highly desirable. Feel free to contact me if you would like additional information.</p> |               |              | Audubon contact(s) will be added to future stakeholder communications. These options are being considered for inclusion in the master plan alternative(s).                                                                        |
| email  | 55         | <p>I had a few more ideas for the park but I don't want to flood your email. If it would be best to wait until the next meeting please let me know. In the meantime here are a few things I thought of. The EYS sports complex drew a few negative remarks due to it taking away from the quiet area in the park. Perhaps the amphitheater could be made into a bit of a quiet area. Add a ramada or two at the top maybe. It just seems a shame to have it not used. I'm still trying to find a use for it. One other thought was a beginner or youth trail through the infield of the park. Possibly even run up a hill a bit. Nearly all the trails in the park go up. That can be intimidating to the younger crowd. Having a place for them to run or ride would be great. The EYS facility could attract a younger crowd that may have never experienced the enjoyment of trails. Making it easily accessible for them would be a nice way to introduce them to the fun that awaits up the hills. Thanks for all your hard work. I have the survey out to those I know. With any luck you are getting some good ideas and information.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |               |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                               |
| email  | 56         | <p>As a once a week hiker at Estrella Park, I would like to see the horses gone. They are a hazard to hikers who must constantly side step the horse poop. I'm surprised we don't have a lot of broken or sprained ankles. If you keep the horses they should be limited to a few trails so hikers can get back to enjoying the area.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |               | x            | The Parks Department will remain a multi-use trail system to welcome human foot traffic, bike riders, and equestrians.                                                                                                            |
| email  | 57         | <p>I hope you will consider the great niche that the horses and wagons, cowboys and buckboards and BBQ's fill so appropriately in the environs of Estrella Mt. Regional Park, as something that should continue to be part of the future of the park. It seems to me to be the perfect place for such an activity.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |



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| email  | 58         | I am writing in support of Equestrian recreational activities in Estrella Mountain Regional Park. This is an excellent recreational activity to be offered in the park. Corral West Horse Adventures has enhanced this service to visitors and residents of the West Valley. The West Valley has limited recreational resources to draw tourists and visitors. Corral West has entertained visitors from all over the world bringing them to enjoy the beautiful desert in Estrella Mountain Regional Park. They have enjoyed the fun, exciting trail rides through out the park with their family and friends. The horse drawn wagon tours and cowboy cookouts have brought visitors back to the park again and again for an experience they can not get anywhere else in the west valley. Equestrian activities in Estrella Mountain Regional park should always be available as a recreational activity. These activities also brings additional income to the park which makes Equestrian recreational activities a must.                                                                                                                                            |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |
| email  | 59         | The Corral West Horse Adventure is a Recreation we DO NOT want to lose. IN THE REVISED MASTER PLAN FOR ESTRELLA PARK, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO INCLUDE THE HORSE RIDING ADVENTURES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY CORRAL WEST HORSE ADVENTURES. THIS IS ONE OF THE FINEST USES THE PARK PROVIDES FOR YOUNG & OLD PEOPLE ALIKE WITH HORSE RIDES AND HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES FOR THOSE THAT CANNOT RIDE A HORSE. IT TAKES YOU BACK IN TIME WHEN COWBOYS ROAMED THE RANGE. BEING OUT THERE IN THE ESTRELLA MOUNTAINS AS THE SUN SETS IS A THING OF GREAT BEAUTY AND LOOKING UP AT THE STARS THAT SHINE SO CLEARLY WITH AN OCCASIONAL FALLING STAR IS ABOUT AS CLOSE TO HEAVEN AS CITY SLICKERS FROM THE WEST VALLEY WILL EVER GET ON THIS EARTH. THIS IS THE DEFINITION OF RECREATION AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE IT AND PROMOTE IT. WHEN OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS COME TO VISIT US, WE TAKE THEM TO ESTRELLA PARK AND THE CORRAL WEST HORSE ADVENTURES. THEY JUST LOVE IT, AND MORE AND MORE PEOPLE HERE IN PEBBLECREEK ARE DISCOVERING THIS JEWEL IN THE DESERT MOUNTAINS. PLEASE KEEP THIS LINK WITH THE OLD WEST. IT IS ONE OF THE BEST RECREATIONS WE HAVE. THANK YOU. |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |
