

SOS WAS FOUNDED 35 YEARS AGO!

Save Open Space (SOS) started in 1988 to save Jordan Ranch (now national parkland, Palo Comado Canyon) and Ahmanson Ranch (now Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve) from proposed massive upzonings for thousands of homes. SOS remains busy saving open space with the recent additions of Triangle Ranch, parkland addition Calabasas Motor Parkway, and Ventura Coounty's magnificent Deer Creek Beach. Only with your financial support can our efforts continue to preserve open space for generations to come.

Your \$25 Membership and/or Tax-Deductible Donations Help Save Open Space!

These critical funds go 100% toward support saving open space, natural resources, and enforcing general plans in our region. SOS has no paid employees, so all donated funds go 100% to preserving open space and protecting the quality of our lives. (Think what it would be like here if Palo Comado and Las Virgenes Canyon been developed; SOS was instrumental in fighting both, among others.)

Please help by sending your \$25 membership (non-tax-deductible) and/or 100% tax-deductible donation. Include your email if you want updates on land use/open space issues in your area and dates of our new quarterly hikes in open space SOS helped save.

Visit our website www.saveopenspace.com to see latest park activities, information, make donations to our tax-deductible SEE fund, and click on links for more information.

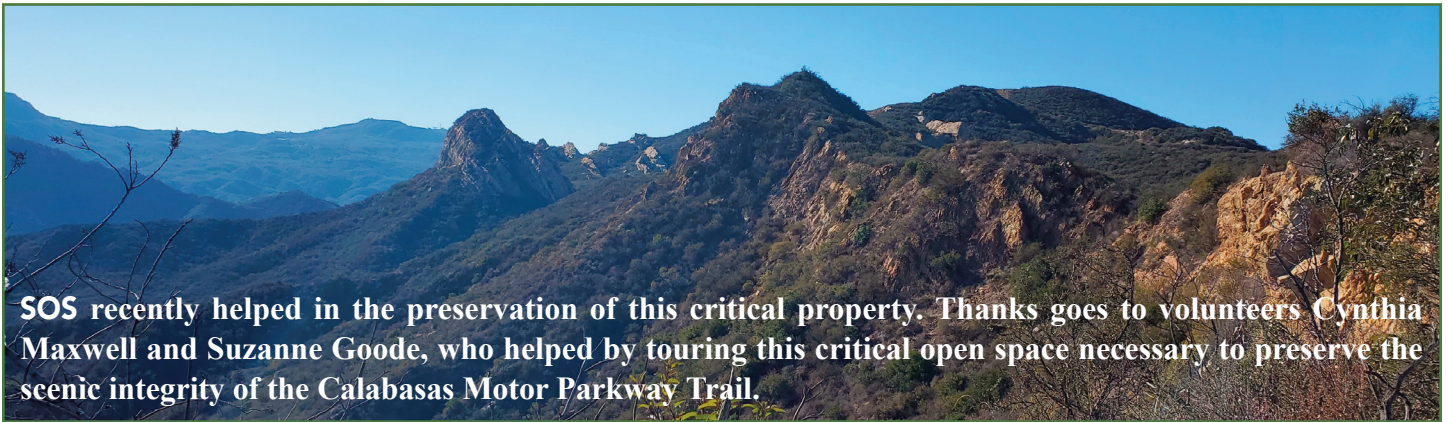


1250 COASTAL ACRES DEER CREEK BEACH SAVED

SOS was instrumental again!

At a 2012 event honoring local retiring Santa Monica Mountains NRA Superintendent Wood Smeck, I related to Woody that SOS was instrumental in the preservation of all of the large properties – Jordan, Ahmanson, and Gillette Ranches in the Santa Monica Mountains. Woody looked me straight in the eye with a direct challenge to SOS: “No” he said, as the scenic coastal Mansdorf property still remains. For many ensuing years, SOS pushed for letters of support for this expensive purchase. We were able to get support letters for this 1250 acre parkland purchase from several cities, two counties, the two regional Sierra Clubs, and the Native Americans federally recognized area tribe. Unsung volunteers in this magnificent open space purchase include Tim Brehm and Danee Hazama who photographed the property and Van Vibber of Malibu who volunteered as the tour guide. Now, amazingly, this coastal awe-inspiring property has just been saved!!! *By Mary Wiesbrock, SOS Chair*

Welcome to 90 acres along Calabasas Motor Parkway!



SOS recently helped in the preservation of this critical property. Thanks goes to volunteers Cynthia Maxwell and Suzanne Goode, who helped by touring this critical open space necessary to preserve the scenic integrity of the Calabasas Motor Parkway Trail.

Malibu Lakeside Historic Acres Mountain Lion Habitat

Malibu Lakeside community, just south of Malibou Lake, was formed nearly a hundred years ago. The early houses at Lakeside were intended as weekend getaways. They were small and simple and were positioned around a center property designated for recreation. In the 1960's the funding sources dried up and the property was sold into private hands. Save Open Space's decades-long goal for this 4 acres is to preserve its unique history, character, natural resources and mountain lion habitat.

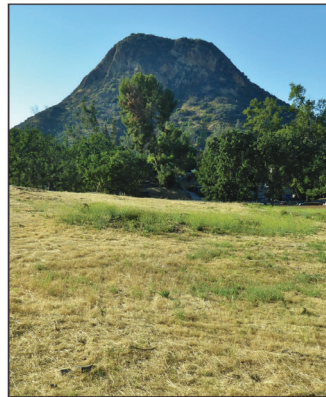
Natural Resources: "Preserves prime grassy meadow midst oaks and sycamores. Property also has a seasonal stream. It supports water birds from the nearby lake and nesting for birds of prey and is documented mountain lion habitat. With time, the native grasses will flourish, as well as the spring wildflowers." (Malibu Lakeside Homeowner Association's booklet)

ACTION

Email L. A. County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath at ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov and request that she support the purchase of the Malibu Lakeside four acres as recreational parkland. This open space is a historical and ecological treasure critical for the watershed of Malibou Lake.

