

I am the Camp host here at Skyline Wilderness Park. I have only been here a year, but in that time I have fallen in love with the park. It is a wonderful place to experience. There are so many things to talk about to help preserve the area and not allow even just the smallest intrusion to disrupt the environment. We know that no one should be able to sleep at night if they are the ones who want to even remove an inch of this park."A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people." —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

Skyline Park has many miles of beautiful foliage and wildlife that everyone enjoys. You can take a thirty minute hike and see clear across the valley to Calistoga. This is a place to clear your mind and re-energize, a place to challenge one's self physically and mentally. A place where children learn about life, teamwork, and understand how important it is to value oneself and the land around them. This is where families join together and learn about each other, and how to appreciate the beauty of nature.

I want to talk about some of the people who come to visit Skyline Wilderness Park. Skyline Wilderness Park provides more than just fantastic hiking trails and beautiful lakes, it has qualities and amenities that everyone can enjoy. As Camp host and Ranger I have met travelers from across the world that stop and stay at Skyline. Guests as far away as England, Portugal, France, Germany, Russia and many other places, pull their rented Recreational vehicles in for a few nights and begin their wonderful journey traveling our states. The guests appreciate the park for its comfort, security, and peaceful surroundings. They know they have recreation within seconds to exercise and enjoy. Many are repeat travelers and continue to book here year after year, rather than in a local hotel. Along with out of country visitors, there are also those who travel across the states every year just for the weather and climate. Many of our senior visitors travel back and forth from Northern California to Arizona every year as it warms up in one area the move to the cooler locations and Skyline is one of those perfect climate stopping points. Most of the Rver's that stay here are active people who enjoy hiking and biking and love the park for all that it provides.

There are so many people that just stop by to stay for a few days, but they all say the same thing: I am so happy we found this place, it's so quiet and peaceful. They love the trails and the peace and quiet they experience. We have bikers from out of the country that fly into San Francisco, camp here and ride just to hike the hills of Skyline and enjoy its beauty and continue to ride to another part of the State. There are also those who stay here because they feel comfort and serenity. About a year ago we had a couple come to the park and check in with us. They found that one of them was terminal and their only wish was to stay here at the park for the remaining days of their life. They felt it was spiritual and peaceful, that they could feel genuinely rested with every glimpse of the sunrise and sunset. Skyline Wilderness Park is so much more than a day use park, you can hike, bike, Frisbee golf, Archery and tent camp along with RV camping. Skyline is the place where people come together and share something in common. People from everywhere, local, state and global travelers all stop and stay at Skyline Wilderness Park. This land is for the people to enjoy and to share with their children and grandchildren everywhere.

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Barrella, Donald

From: John O'Keefe <john.okeefe15@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 23, 2016 9:06 PM
To: Barrella, Donald
Subject: Skyline Park

Dear Supervisors of the County of Napa,

This note is to inform you of my vehement opposition to the increase in quarrying activity in and around Skyline Park. The list of potentially significant impacts to the environment outweighs any benefit to our community by way of a few jobs. There are many hills to quarry, but those few, pristine hills in our only extensive public hiking/recreational area should be left untouched.

You have a commitment to the park, per Skyline's Master Plan. Please fulfill this commitment to Napa's only Wilderness Park and either reject the expansion or attach conditions of approval which ensure a wilderness experience in perpetuity. These conditions should include:

a 300' setback of mining from park land
no mining on the north and east sides of Pasini Knoll (the sides facing the park) a reduction of the term of the permit from 35 to 10 years with a possibility of renewal based on fidelity to environmental commitments independent monitoring of the project, paid for by Syar but selected by and reporting to the County We constituents beg you to fulfill your commitment to SWP and not just give in to the myopic demands of Big Business. You hold the character of the City of Napa in your hands as you make these important decisions.

Thank you,
John O'Keefe

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From: Hannah Bradford <hehbradford@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 23, 2016 4:27 AM
To: Barrella, Donald
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This park was a pivotal part of my childhood, and every child (and adult) in Napa should have access to this amazing park. It is a pivotal part of Napa's local culture and it would be heinous to deprive current residents and future generations of the beauty of our beloved Skyline.

Thank you,
Hannah Bradford

Barrella, Donald

From: Judith Rolls <wonhapikat@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 3:46 PM
To: Barrella, Donald
Subject: open mining near Skyline Park

This project is too close to Skyline Park, one of the few "natural" areas still accessible to the public. It doesn't make sense to spend money creating better paths and access (ie the path from Kennedy Park), while tearing down the habitat on the other side.

Please stop this project.

Thank you.

Judith Rolls
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