| email  | 60         | To Estrella Mountain Regional Park Master Plan Representatives; My wife and I are very distressed over the counties plan to restructure Estrella Mountain Park from a family oriented picnic and environmental recreational area to a sport's facility for the city of Goodyear. We have been neighbors, volunteers and park hosts to Estrella Mountain Regional Park for 15 years and have the following comments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |               | x            | Thank you for your service.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |



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| email  | 60         | 1) We do not need to reduce Ramada's. They have been a major source of income. Improvement of these is needed. We are not happy in how negotiations with the group supposedly redoing the baseball fields has been going. We have lost revenue in the nearly 3 years since negotiations started. The idea to put in some soccer fields might be somewhat merited, but the plan for 6 fields and then turning over operation of these fields will impact picnic areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |               | x            | The Department is not anticipating any net loss of ramadas. Declining visitation/revenue has been in a steady decline for nearly a decade and is not likely in response to sports field discussions. The 1988 master plan (p99) calls for an approx. 50 acre sports complex to include 12 softball fields, football/soccer, volleyball, tennis, basketball, racquetball, playgrounds, and a full service concession stand. The Department began discussion with the youth sports group several years ago following the direction of the 1988 plan.                                                                                               |
| email  | 60         | 2) Generations have been attending Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Changing the structure from a family oriented park to a sports facility is not what the community wants or needs. Re-seed the picnic area, repair the irrigation system, add new playgrounds, replace picnic tables and BBQ's, purchase lawn mowers, bring better water and electric to the Ramada's so guests can use them. Bring back our customers. When the park had grass and playgrounds nearly 20,000 visitors came to the park over Easter weekend. The Ramada's were filled every weekend with birthdays, anniversaries, family reunions, and wedding receptions. Estrella Park was the highest income producer next to Lake Pleasant. People came for the grass. Boy Scouts, girl scouts and families stayed over night to camp and setup tents on real grass. It was the only grass in the Maricopa County Park System. |               | x            | The 1988 master plan (p99) calls for an approx. 50 acre sports complex to include 12 softball fields, football/soccer, volleyball, tennis, basketball, racquetball, playgrounds, and a full service concession stand. The Department began discussion with the youth sports group several years ago following the direction of the 1988 plan.<br>The proposed sport facility is not initiated by the City of Goodyear but rather from a local non-profit, community and youth-based organization. If considered for the final master plan, land ownership would not be transferred to other parties but rather use a lease or similar mechanism. |
| email  | 60         | 3) The city of Goodyear has land they can use for these sports facilities. They should use their own property and water and not the County Park's. Will the City of Goodyear or this facility group maintain the ball fields. If so are they going to maintain the water pumps, hiking, biking and horse riding trails too? We do not want the county to loose control of our park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |               | x            | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| email  | 60         | 4) The Park has two baseball fields that are not being used because they are not being maintained. Why would adding more ball fields in the current picnic area be better? Maintain the current ball fields and bring back the Sunday League games.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |               |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| email  | 60         | 5) Market the park to get people into the park. Place events in the West Valley View like the White Tanks do. They have something going on every day in the 9 Days events section. Place large signs on the edged on the park property advertising playgrounds, picnic areas, camping areas with grass, hiking, biking and horse trails, horseback riding facilities, amphitheater, baseball, RV camping, desert trails and river trails, bird watching, quail, roadrunners, coyotes, javelins, desert flowers, cacti and trees etc..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |               | x            | Refer to 2011 Marketing Plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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| email  | 60         | 6) Add an entrance to the East side of the Park with an Iron Ranger so hikers, bikers and horse riders have an entrance. Currently park neighbors from the East side of the Park have no entrance. They have to drive 6 miles to the entrance and up to the trailhead to use the trails that are across the road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |               |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                               |
