



## Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

*Dedicated to the Preservation of the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains*

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Ms. Lorrie Bradley  
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510 South Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90020

Dear Ms. Bradley and Members of the Santa Susana Mountains Trails Master Plan Project Team:

The Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (SSMPA) was delighted to read the following statement in your July 2013 newsletter of the **SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAINS TRAILS MASTER PLAN**:

As a result of input received from [last year's] meetings, the ... Study Area was:

- expanded to the north to include a connection to the Southwest Santa Clarita Valley area and
- extended westward to the boundary of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, thus maximizing opportunities for regional trail connectivity. The ... Plan ... was renamed to Santa Susana Mountains Trails Master Plan.

SSMPA thanks the County Department of Parks and Recreation for listening to us and other trails enthusiasts last August. We agree that your expansion of the study area will foster a more comprehensive approach to trails planning and use. Renaming of the project to focus on the Santa Susana Mountains themselves will help us all communicate more effectively about the project as it moves forward.

We look forward eagerly to your upcoming presentation of the Draft Master Plan this fall, and hope it leads to the start of trail building in 2014. We hope to see the day when your new trails will be models for new trails within the Rim of the Valley Corridor.

Please let us at SSMPA know if there is anything we can do to assist your team in completing your planning or in publicizing and promoting this worthy project.

Sincerely,

Teena Takata  
President, Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

#### About **Santa Susana Mountain Park Association**:

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is a 42 year-old non-profit organization based in Chatsworth, Los Angeles, California.

We represent approximately 700 members and concerned citizens, and we partner with many organizations to promote ecological and recreational quality in Southern California.

**SSMPA's mission** is to preserve and protect the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, and surrounding open space.

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