

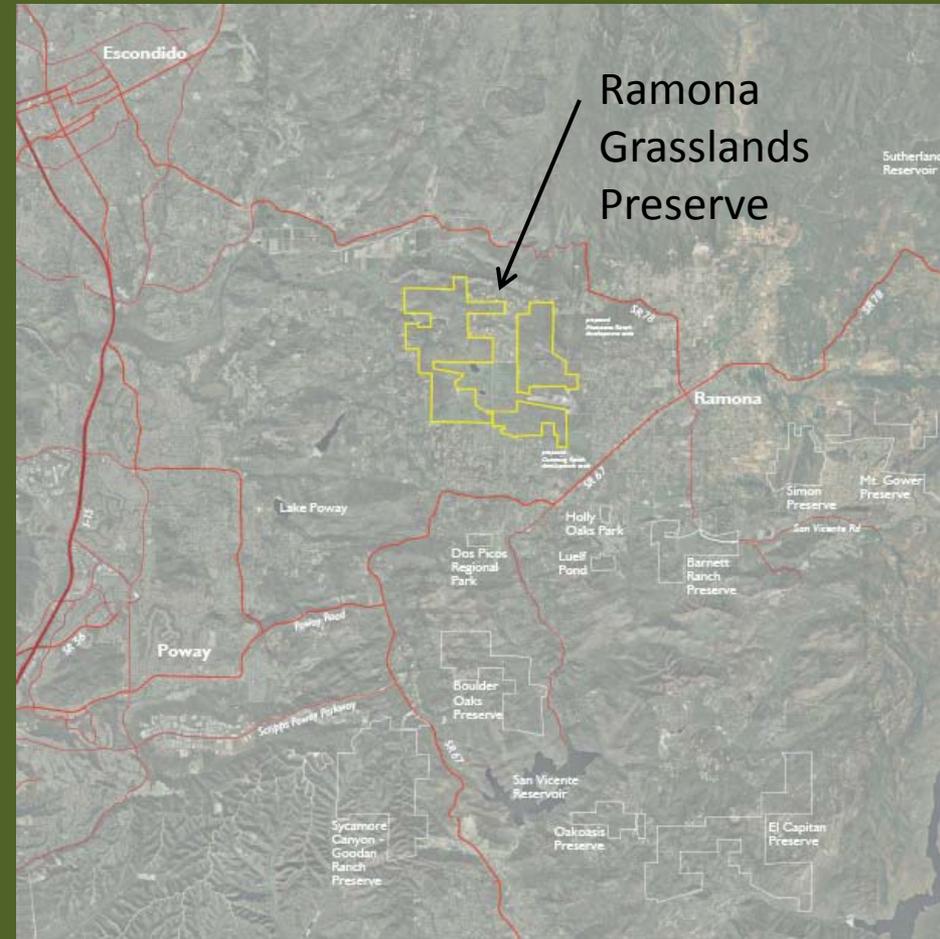
# Ramona Grasslands Preserve Public Access Plan Update

