



**CITY OF PACIFICA
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

September 21, 2016

6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

**Police Department Conference Room
2075 Coast Highway**

CALL TO ORDER:

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of July 20, 2016 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

Approval of Minutes of August 17, 2016 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications:

This portion of the agenda is available to the public to address the Committee on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that is not on the agenda

Committee Communications:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. Identify Cattle Hill maintenance needs**
- 2. Recommendation to City Council regarding Ridgetrail signage installation**
- 3. Development of Committee Work Plan (outline distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)**
- 4. Trails and funding opportunities**
- 5. Status of *Trail of the Month: Milagra Ridge* Tribune Article**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- 6. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC**

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

- 7. GGNRA Dog Rule Management Comments**
- 8. Development project updates**

ADJOURNMENT:

THE CITY OF PACIFICA WILL PROVIDE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISABLED CITIZENS UPON AT LEAST 24 HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE (738-7301). IF YOU NEED SIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE OR WRITTEN MATERIAL PRINTED IN A LARGER FONT OR TAPED, ADVANCED NOTICE IS NECESSARY. ALL MEETING ROOMS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE DISABLED.

MEMO

DATE: September 14, 2016
TO: Open Space & Parkland Advisory Committee
FROM: Jim Sullivan, OSPAC Chair
SUBJECT: Cattle Hill Trail Improvements and Habitat Protection

As previously reported to the City Council, there is much deferred maintenance at Cattle Hill. Primary issues involve: 1) erosion from lack of trail maintenance, 2) the establishment of "social trails" which are causing additional erosion and habitat destruction, 3) lack of invasive plant species control, 4) ongoing motorcycle access, and 5) issues related to dog feces due to dog owners who do not pick up after their pets. While the long-term expectation has been that the National Park Service (NPS) would eventually take ownership of the parcel, it now appears very unlikely that will happen. Because of the expectation of NPS management of the property, the City has not taken steps to ensure the trails remain in good condition or that the habitat is protected from unwanted (social trails) or illegal access (motorcycles).

The OSPAC did organize a work day last fall to repair waterbars that had failed since constructed and create new ones as needed. While this improved erosion on the main trail, there are ongoing needs for erosion control on that trail. Additionally, the social trails need to be closed. OSPAC proposes to the City that it assist the Committee with taking some initial steps to close social trails, install signs (asking hikers and bikers to not cut trails as it causes habitat destruction and erosion), and make some minor modifications to the main trail to address access and erosion issues.

On May 16, 2016, the OSPAC submitted a modest proposal for approximately \$250 for stakes, cable, and signs to be placed in certain locations to block off social trails and inform trail users that they should remain on the trail. We have not heard from the City if this can be funded. Meanwhile, OSPAC members hiked the trail again from the end of Fassler Avenue to the Baquiano Trail (GGNRA) to be able to provide more specific locations for post and cable installation to cut off social trails and suggested locations for signage-cable barriers.

Please see the attached figures for those details.

We believe there are longer-term needs at Cattle Hill that can be addressed by OSPAC attempting to obtain grant(s) (from the County or other sources) of sufficient size to hire professional contractors to reroute the main trail, install permanent barriers to the social trails, move soil and install erosion controls (coir blankets, coir erosion rolls, etc.) to fix the large gullies, and re-vegetate areas that have been damaged. OSPAC will commit to trying to find the funding to get this work accomplished. Dealing with the dog owners who do not pick up after their pets is another issue that will require additional signage, public outreach (via POOCH-coastside dogs and flyers to neighbors), and possibly the installation of a "Pet Pick Up" bag dispenser and waste bin at Fassler gate.

