

Trails Assessment Working Group

Meeting Notes

March 31, 2004

The third meeting of the Trails Assessment Working Group was convened on March 31, 2004 at 9 AM in the Gila Conference Room at TA-21 –210. This meeting had been rescheduled from February 24 when the meeting was cancelled due to LANL snow closure. Those attending were:

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Summary of Meeting:

This meeting was a workshop where working group members in attendance (see above list) placed red, orange and green dots on a master trails map. Red indicated definite issues or concerns, while orange indicated that there may be some issues or concerns, and green indicated that there were no concerns or issues associated with a given trail. The resulting initial picture that emerged on the master trails map showed that there are many concerns with certain trails and that some trails elicit little or no concerns. For example there seems to be little concern from working group members regarding the system of trails known as the Wellness Trails. On the other hand, there is quite a lot of red on the Los Alamos Canyon and Mortandad Canyon Trails. The map is only partly completed since some working group members were not able to attend the workshop. The information gained from reviewing the completed map will direct the working group to

set some priorities for further trails assessment and management. This will eventually be presented to LANL management with a request for funding future trails work.

Action Items:

Please submit any comments about trails concerns or issues that relate to the specific trails shown on the poster-sized map to Dan Pava no later than April 23. Your comments will explain the ratings placed on the master copy working map (red, orange and green dots).

Be prepared to mark up the trails map if you haven't yet. You are welcome to come by Dan's office at the Ecology Group to do so.

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 PM (until approximately 4 PM) on Tuesday May 4th at the Ecology Group first floor Gila conference room. *Please note this differs from our initial desire to meet at 9 the next day.*

The goals of the trails management program are:

- Reduce the risk of damage and injury to property, human life, and health, and sensitive natural and cultural resources from social trail use at LANL
- Facilitate the establishment of a safe, viable network of linked trails across the Pajarito Plateau that traverse land holdings of various private and government entities for recreational use and for alternate transportation purposes without posing a threat to DOE and NNSA mission support work at LANL or disrupting LANL operations.
- Maintain the security of LANL operations.
- Respect the wishes of local Pueblos to maintain access to traditional cultural properties (TCPs) by Pueblo members while also preventing unauthorized public access to adjacent Pueblo lands and other lands identified as both religious and culturally sensitive areas to Native American communities.
- Adapt trail use at LANL to changing conditions and situations in a responsive manner.