| email  | 61         | Well said. Thanks for your input. There is room enough in our desert for all to recreate. Separate paths for the horses is a great solution, and where paths cross, they only need a small sign indicating the direction for horses. Like you said, some people like horses and don't mind horse manure on the trail, and they may well want to hike that trail as well. I have loved horses since I used to plow with them on grandmother's little farm in West Virginia. I used to plow up Wyandot (small warlike tribe) arrowheads I'm content to watch them round the curve at the head of the stretch and hope I have the ticket on the one coming across the wire first. The folks at Corral West take their horses back to their Mystic Saddle Ranch in Stanley, Idaho. They will return here in the Fall. We are so fortunate. It only takes about 15 minutes to get from Pebble Creek to the Horse Operation at Corral West in Estrella Park. They have great picnic facilities in Estrella Park. If you have never been, you've got to go on down, and take a gang (family or club) with you. You will be glad you did. / I would make one correction ... Having specific trails for the humans and horses WOULD be a terrific idea!! That would solve the problem, RIGHT??                                                                                                                                    |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering changing a park rule or policy to ban or otherwise eliminate horses or other animals from the park.                                                                                |
| email  | 62         | My three children and I have enjoyed the Corral West Services offered this past year in the regional park. As home schoolers, we were thrilled with the opportunity to take horse care and riding lessons through the Corral on a regular basis this year. Our entire co-op (Estrella Mountain Home Schoolers, consisting of about 80 local families) were all abuzz about this rare chance and many took advantage. I truly felt blessed this year to be able to give my children the chance to be so close to nature and close to the large animals without traveling far from home. My eight-year old daughter, Mia, absolutely loves horses, and unfortunately, living in the city we haven't the acreage to own a horse personally. Corral West gave us what just what we needed. Lessons included horse care, grooming, safety, horse anatomy, horse history, games, riding lessons and more. My family and fellow home schoolers are so pleased that the Regional Park opened its doors once again in support of the home school local community (we've used the park in the past for our annual camp outs and have attended the nature talks from time to time). It's my hope that horses will continue to be a part of the Regional Park's offerings as my family has already made plans to visit the park many times again this fall, if only to see the "Big Mist" and the rest of the horses at Corral West. |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |





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| email  | 63         | <p>I have been a West Valley resident for 13 years. I am an outdoor enthusiast with 3 children. I am writing this email specifically to the plans for your park. My family has been using the park for the last tens years in multiple facets. We run, hike, bike and explore the trails frequently as this has become a bonding time for our family. Over the last two years my daughter has come of age to ride horses. What better location than the corral at your park. What I opened my eyes to was a very powerful experience that Corral West provides our kids through their horse camp that my daughter has been attending. Madison rides in small groups led by Ms. Deb and her staff on Wednesday afternoon. The lessons in horse care, anatomy, proper riding technique and western life these kids are getting extends their education in a unique way that I don't know can be done in other settings. The park provides a safe atmosphere that combined with Deb and Jeff's expertise and respect for the land is relayed to the kids. I can't tell how many lessons about the park Madison has come back to tell me. Lessons about the landscape, the plants native to the park, the animals and climate, to name a few. My son in turn has become excited about the outdoors. He will hike with my wife and I while Madison rides. On occasion AJ will ride with the family. During these rides I have seen some spectacular views I would not have been exposed to if not for riding with Coral West. In your plans moving forward I ask and encourage as a member of this community to keep Corral West in your plans for the park. They respect the rules of the park, they respect the people using the park, they appreciate the park for its spectacular landscapes and unique views and true beauty. They educate all their riders on these points. I truly believe that Corral West and Estrella Mountain Park could become a destination that people from all over the Valley come to experience. Thank you for you time and I look to hearing about your decisions.</p> |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. |
