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To all Horse Enthusiasts:

With 50 miles of trails, the Anacortes City Forestlands are popular for hikers, bikers, horse riders, and motorcycle riders. It's been brought to my attention that there's been a dramatic increase in horse riders this year and that the rules are not always being followed. Only ride where horses are allowed. There are good reasons as to why horses are not allowed on certain trails. ACFL trail maps are available at the City Hall and the Visitors Information Center, as well as from local merchants. Familiarize yourselves with the trails and rules, and obey them.

These are city trails and there is a leash law. That means that dogs must be on leashes at all times and cannot run loose on the trails.

Alcohol is not allowed in the ACFL.

Clean up after yourselves and your animals before leaving the trailheads for home.

PLEASE don't jeopardize our use of these beautiful trails. If you're planning a group ride, contact Jonn Lunsford, Anacortes Parks and Recreation, 360-299-1953, JonnL@cityofanacortes.org if there are going to be ten or more riders, or if you have any questions.

I'd appreciate your sharing this information with any horse riders and horse clubs that you have contact with.

I am the horse user group representative on the ACFL Trail Committee, as well as a member of the Anacortes Horsemen Association, Cascade Horse Club, Cowboy Campsite, Skagit Backcountry Horsemen, and Traildusters. Please help preserve our right to ride these trails.

Thank you.

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