<http://www.coast-sidedog.org/about-us/>

CATTLE HILL EROSION CONTROL
TRAIL MAINTENANCE
SIGNAGE
MINOR TRAIL REROUTING
INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL *

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE
MANAGEMENT AND PARKLAND COMMITTEE

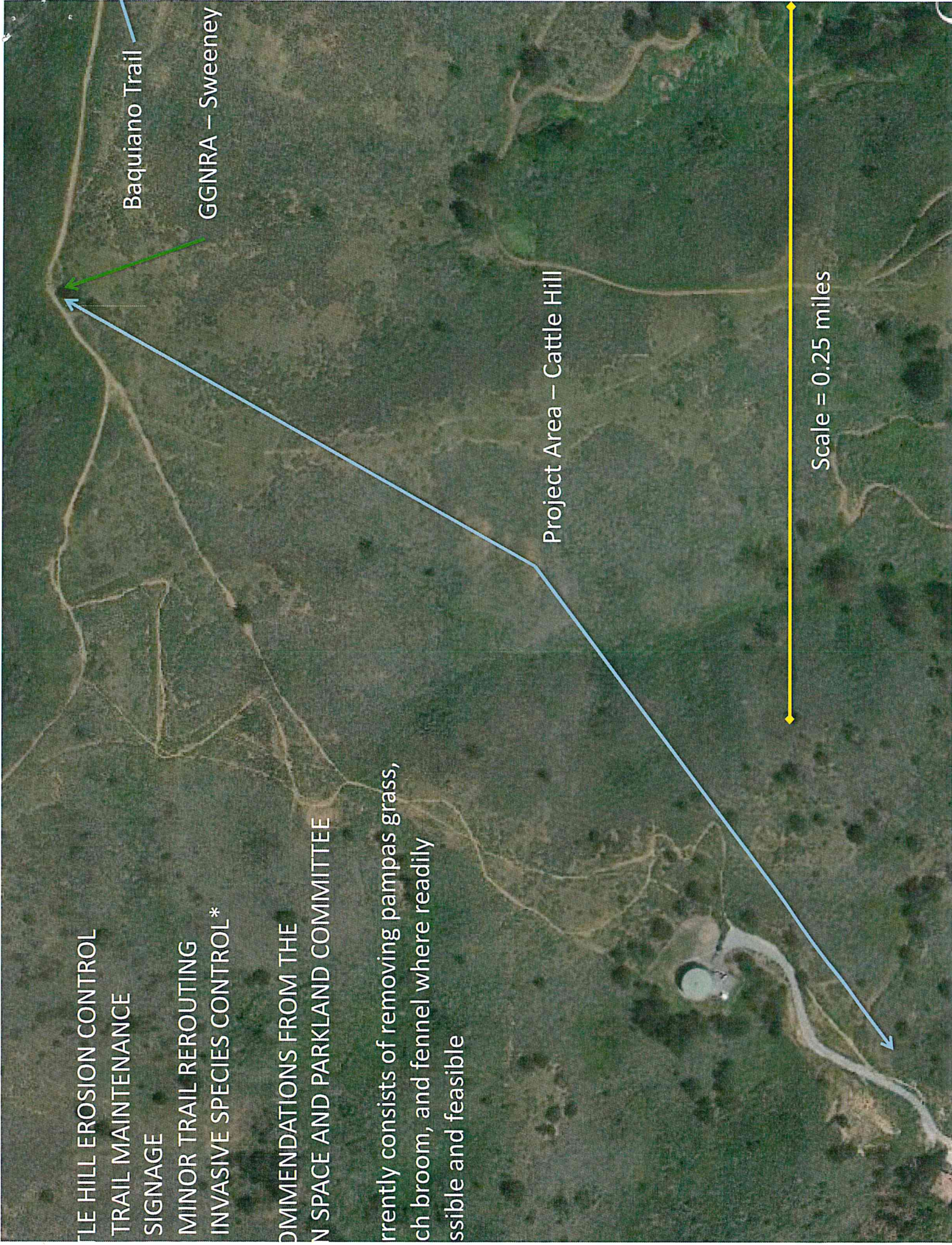
The current plan
currently consists of removing pampas grass,
ch broom, and fennel where readily
possible and feasible

