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Sent: Monday, November 28, 2011 6:42 PM
To: Garber, Emily H
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Dear Ms Garber

We are aware of the potential for some very negative changes to the San Tan Mt Regional Park in Arizona.

My husband and I live about 7 miles from the park in the Queen Creek area and ride our horses there several times a month. We have ridden several other places in the area and this park is by far the best place to ride. When you get back on the trails, it feels like you are in the middle of nowhere. The desert is fully natural and the trails are well maintained and not "dangerous". The parking lot is spacious enough to know you will have a place to park and unload your horses when you get there. There are so few places to ride where you don't have to deal with motorized vehicles. Most of the other Maricopa County Parks are not horse friendly. McDowell has been taken over by the mountain bikers. Usury has only 1 trail more than a mile long and it has a 100 yard section of slanted rock face with a drop off that I would never take my horse over again.

Please consider the uniqueness of this park and its importance to the equestrian community and do not change the park or allow development of the land. If we lose this place to ride, there will not be a replacement. It would be a shame to destroy this special natural area to build something we already have an abundance of. We talk to many hikers and Mt bikers on the trail who seem to appreciate the park as much as we do. In 6 years of riding at the park I have never seen a piece of garbage left on the trail, people respect the natural beauty of the park.

Thank you for reading this note. Have a nice day.

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