



South County Federation (SCF) Resolution Regarding  
BLM MEADOWOOD FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
DOI-BLM-Eastern States-0030-2019-0012-EA  
SCF Resolution # 2021-007

**Whereas**, the South County Federation (SCF) membership includes numerous Home Owner and Community Associations, and other local community groups, and actively communicates with, and solicits input from our membership, as well as the broader local Lorton community, including the Mason Neck area;

**Whereas**, the SCF aggressively represents the interests of the residents of Southeastern Fairfax County to exchange views and information on local, regional, state and national matters of interest to its members, including working closely with our local, County, State and Federal elected representatives;

**Whereas**, the SCF believes that regular open communication is an essential element of establishing strong relationships and trust within the community and among its partners and strongly encourages and seeks to provide a forum for such regular communication;

**Whereas**, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently issued an Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding a proposed facility (large covered shelter and parking lot complex) to be constructed on the Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), located on the Mason Neck section of Lorton, VA;

**Whereas**, the proposed complex, when completed, is intended to support BLM's periodic Wild Horse and Burro (WH&B) satellite adoption and animal pick up events, which have been conducted in the past at a relatively remote section of the BLM facility (Previous Event Location);

**Whereas**, the proposed complex is also intended to support other periodic BLM public educational and cultural activities during the year, and when not in use to support the various BLM activities, will be available for use by the public on an issued permit basis;

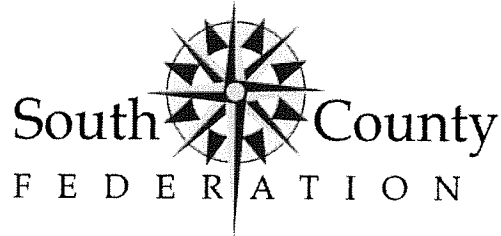
**Whereas**, BLM did not contact or engage with local residents or community organizations years ago, when they started working on this project, and provided no information on their plans outlined in the EA until it was published, and then, originally provided only a 15-day comment period, which, after strong urging from the local community was extended to 30 days;

**Whereas**, BLM's EA identifies three potential locations for the proposed facility on Meadowood, with access either directly or indirectly from Gunston Road (Site #1 – Enchanted Pond Meadow; Site #2 – Previous Event Location; and Site #3 – Harley Road (Mustang Trail Parking lot area); in their EA, BLM identifies Site #3 as their preferred alternative;

**Whereas**, since the EA was published, there have been numerous very serious concerns raised by the community, which are not properly or fully addressed in the EA, including: health and safety, traffic related issues, impact on the existing park area; maintenance and security; and clean up after events;

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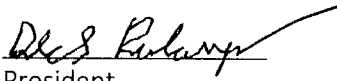


**Whereas**, the local Mason Neck residents, and specifically those living closest to and who will be most impacted by the facility, have serious objections to BLM's preferred alternative to construct this facility at the Mustang Trailhead parking area;

**Now, therefore, be it Resolved**, that the SCF expects Federal, State, and local government organizations, and BLM in particular, to be up front and open (transparent) with the local Lorton community about their activities, both ongoing and planned; to identify future projects under consideration early in the planning process; to share relevant information with the SCF and the community to facilitate a meaningful dialogue; and to solicit input from the community regarding their activities and plans;

**Further**, that the SCF, along with the overwhelming majority of the interested Lorton and Mason Neck communities, supports the overall BLM wild horse and burro project concept of constructing the proposed facility on BLM's Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area, but not at the location identified in the BLM EA as its preferred alternative;

**Further**, given the community's serious and numerous concerns, SCF requests that BLM immediately cease and desist from moving forward with any final decision until significant and meaningful engagement with the community and its representative organizations including the SCF and specifically the Mason Neck Citizens Association (MNCA), which represents and speaks for the community where this project will have the most impact.

  
President

5/17/2021  
Date

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