

## East Mountain Coalition of Neighborhoods and Landowners Invites Public to Open House on Trails and Open Space

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In 2003, the Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Department initiated two separate, but related, planning efforts for the East Mountains. The preliminary results of this planning will be presented at an Open House on **Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at the Los Vecinos Community Center Gymnasium from 5 pm – 9 pm. All East Mountain neighborhood associations and interested individuals are cordially invited to meet with East Mountain residents and project planners to discuss the following two projects.**

1. Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program and the City of Albuquerque, has prepared draft **Resource Management Plans** for its four Open Space properties. The City has prepared plans for its five Open Space properties. County properties include *Carlito Springs, Sabino Canyon, Ojito de San Antonio, and Sedillo Ridge*. City properties include *Juan Tomas, San Antonio, Tres Pistolas, Golden, and Gutierrez Canyon*. The Resource Plans emphasize resource protection and appropriate public use.
2. Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Department also is preparing the draft East Mountain Trails and Bikeways Facility plan. This plan is the result of several months of citizen input and trail corridor analysis **to determine where future multi-use trail corridors should be located**. It is the first comprehensive attempt to define the existing and future trail network that could link Open Space properties owned by the City or County, national forest lands managed by the United States Forest Service, commercial areas, and residential neighborhoods.

Together, these plans address:

- Residents' concerns and ideas for Open Space property management and trail planning throughout the East Mountains
- Natural resource protection and enhancement on Open Space properties
- Accessibility of Open Space properties and future uses
- Trail-building on Open Space Properties
- Use of road shoulders and rights-of-way for trail building
- Desired trail corridors on private properties
- Potential future trail corridors and access points
- Continued citizen involvement for implementation of resource management plans AND the trails and bikeways plan

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