

# Memorandum

To : Fossil Ridge Park Visitors  
Mulholland Estates Homeowners Association

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Subject: **Fossil Ridge Park Access**

The Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Mulholland Estates development, recorded on August 29, 1988, establish two easements for public use of Westgate Road within Mulholland Estates. The purpose of these easements is to provide access to Fossil Ridge Park, which is owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (“Conservancy”) and operated by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (“MRCA”).

Recently, it has come to the attention of the Conservancy and the MRCA that members of the public have been denied access to Fossil Ridge Park by Mulholland Estates staff. In order to clarify any confusion regarding this issue, the rights of the public to access Fossil Ridge Park via Westpark Road are as follows:

- Pedestrians are entitled to unrestricted access through the security gate and over the west side of Westpark Road during daylight hours for the purpose of visiting Fossil Ridge Park.
- Visitors to Fossil Ridge Park are also entitled to unrestricted vehicular access over Westpark Road during the hours of 10am to 3pm, Monday through Friday, and 10am to 12noon on Saturdays. Visitors may not park vehicles on Westpark Road.
- Under no circumstances are visitors to Fossil Ridge Park required to (a) make an appointment to visit the park, (b) be accompanied by Conservancy or MRCA personnel, or (c) provide identification or any other information to Mulholland Estates staff or security.
- Restrictions on visitor access contained in a 1991 agreement relate to a proposed paleontological field station and are not enforceable, since the field station does not exist.

Questions regarding this issue should be addressed to the Conservancy.