Mountain lion at Malibu Lakeside habitat

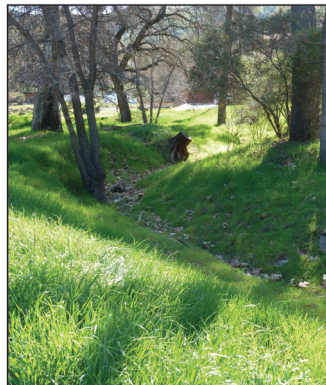
Natural Resources of the Property



Grasslands



Oak Savanna



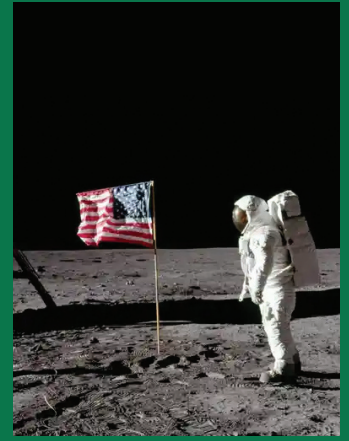
Seasonal Stream



Nesting opportunities for water birds & birds of prey



NASA will obliterate the History of Rocket Development in Southern California when it destroys the Coca rocket test stands!!!!



Coca rocket test stands are responsible for America landing on the moon, our greatest Space achievement!

Coca III is one of the two test stands that were used to develop the rocket engines for the Apollo program and the Space Shuttle Main Engines.
Photo: Tim Brehm



Unless stopped, NASA will soon be senselessly destroying the Coca III, the last and most significant historic towering test stand.

Per Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians: the Coca test stands "are without a doubt historic structures under the National Historic Preservation Act that must be saved for future generations."

It will cost Congress millions more to demolish the Coca III test stand versus preserving it (NASA IG 2019 audit report). Why won't NASA preserve and renovate Coca III now and save the funds for their cash strapped Artemis program?

After the cleanup is completed, preserving the historic Coca III stand will make a future Space/Native American National Monument there economically successful. The impressive 200 ft tall Coca stand will be a draw for world wide paid visitors.

"These test stands are not only a singular part of America's history of unprecedented space exploration—the first manned landing on the moon. In combination with the rock art site, they comprise the only place on earth where our modern world heritage in space converges with a prehistoric reach to the sky."
(Dr. Krupp, 2020)

Preserving the Coca III test stand in no way prevents a soil cleanup in that area.

SUPPORTERS OF PRESERVING COCA INCLUDE:

the Santa Ynez Tribe of Chumash Indians; Santa Susana Mountain Park Association; Save Open Space; Regional Congressional Representatives (letter, 2017); Resource Conservation District of Santa Monica Mountains; and Dr. Krupp of Griffith Observatory, Dept. of Rec & Parks, City of L.A.

Protect Our Wildfire Evacuation Routes!

AGOURA AND OAK PARK RESIDENTS

Help protect your major evacuation routes: congested Kanan Road and Driver Road

WHAT: Protect our Emergency Evacuation Routes (PEER), is suing Agoura Hills to adequately analyze the impact of their addition of a max of 564 allowable housing units at the already congested 3 Kanan Road Shopping Centers and a max of 44 housing units on busy Driver. Kanan and Driver are major emergency evacuation routes.

BECAUSE: We remember the extreme congestion during the evacuation for the 2018 Woolsey Fire! And that was without the additional housing on Kanan and Driver that is now allowed by Agoura Hills' zoning ordinance.

About PEER: Protect our Emergency Evacuation Routes is a group of 100% local unpaid community volunteers. All donations go towards funding this current public interest lawsuit and raising awareness.

ACTION NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

Go to: www.supportforpeer.com click on DONATE for supporting this grassroots effort to protect our major emergency evacuation routes-already congested Driver Road and Kanan Road.

Please note that the City of Agoura Hills picked the Kanan Shopping Centers and Driver for increased density, not the state. With their zoning approvals of these massive density increases, the city decision makers can not guarantee it will not happen.

CALABASAS RESIDENTS

WHERE: Location is at Las Virgenes (major evac and commuter road) and south end of Agoura Road.

WHAT: Proposed massive development bulldozing 20 acres, destroying protected open space, massive grading of hillside.

ACTION ASAP! Send email Calabasas City Council (info@cityofcalabasas.com) to support them to continue their fight against this incompatible project which violates city laws protecting hillside and open space, and state law on evacuation/public safety.

Join info@thecalabasascoalition.org to stay informed.

THOUSAND OAKS RESIDENTS

WHERE: Located at Borchard (Newbury Park) and 101 freeway

WHAT: Draft General Plan changes 36 acres proposed for zoning increase from 160 housing units to 1100 housing units. This massive housing alone will generate an estimated 5,500 new car trips a day in already congested Newbury Park.

ACTION ASAP: Send email to gp@toaks.org stating your opposition to this massive Borchard general plan change and your reasons why. Besides huge traffic increases, this new General Plan will impact Borchard, a critical NP evacuation route.

Join cvasp.org@outlook to stay informed.

OAK PARK, NEWBURY PARK, DOS VIENTOS YIKES!

www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/escaping-a-wildfire-these-ca-zip-codes-have-worst-ratio-of-people-to-evacuation-routes/

KANAN ROAD



Photo by Chris Shahbazian

Kanan Road gridlock. Kanan Road gridlock during Woolsey Fire.