Baquiano Trail

GGNRA – Sweeney

Project Area – Cattle Hill

Scale = 0.25 miles



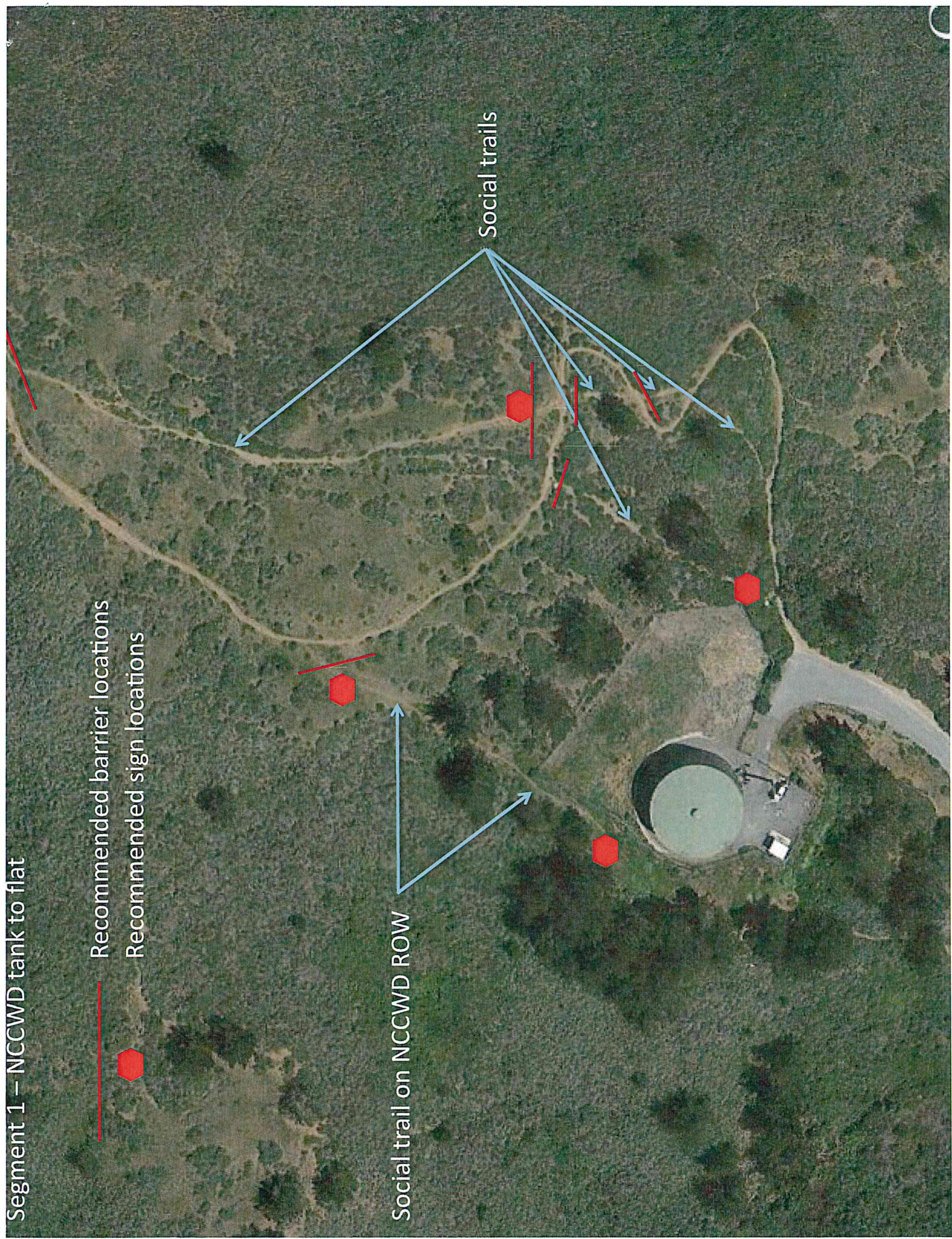