| email  | 64         | <p>Enclosed is an attachment with our response to the Master Plan Update. We are the Citizens for Estrella Mountain Park, a group that has supported the park in numerous ways over its many years. We appreciate your consideration of our comments and ideas and look forward to continuing, substantial discussion of the matter. Email Attachment: Our county park support group, The Citizens for Estrella Mountain Park, wishes to comment on the proposed Master Plan Update as presented on May 12, 2015 at the Estrella Mountain Park Visitor Center.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |               | x            | The Department held no meeting regarding this park on May 12 - unsure what this is in regards to.                                                                                                                                 |



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| email  | 64         | <p>Estrella Park, over the years, has attempted to serve the many diverse communities surrounding it. The provision of a large “infield” area, previously grassy and fairly well maintained, was unique among the county parks. It contained contemporary playground equipment for youngsters, moderately large grassy areas on which games of many types could be played by people of all ages, numerous well-kept ramadas for picnicking as well as many quickly accessible surrounding areas for easy, short (or long) hiking and exploration opportunities for short-stay guests. A well maintained baseball field was often available for official (and even pick-up) games. This well maintained park has deteriorated in the previous few years. There is not one single reason for the lack of care, but rather several factors, as enumerated and recorded at the May 12 meeting. The most important impacting reasons that were pointed to as causes, however, seemed to be: (1) the slowdown in park attendance over the last few years, thus reducing the funding available for maintenance; (2) the inability of the County Park system to provide funding above a (less than) 10% level of the park’s needed monies to maintain its ongoing infrastructure (water systems, grounds care, trail maintenance and much more); and (3) the lack of will, or at least action, to address and hopefully remedy the ongoing buildup of park deterioration. Yes, there have been upgrades to some facilities over the years; however, we are not in the present situation because of the adequacy of those needed upgrades, as essential as they have been.</p> |               | x            | <p>The Department held no meeting regarding this park on May 12 - unsure what this is in regards to.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| email  | 64         | <p>The desire to change the nature of the experience one has at Estrella Park is, in our view, misguided. The imposition of soccer fields and additional baseball facilities converts a natural park setting with light recreational equipment into a “sports complex” setting with the picnic and play facilities relegated to physical positioning that is not conducive to an experience many would choose to engage in. My afternoon picnic with family would hardly be planned next to soccer fields with dozens in attendance.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               | x            | <p>The 1988 master plan (p99) calls for an approx. 50 acre sports complex to include 12 softball fields, football/soccer, volleyball, tennis, basketball, racquetball, playgrounds, and a full service concession stand. The Department began discussion with the youth sports group several years ago following the direction of the 1988 plan.</p> |
| email  | 64         | <p>There are other ways and means by which, we believe, the area in Estrella Park could be utilized to help it capture additional revenues. Although, admittedly, several ways need to be more fully explored, a couple of ideas do seem to merit consideration right now: providing several, even many, campsites at various locations within the park. These could be operational for any determined times. Also, holding and publicizing serious park events that would be considered “draws” for public attendance, with recognition of the park’s existence and its willingness to engage more community members as well as outsiders. While the events idea may seem somewhat less than concrete at this moment, a plan with more specifics can be presented for all to consider. A plan to increase park revenues should not begin with changing its central reasons for existence over these many years, however, which does not reduce simply to “recreation” planning.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |               |              | <p>This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



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| email  | 64         | The idea of plopping many soccer fields and additional baseball fields in the middle of a county park is, to us, unsatisfactory. If such a real need is present within the community for these sports fields, alternative locations most assuredly should be explored before forever changing the present experience of park visitors to the Estrella Mountain Regional Park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               | x            | A sports field is not a new concept for the park. The 1988 Master Plan calls for a sports field - even allowing a third party or city to operate it. (Even older planning documents from the 1960s called for high density uses of various types in this area including tennis courts and an indoor gymnasium among other things.) As part of the City of Goodyear's Parks Trails Open Space Master Plan update in late 2014, their analysis showed a lack of and a need for sports fields within the City's planning area. |
