

# **Marin County Open Space District RTMP/EIR Public Scoping Meeting Handout #2 “What Works and What Doesn’t”**

Roads and trails are beneficial in that they are the primary means by which visitors access District preserves. They also provide access for maintenance and emergency purposes for the District, and other public agencies (i.e., Marin County Fire, Marin Municipal Water District). At the same time, roads and trails can have a number of undesirable effects on the natural environment. They can contribute sediment to streams, fragment habitat, or provide opportunities for the introduction or spread of invasive weeds. Currently, the District’s network of roads and trails consists of more than 200 miles of former ranch and logging roads, fire roads, and shared use, narrow and unsanctioned trails. Due to the normal deterioration of some roads and trails over time, limited resources, and increased visitor use, the maintenance and management of the network has become increasingly challenging.

Examples of road and trail management activities employed by the District include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Watershed protection and erosion control improvements (i.e., grading, outsloping, etc.)
- Mowing and clearing of trailside/roadside vegetation for access and safety.
- Maintenance of trailheads and signage.
- Maintenance of culverts and creek crossings.
- Decommissioning of unsanctioned trails.
- Managing trails for specific uses.
- Patrolling trails for safety.

1) Based on your experience in the Open Space Preserves, what management activities do you think are effective and beneficial?

2) Based on your experience in the Open Space Preserves, what problems related to natural resource impacts, and conflicts among visitors, do you think the RTMP/EIR should address?

To learn more about the Road and Trail Management Plan process, please visit the District’s website at [www.marinopenspace.org](http://www.marinopenspace.org), or contact Elise Holland, Planning and Resource Chief, at (415) 507-2820.