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**CASTAIC AREA MULTI-USE TRAILS PLAN APPROVED BY
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

CASTAIC – Following much input from the community, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors today approved a comprehensive trails master plan intended to guide future multi-use trail development within the Castaic area of Los Angeles County.

The Castaic Area Multi-Use Trails Plan (master plan) area encompasses 75 square miles of the Castaic area, which includes about 100 miles of proposed multi-use trails, as well as trail-related and support facilities such as staging areas, equestrian amenities, bike skills parks, and trailheads.

The project area is composed of generally mountainous and valley terrain that abuts the Angeles National Forest to the north, the city of Santa Clarita to the southeast, Highway 126 to the south, and Ventura County to the west.

This master plan aims to encourage and promote new multi-use trails, but also recommends improvements to existing trails. The objective is to optimize trail access, connectivity to prime destinations, and increase recreational opportunities within this geographic region.

"Our goal is to ensure that residents and visitors have access to trails where they can hike, mountain bike, ride their horse and enjoy nature and the outdoors for years to come," said Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, whose Fifth District encompasses the Castaic area. "We're grateful for the vast community input we've received for this comprehensive blueprint that took more than a year of planning, and look forward to this project's completion."

Once established, the proposed new multi-use trails will interconnect with U.S. Forest Service trails within the nearby Angeles National Forest; the city of Santa Clarita trail system, and the future Newhall Ranch trail network.

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