| email  | 65         | Thank you for taking the time to respond to my complaint. I considered the implications of planting and maintaining turf in a park this size. The cost of water, maintenance and manpower is monumental to say the least. I am confident the right decisions will be made. Adding additional toys to the kid area is also good news. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to further along the process. It's an important landmark that needs to be developed for all the people in the west side of town. I would further suggest updating the open air amphitheater and renting it out for events. Local churches, couples planning marriage and concert goers would flock to events at this location if made available to the public. Please continue the good fight for this beautiful landmark. We would like for it to remain plain and simple, but manifest destiny appears to be on the march throughout the west valley. New homes and residents will only increase. I can only ask that you would keep in mind those old enough to remember when the old amphitheater was in service and Maricopa County had the money to maintain some of the greenest grass for miles around. I personally knew the landscaper (George Sanchez). He knew every gopher by name. Memories of my youth jogging the back trails into my late thirties will always be with me. I would hope one day my son and grandson will be able to do the same. Again, thank you for your response. Please let me know if I can be of assistance. |               |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| email  | 66         | Duplicate comments from email #64 entry.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |               | x            | See responses to email #64 entry.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



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| email  | 67         | <p>Below are a couple of viewpoints. I maintain the horse operations are a major form of recreation in Estrella Park, and one that benefits both young and old alike. This is a wonderful adventure that brings the modern population closer to the traditions of the old West. It is an ideal form of recreation that brings us in tune with nature and, in my viewpoint, are what Parks are all about.....land set aside for public recreation and enjoyment where families and groups of friends can get away from the stress of the modern world and get in tune with nature, the great outdoors, and the Old West here in the wonderful Sonoran Desert. {Name redacted}, who enjoys the Park by hiking through it, has the viewpoint that horses leave products of the natural process of defecation that he finds offensive. Having been downwind of many a defecating horse, I can sympathize; however, in the end, I say that is all horse manure. Not Bull, but Horse. {Name redacted} would like it cleaned up. For Heaven's sake, this is a desert, not the sidewalks and manicured lawns of Pebble Creek. I would like to know who is cleaning up the droppings of the Coyote, the Bobcat, the Grey Fox, the Javelina, the Mule Deer, the Jackrabbit, and all the other wild animals roaming the Sonoran Desert. Horses have been a part of the West and Desert for a very long time. Nature has excellent methods of returning the excrements of all animals to the earth, and while they may temporarily inconvenience those walking the same path as the horse, I would suggest, if unbearable, take another path. Let's not get rid of the source of recreation for the sake of convenience. Now, that would be Bull Manure.</p> |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. The Department is not considering changing a park rule or policy to ban or otherwise eliminate horses or other animals from the park. |
| email  | 67         | <p>Email attachment: I have to take a different view of this topic. I find the horses to be major spoilers of the park. As a frequent hiker in this park I often find trails blocked by piles of horse manure. The manure is offensive, smelly and attracts flies and other pests. Often I am forced off the trail to avoid stepping in the horse droppings. Park rules require users to avoid having their animals create a nuisance, Horse owners and operators ignore this rule. Park rules also require people to pick up after their pets but this rule is also ignored. Until horse owners and operators can learn to share the parks and cleanup after themselves I think they should be eliminated from the parks. I would urge all park users to write the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission and urge them to either ban horses from the park or require all hose operators in the park to clean-up after their animals.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               | x            | Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. The Department is not considering changing a park rule or policy to ban or otherwise eliminate horses or other animals from the park. |



