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**SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAINS TRAILS MASTER PLAN, PHASE II, TO EXPAND
OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE
SANTA CLARITA AND SAN FERNANDO VALLEYS**

SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAINS – With funding secured from Los Angeles County Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger, plans are moving forward to improve the availability of trails in a 15-square-mile area in the Santa Clarita and San Fernando valleys.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation is moving forward with Phase II of the Santa Susana Mountains Trails Master Plan. It will act as a framework to encourage and promote new multi-use trails in the designated areas, improve connectivity with neighboring jurisdictions, as well as recommend improvements to existing trails.

"I'm a strong advocate of Los Angeles County's regional trail network," said Los Angeles County Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "I continue to support this mission, because I'm a firm believer in the value of providing outdoor recreational opportunities for residents in my District, as well as visitors. I'm confident that this plan will improve the quality-of-life for many people by improving access to our treasured open space."

The county Department of Parks and Recreation and Supervisor Barger will work closely together, as well as reach out to representatives of the community, trail-user groups and developers, whose input will be critical to the success of this Master Plan. Such collaboration was a key factor in the success of Phase I of this project.

"By continuing to develop strong partnerships, we can help secure future trails that will be loved by the public for decades to come, and ensure that outdoor recreation won't be compromised by future development," Department Director John Wicker said.