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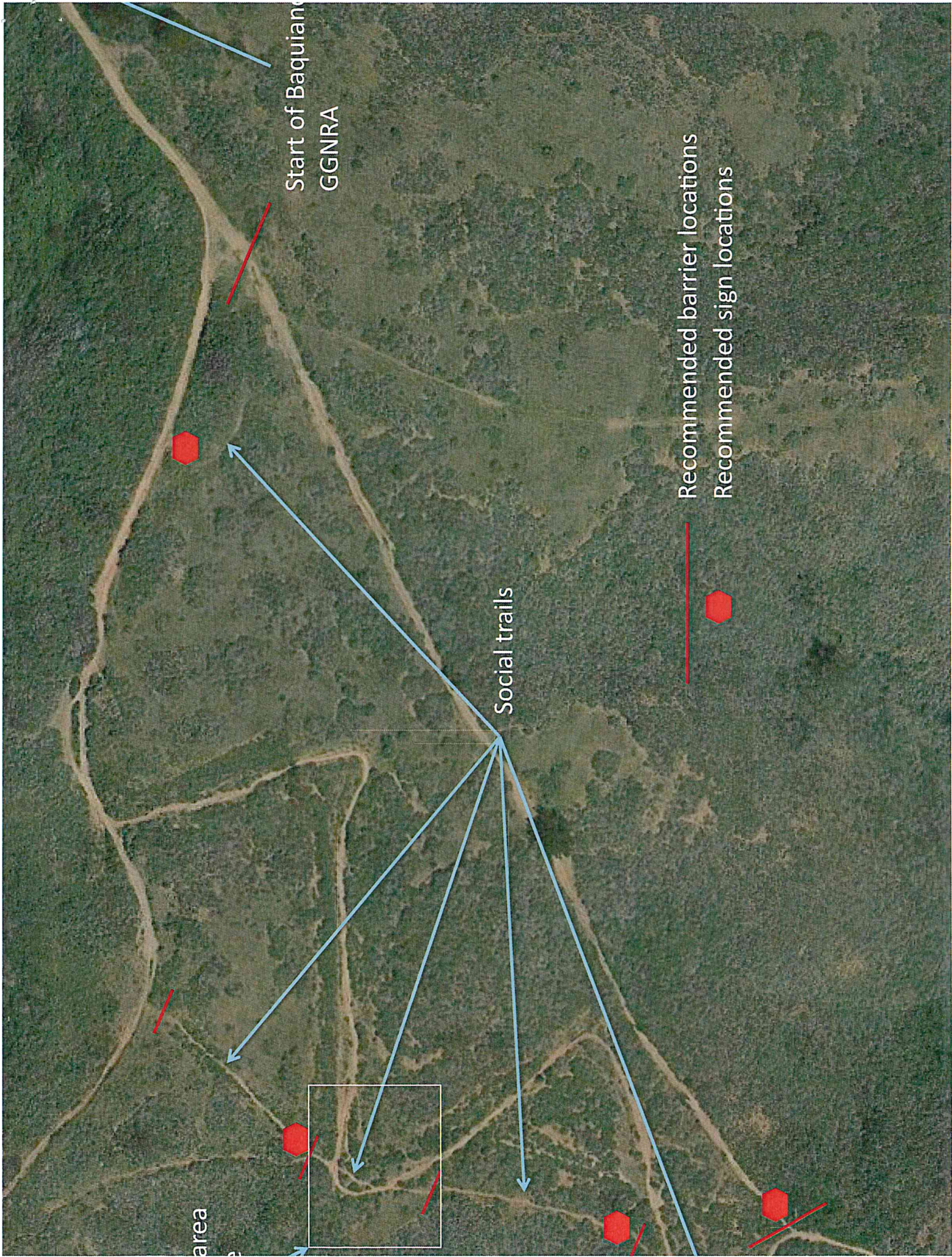
Recommended barrier locations