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Email Attachment: Fellow PebbleCreekers, I encourage each of you to send a note to the Parks address listed below and ask them to keep the wonderful horse recreation we have in our own back yard down in Estrella Park next to the Tres Rios Golf Course. Here is what happened: I received the following message regarding the revision of the Parks Master Plan. "Friends of Corral West Horse Adventures: Maricopa County Parks is revising the master plan for the Estrella Mountain Regional Park. This is the park that we operate in providing horseback rides, wagon rides, cowboy cook-outs and arena events. The park is holding a public meeting tomorrow night, Thursday April 30th at 6:00 inside the Visitor Center at Estrella Mtn. Regional Park. They are asking for public input on what recreational opportunities should be provided by this park in the future. We are asking you to attend, call or e-mail your thoughts and others you know that have used our services for the past three years on the horse activities that are being provided at the park for the recreating public. Your voice is EXTREMELY important as park personnel will be evaluating public comments for the next 20 years of future planning for the park. Thanks for your help. Let us know if you have additional questions. Thanks in advance for your your time in this matter. Jeff & Deb" The Corral West Horse Adventure is a Recreation we DO NOT want to lose. I sent the following to the Park person listed below: "IN THE REVISED MASTER PLAN FOR ESTRELLA PARK, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO INCLUDE THE HORSE RIDING ADVENTURES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY CORRAL WEST HORSE ADVENTURES. THIS IS ONE OF THE FINEST USES THE PARK PROVIDES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND OLD ALIKE WITH HORSE RIDES AND HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES FOR THOSE THAT CANNOT RIDE A HORSE. . IT TAKES YOU BACK IN TIME WHEN COWBOYS ROAMED THE RANGE. IT HAS THE CHUCKWAGON BBQ REMINISCENT OF THE OLD CATTLE DRIVES WHEN COOKIE SERVED UP THE BEANS AND HARDTACK. BEING OUT THERE IN THE ESTRELLA MOUNTAINS AS THE SUN SETS IS A THING OF GREAT BEAUTY AND LOOKING UP AT THE STARS THAT SHINE SO CLEARLY WITH AN OCCASIONAL FALLING STAR IS ABOUT AS CLOSE TO HEAVEN AS CITY SLICKERS FROM THE WEST VALLEY WILL EVER GET ON THIS EARTH. THIS IS THE DEFINITION OF RECREATION AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE IT AND PROMOTE IT. WHEN MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS COME FROM BACK EAST, I TAKE THEM TO ESTRELLA PARK AND THE CORRAL WEST HORSE ADVENTURES. THEY JUST LOVE IT, AND MORE AND MORE PEOPLE HERE IN PEBBLE CREEK ARE DISCOVERING THIS JEWEL IN THE DESERT MOUNTAINS, AND WHEN WE SIT AROUND THE CAMPFIRE AND SING THE OLD "HOME ON THE RANGE", WE GET VISIONS OF ROY AND GENE AND TOM MIX RIDING HARD TO CATCH THE RUSTLERS AND I STILL SEE GABBY SAYING "YER DERN TOOTIN'". PLEASE KEEP THIS LINK WITH THE OLD WEST. IT IS ONE OF THE BEST RECREATIONS WE HAVE. THANK YOU."

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| email  | 68         | <p>It is true that no one cleans up after the coyote or the mule deer, but these are wild animals who roam freely in the desert. The horses on the other hand are property owned by people and companies. While we do not expect much from wild animals we do have different standards for people. We expect people to clean-up after themselves. We don't tolerate littering and we expect pet owners to clean-up after their pets. Why should we expect less of horse owners than we do of dog owners? Both want to enjoy our parks with their animals. Both should be respectful of other park users. For example, park signage encourages users to share the trails. Hard to do when the trail is blocked by piles of horse manure. Park rule R-105 No. 5 Prohibits "Allowing dogs and/or other animals to create a nuisance, noise or disturbance in any area." I think that blocking park trails with horse manure, a product that attracts flies and gives off a foul odor, is clearly a nuisance. Horse owners or operators should be required to prevent their animals from creating such a nuisance and forcing people off the trails. Park rule R-105 No. 6 Prohibits the "Failure of owners of pets to properly remove and dispose of any waste." This rule applies to horses, as much as it does to dogs. After all, horse make a much larger mess than dogs and they have the hauling capacity to easily cart their wastes to a disposal site. There are many different reasons for visiting our county's parks and all should be able to use and enjoy our parks. Horse should be allowed, but only if they are good visitors who don't spoil the ability of others to also enjoy the parks. The old adage was "take only pictures, leave only footprints". Leaving large piles of horse manure is hardly in the spirit of this kind of gentle, non-invasive, non-destructive use of park land.</p> |               | x            | <p>Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. The Department is not considering changing a park rule or policy to ban or otherwise eliminate horses or other animals from the park.</p> <p>Operational. The Department is not considering eliminating Corral West horse rentals from the park. Corral West is operating under the terms of its contract and may continue to do so for as long as their contract is in place. The Department is not considering changing a park rule or policy to ban or otherwise eliminate horses or other animals from the park. It is outside of the scope of work for the master plan to change trail uses; this comment will be forwarded to the Trails Supervisor to keep on file for future trail use discussions.</p> |
