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Save Recreational Access to Mission Trails Park

Mission Trails Regional Park (MTRP) enacted **public access closures** in 1999 to park areas with a history of responsible use—river access, hiking, biking, & rock-climbing—yet provided NO science-based documentation to justify restrictions.

The Park’s Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is proposing changes to the Master Plan language which will make previous closures permanent AND further restrict access—especially access to climbing. Yet climbing is a responsible rec-use which pre-dates formation of Mission Gorge & Fortuna Mountain park areas.

The Allied Climbers of San Diego (ACSD)—formed to protect access to responsible outdoor recreation activities—asked for restrictive language to be removed from the Master Plan. The MTRP Task Force responsible for overseeing the CAC heard our concerns and directed the CAC to; “work further on specific language related to rock climbing.” The CAC did not remove the unnecessarily restrictive language AND has now further altered the park’s *Vision & Concept* language from “**urban regional park**” to “**urban/natural wilderness park.**”

A programmatic EIR (Environmental Impact Report) will soon be launched to assess park uses and environmental impacts within MTRP. The Park Master Plan is the conceptual document which will set the parameters for this report as well as the *Vision & Concept* document which will set the tone for uses of MTRP for years to come. ACSD feels that restrictive rec-use language which is NOT based on sound scientific observation has no place in a “community park” Master Plan.

Send a clear message to the Task Force telling them you oppose restrictions at Mission Trails Regional Park UNLESS a documented science-based reason is presented identifying a need to restrict recreation activities—that you feel science should be the foundation of decisions affecting YOUR COMMUNITY PARK.

Ask the Task Force to adopt a Master Plan that is all-inclusive of the various recreational possibilities for San Diego residents to enjoy within their community park—letting the EIR objectively define the environmental parameters that would then dictate management policies needed for these possibilities. Thank You!