Recommended sign locations

Social trail on NCCWD ROW

Social trails





Start of Baquian
GGNRA

Social trails

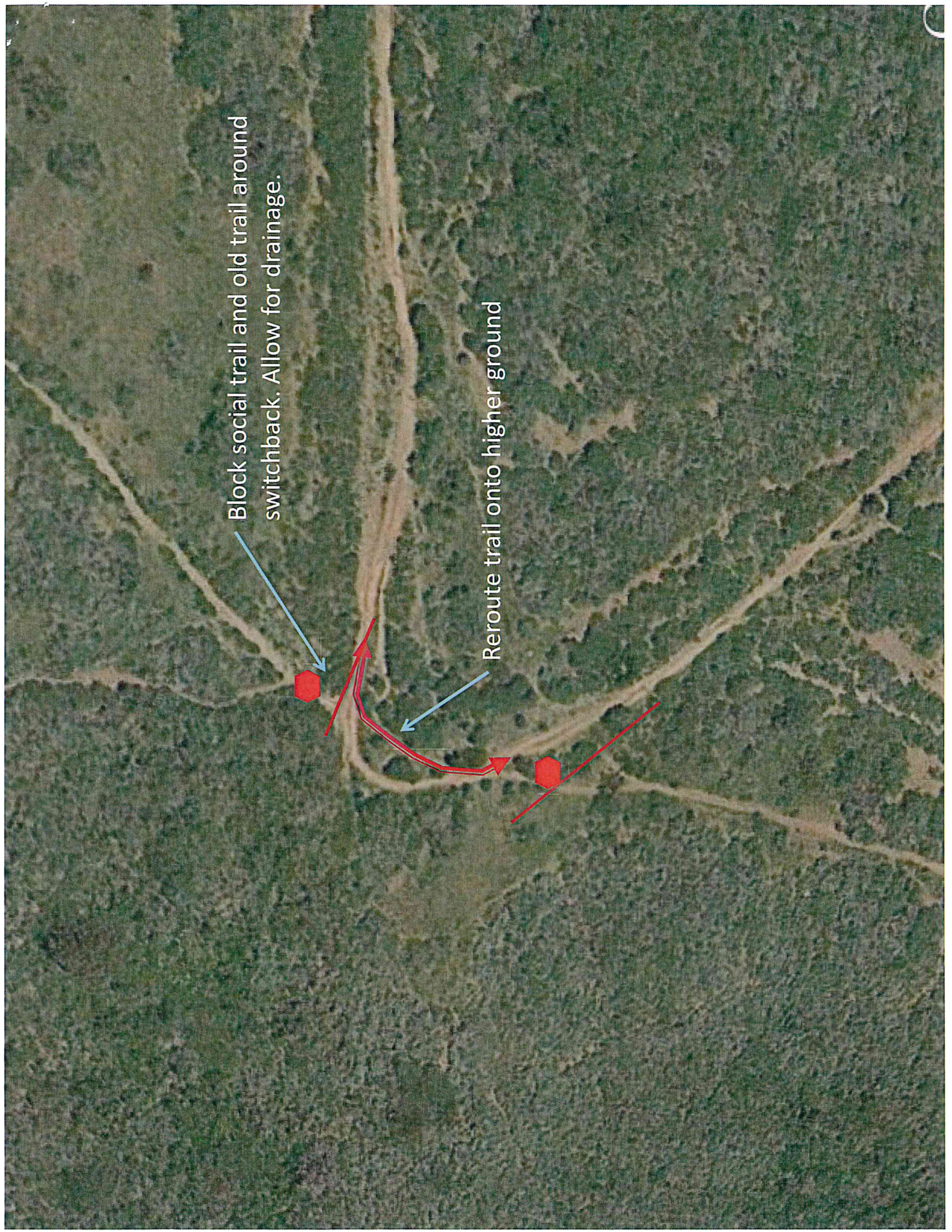
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area



Block social trail and old trail around switchback. Allow for drainage.

Reroute trail onto higher ground



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FROM: Jim Sullivan, OSPAC Chair
SUBJECT: Ridge Trail Alignment Proposal on Pacifica Streets

Background:

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council's mission is to create a continuous 550+/-mile trail for hikers, mountain bicyclists, and equestrians along the ridgelines overlooking San Francisco Bay. Today, over 365 miles of trail are dedicated and open to the public.

The Council works in close partnership with agencies and local government, parks, land trusts, and other stakeholders and volunteers to plan, acquire, design, build, care for, and promote the Ridge Trail.

The Ridge Trail is dedicated north thru Daly City all the way to northern Marin County, and from Sharp Park Road all the way south to Highway 92. We are about to open the new Milagra Ridge Trail above Connemara, funded in part by a Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Grant administered by the city (and based on the Ridge Trail's status as a region-wide PCA), and we are working with GGNRA to post appropriate Ridge Trail signage there. In addition, we have permission from Daly City for our volunteers to replace old faded signs there. Thus, the Pacifica streets section is the only gap in the area remaining to be closed.

Current status:

We propose to post Ridge Trail signs along the route from Daly City to Milagra Ridge.

- All work will be done by Ridge Trail volunteers.
- We will provide 10"x14" signs and directional arrows to mark the route.
- Wherever possible, signs will be posted in compliance with Pacifica sign guidelines.
- Where there is no existing signpost, light standard, or equivalent, we will propose simple post installation(s) to accomplish the wayfinding/route identification task.
- We anticipate completing all sign installations by mid-October.

Website:

ridgetrail.org