| email  | 69         | <p>I think {name redacted} has some excellent points here. The Parks should be able to accommodate all..... humans, horses, wildlife, dogs, etc. The wildlife, coyotes and such, cannot be controlled. Humans, horses and dogs can be controlled, and should be. I would like to suggest the establishment of separate trails for humans and horses. This would eliminate the problem of humans having to stumble over piles of horse feces. Horses essentially need only one trail. Simply designate which is the trail for horses, and the rest can be for human enjoyment. If the trails cross, clearly mark the one for horses. Dogs....they can take their pick. Humans may still encounter the product of wild animals. I don't think the horses will care much one way or the other. So, Happy Trails to all, and</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               | x            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



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### 30-day Comment Period:

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| letter       | 70         | <p>We are not able to attend the April 30, 2015 public hearing meeting and have requested that these comments be read into the minutes. We have been hosts at Estrella Mountain Regional Park for the past three winter seasons. What makes Estrella special is not that it has a turn area, but how the area is utilized by the community. In this day and age when we hear about families not connecting, loss of the skills needed for social interactions due to texting instead of conversations, and Nature Deficit Disorder the Estrella picnic area helps Maricopa county residents combat against these trends. Come visit our park any weekend, and often during the week, and you will find families relaxing and enjoying time together. You will smell charcoal grills cooking hamburgers and wood fired with marshmallows being toasted to a just right golden brown. You will hear a variety of music, voices, and laughter. You will see a family playing soccer, a group shooting hoops, people dancing, dads grilling, and kite flying. At all three playgrounds you will find kids being able to just be kids, climbing and swinging, while families keep watch from nearby ramadas. The groups you will pass will more often than not be multi-generational. We have families who have been marking life's moments in Estrella for generations. They come to our ramadas for baby and wedding showers, baptismal, christening, and first communion celebrations, birthdays, family reunions, wedding, and memorial services. You should have stopped by to witness the Spring Festival of Kite Flying, the Gypsy Rendezvous, a Boy or Girl Scout campout, the Neo Tribale Gatherings, Soul Brothers Picnic, or Easter Sunday! Do we have picnic table crumbling with age? Yes. Are some of our ramadas and restrooms in need of repair. Very much so. Our new Super Playground is wonderful. Our other two playgrounds need some updating. Even so, they are enjoyed and ramadas reserved so parents can be close at hand as children play. We don't know what your master plan for Estrella contains. We can only hope you do not just eliminate what is in need of repair. We ask you to keep Estrella a park with ramadas for gatherings big and small, more than one playground for children to enjoy and turf for kite flying and campouts. We implore you to maintain our turn area so guests can pass on the tradition of celebrating life to their future generations in Estrella Mountain Regional Park.</p> |               |              | <p>This option will be considered for inclusion in the master plan alternative(s).</p> <p>This option will be considered for inclusion in the master plan alternative(s). The 2012 trails plan amendment added a trail at elevation.</p> |
| social media | 71         | can't make it tonight, but need more trails with elevation gain and to peaks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| social media | 72         | <p>Please send in your comments regarding the County's Master Plan. This park has such potential and your input is needed. Thoughts might include better access from the East side of the park for hikers &amp; horses... renew the grass areas .... repair Ramadas, BBQ's, tables &amp; improve electric at the ramada sites. A water feature would be nice too to allow children to cool off. Keep the ideas coming and send them in to the County Parks Dept.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |               |              | <p>This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s).</p>                                                                                                               |



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| letter | 73         | My wife and I live on the east border of Estrella Mountain Regional Park. There is no entrance on the East side. We would like to have an entrance on the East side of the park for hikers, bikers and horsemen. The entrance could include an iron ranger to collect park fees. Entrance locations could be near the intersection of 143rd Avenue and Indian Springs Road or in/near the wash near 143rd Avenue and W. South Mountain Road. Both locations are close to park road and/or trail. To access the park now, we have to drive a total of 4.5 miles from home, to the main entrance and then to the tail head. While the park water hydrant is only a few hundred yards from our house. We have been your neighbors for 14 years and enjoy the park very much. A park entrance on the East side would be very much appreciated by us and our neighbors. |               |              | This suggestion(s) or statement(s) will be further evaluated for inclusion in the master plan draft alternative(s). |