Larry Quinn Statement to PRC on Martin Parcel
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My name is Larry Quinn and I have lived at 83 County Road 69 for 40 years this year. I am commenting on the agenda item related to the Martin Parcel. The town of Lyons conducted an extensive public involvement process on their potential buyout properties after the flood. There was disagreement during these meetings related to connecting a trail in Martin Parcel to County Road 69 but everyone who commented from county properties on CR69 was against such a connection.

County Road 69 is a rural residential quiet county road. Ever since the flood, many town residents have walked through the Martin Parcel to CR69 without an issue. However, local residents are adamantly against any formalized and promoted trail connection to CR69 as this would be very disruptive to our quiet properties. The town has existing connections to Heil Ranch directly to Picture Rock Trailhead and to Hall Ranch via HW7 so such a connection is redundant.

I would hope that any planning the PRC is contemplating for the Martin Parcel would be done as part of the POST Plan update as part of the 2021 Comp Plan. In this way, the entire greater community can discuss and review options in an open forum. This would include existing and proposed trails and connectivity. This especially will be important for input from the Ecology Board. The Ecology Board Vision and Recommendations for Martin stated "The Martin Parcel land has high ecological value as it provides a critical connective component including unique high river bench habitats, protective wildlife vegetative canopy corridors, and floodplain connectivity with the river." We concur with the Ecology Board and maintain that a formalized trail connection works against these values.

On maintaining the Martin parcel, there is existing ROW that can be opened up to the parcel, even though CR69 has never directly served it. Also, it would appear that the town could construct a maintenance access directly from the area near the new skate park.

Thank you