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**Subject:** Re: FW: Corral de Tierra  
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Christine,

My suggestion is to tell this person that GGNRA has always been pro-recreation and always will be. Save Our Recreation has their own agenda (dogs) and is scaring people about something that just isn't there. All through the GMP process we were transparent about finding ways for people to enjoy Rancho, this included numerous meetings with ETRAC (Ernst and others) and the Coastside Horse Council. Remind them that NPS rejected a GMP alternative that would remove the equestrian facilities, instead selecting one that perpetuates those operations. That decision was influenced by their thoughtful advocacy and our evaluation of resource preservation needs. A premise of the plan is that the equestrian community and a healthy natural environment are compatible. There's work to be done to get there, but we agree on the goal.

I'll trust you to communicate this skilfully. SOR is all wet.

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On Mon, Mar 2, 2015 at 6:43 PM, Christine B. FitzGerald

<[CFitzGerald@parksconservancy.org](mailto:CFitzGerald@parksconservancy.org)> wrote:

FYI – this is a message from the president of ETRAC, the equestrian group that is active at Phleger and Rancho.

They have been great partners to work with the past few years, so it's a little disheartening to hear the misconception of our planning efforts circulating even amongst our supporters.

I'll respond to her to clarify, but just wanted to share with you (and also recognize how timely our discussion is about more effective transparent community dialogue!)

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**From:** Faye [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2015 3:39 PM  
**To:** Christine B. FitzGerald  
**Subject:** Corral de Tierra

Hi Christine,

How are you? I am enjoying this gray day because I don't feel bad about not having to exercise the horses, my dogs or myself and can sit and catch up on all my 'to do' list! Anyway, a lot of rumors going around about the new National Parks recommendations for Golden Gate Recreation Area, especially Corral de Tierra for us, in San Mateo County. The biggest concern is that while GGNRA is under the umbrella of NPS, there was supposed to be a slightly different mission statement between the two.

Do you know what will be the goal of Corral de Tierra with respect to usage and balancing the scales between recreation and preservation? While I understand the often 'tunnel vision' occurs with different 'sides of the argument', I just wanted to know if NPS is leaning against recreation.

I just wanted you to know that the public, especially dog and equestrian riders, perceive all their input as basically being disregarded and worthless. Do you have any answers to 'calm' the 'troops'?

Thanks

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