

# Sierra Club Lake Group

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Dear Ms. Riley:

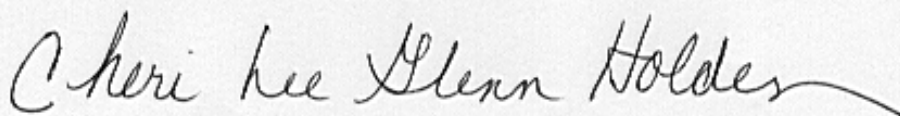
The Sierra Club Lake Group strongly endorses the efforts of your group to maintain and expand the trails network in the Highlands Springs Recreation Area.

Leading hikes and other outdoor activities has been a central part of the Sierra Club's mandate since our foundation in 1892, and the Lake Group has conducted an active Outings program since our formation as a separate Club entity in 2001. We eagerly look forward to continuing these activities in the future, and anticipate the regular inclusion of the Highlands Springs trail network in our schedule.

We are particularly supportive of your efforts to provide trail signage in this 3200 acre park, and eventually to create a trail map with names, mileages, and GPS coordinates. Currently 25 miles of non-signed trails exist in different areas of the park, and the county has no budget for trail signs. As more and more horseback riders and hikers use the trails, the possibility of injury in remote locations increases, with Search and Rescue efforts impeded by the inability to pinpoint the location where the accident has occurred. Signage, maps, and GPS coordinates will be an essential element of continued safe use of the Highland Springs Recreational Area.

Please keep us apprised of any future opportunities to assist the Highlands Springs Trail Committee in this important endeavor.

Yours sincerely,



Cheri Lee Glenn Holden  
Chair, Sierra Club Lake Group