

## **Take action Now to help SAVE Tesla Park**

We continue the fight to SAVE Tesla Park - one of eastern Alameda County's most important and unique natural and cultural treasures - and we need your help now!

## **Will you stand up for the tule elk, golden eagle, and the other residents of Tesla who can't speak for themselves?**

As part of the Diablo Range, Tesla is an important link in a vital wildlife corridor. Tesla's rolling, oak-covered hills, riparian canyons, grasslands, and scenic ridge tops support an unexpectedly wide range of plants and wildlife, including at least seven threatened and endangered species or habitats and 50 rare species.

## **Will you help stop OHV use in Tesla?**

Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) is on track to approve its expansion plan this summer. They have ignored extensive scientific evidence about the rare biologic and cultural resources in Tesla and damage OHV use will cause to Tesla's 3,100 acres of pristine open space. Unless there is a huge public outcry, Carnegie SVRA will move forward and open Tesla to OHV use.

It's time to escalate our appeal to State decision makers before the Carnegie SVRA General Plan and EIR are approved and certified.

## **Will you e-mail Resources Agency Secretary and State Parks Director asking them to protect Tesla?**

We want Resources Agency Secretary John Laird and State Parks Director Lisa Mangat to use their authority to stop further action on the current Carnegie SVRA General Plan and EIR which will open Tesla to OHV use, and support a plan for Tesla to be managed as a natural and cultural preserve.

Please send separate emails to:

- Resources Agency Secretary John Laird: [secretary@resources.ca.gov](mailto:secretary@resources.ca.gov)
- State Parks Director Lisa Mangat: [info.communications@parks.ca.gov](mailto:info.communications@parks.ca.gov)

Here is a sample email. Please personalize it to explain why Tesla Park preservation matters to you.

*Dear [Secretary Laird/Director Mangat]:*

*I am asking that you take action **now** to permanently preserve the Tesla park land in eastern Alameda County with no off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. Please use your authority to **stop final***

*approval and certification of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) General Plan and EIR that will open Tesla to OHV use, and **support** steps, including legislation, to permanently preserve Tesla by establishing it as a natural and cultural preserve.*

*Tesla has numerous sensitive biologic and cultural resources important for the region and the State. It is part of a vital wildlife corridor, Native Plant Society botanical priority protection area, and Audubon important bird area. It contains seven threatened and endangered species and habitats, and over 50 rare species and habitats. It is the location of the historic Tesla town and mine site and sacred Native American sites. It is productive grazing land. Creating a nearly 5,000 acre off-highway vehicle park by expanding Carnegie SVRA and opening Tesla to OHV use conflicts with local land use plans and policies. Tesla is simply not appropriate for OHV use.*

*You cannot turn a blind eye to the State Parks OHV expansion plan that will forever damage Tesla's irreplaceable resources that the state should treasure. We all have the duty to preserve Tesla with no OHV use so that this unique and sensitive natural and cultural landscape is permanently protected now and for future generations.*

*[Your name, address]*

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**Can you also e-mail Assembly Member Baker and Senator Glazer if you have not already?**

If you have not already done so, you can also help by emailing our Assembly Member Catharine Baker and Senator Steve Glazer. Tesla is located in their districts. Unfortunately, in spite of meetings and the detailed information we have provided, neither has yet taken a stand to support Tesla preservation or agreed to carry legislation or help to permanently preserve Tesla. They need to hear from you that preserving Tesla is a priority. Every contact makes a positive difference.

Following a brief sample email that you can customize for your personal message. Please send separate emails to:

- Assemblywoman Catharine Baker: [Assemblymember.Baker@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:Assemblymember.Baker@assembly.ca.gov)
- Senator Steve Glazer: [Senator.Glazer@senate.ca.gov](mailto:Senator.Glazer@senate.ca.gov)

*Dear [Assembly Member Baker/Senator Glazer]:*

*I am asking that you stand for environmental protection and help to permanently preserve the Tesla park land. Tesla is in your district in eastern Alameda County. Tesla has numerous sensitive cultural and biologic resources important for our region. It is a vital wildlife corridor. It contains threatened and endangered species. It is the location of the historic Tesla town site and mine. It is productive grazing land. Tesla is not appropriate for OHV recreation of any kind*

*and opening Tesla to OHV use will unquestionably damage it forever.*

*You share a responsibility to preserve this irreplaceable East Bay open space for future generations. Please support preservation of Tesla and do everything you can, including carrying legislation, to establish Tesla as a natural and cultural preserve so that this special natural landscape is permanently protected.*

*[Your name, address]*

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