



## Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

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**AGENDA DATE:** June 4, 2008

**TO:** Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

**FROM:** Front Country Trails Task Force Staff

**SUBJECT:** Draft Forest Service, County, and City Cooperative Agreement

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force receive a presentation on work completed to date to prepare a Cooperative Agreement between the Forest Service, County of Santa Barbara, and City of Santa Barbara.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this staff report is to provide the Task Force with an update on the work completed to date on the preparing a cooperative agreement between the Forest Service, County, and City. Acceptance of the Task Force Recommendations by the Forest Supervisor, County Board of Supervisors, and the Santa Barbara City Council in May 2008, provided staff with the direction to begin developing a multi-agency agreement. While the actual format of the agreement has not yet been confirmed and some details need to be completed, staff would like the Task Force to review and provide input on the work completed to date. It is anticipated that the agreement will be complete prior to the next Task Force meeting in September 2008.

The purpose of the agreement is to provide the vehicle for a City/County/Forest Service partnership. It is intended to outline the expectations of the partnership, respective agency roles and responsibilities, and the planning/decision making framework, among other objectives. The draft developed to date is based on other multi-agency agreement, specifically the cooperative agreement between the National Park Service, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the Mountain Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

**ATTACHMENT:** Draft Cooperative Management Agreement

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jill E. Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, City of Santa Barbara