Public Workshop #2  
August 19, 2010



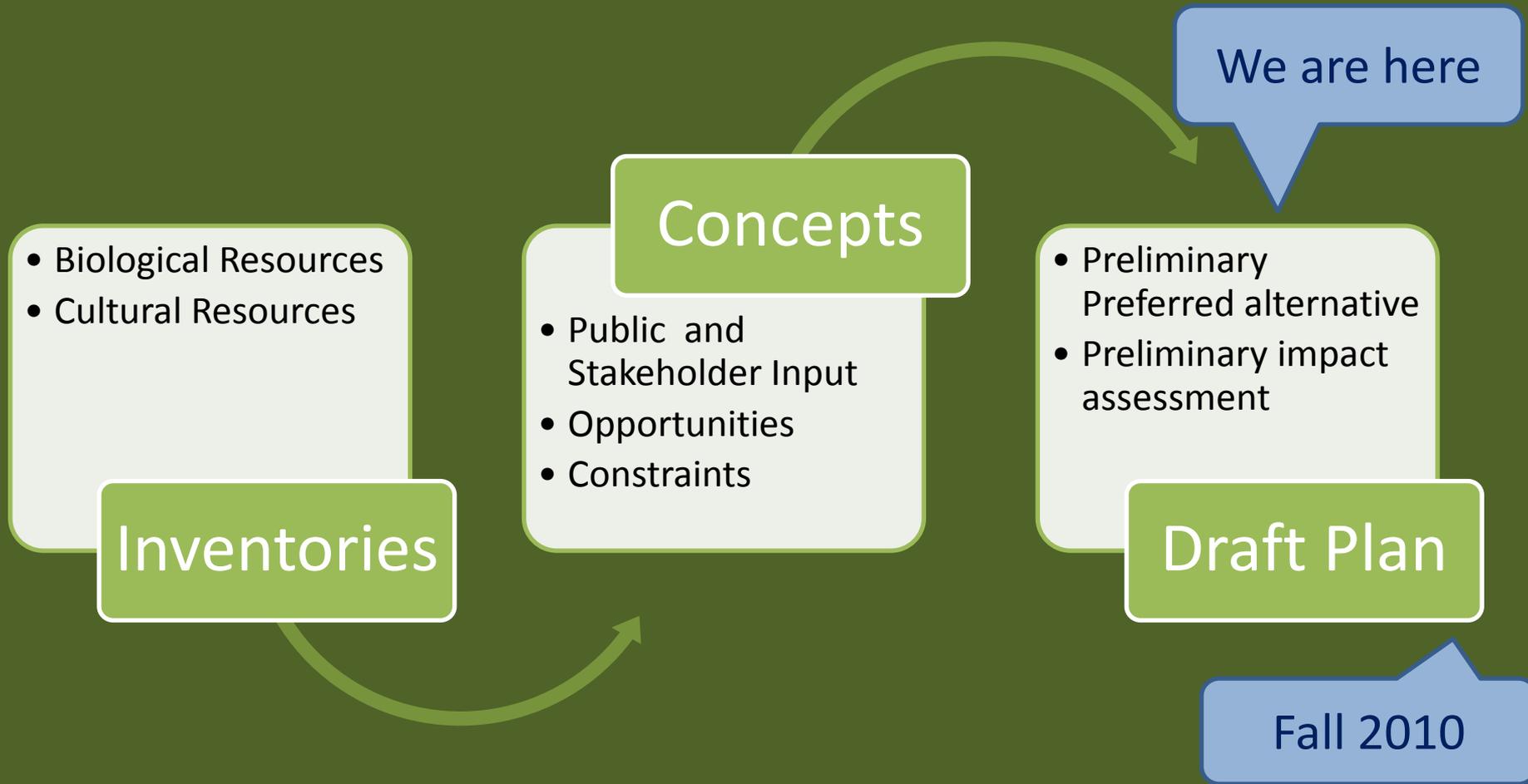
# WORKSHOP AGENDA

- Recap Planning Process
- Discuss Public Access Concepts
- Next Steps





# WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS



# SOME QUICK “GRASS” FACTS



3,490 acres and 23 habitat types



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409 plant species (16 special status)



# SOME QUICK “GRASS” FACTS



217 wildlife species (40 special status)

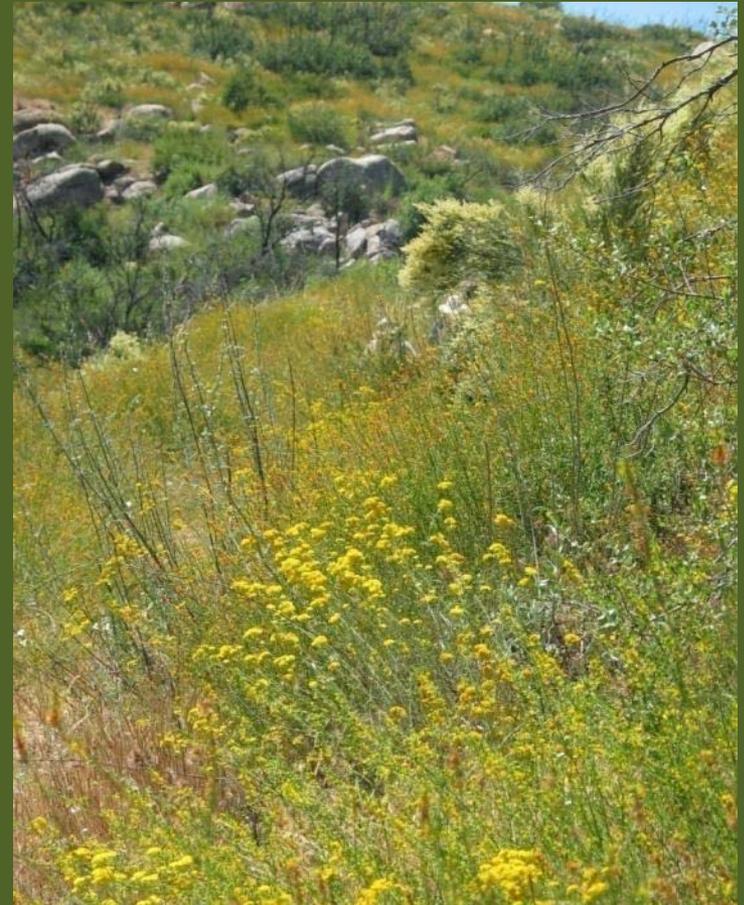


236 records for pre-historic & historic resources

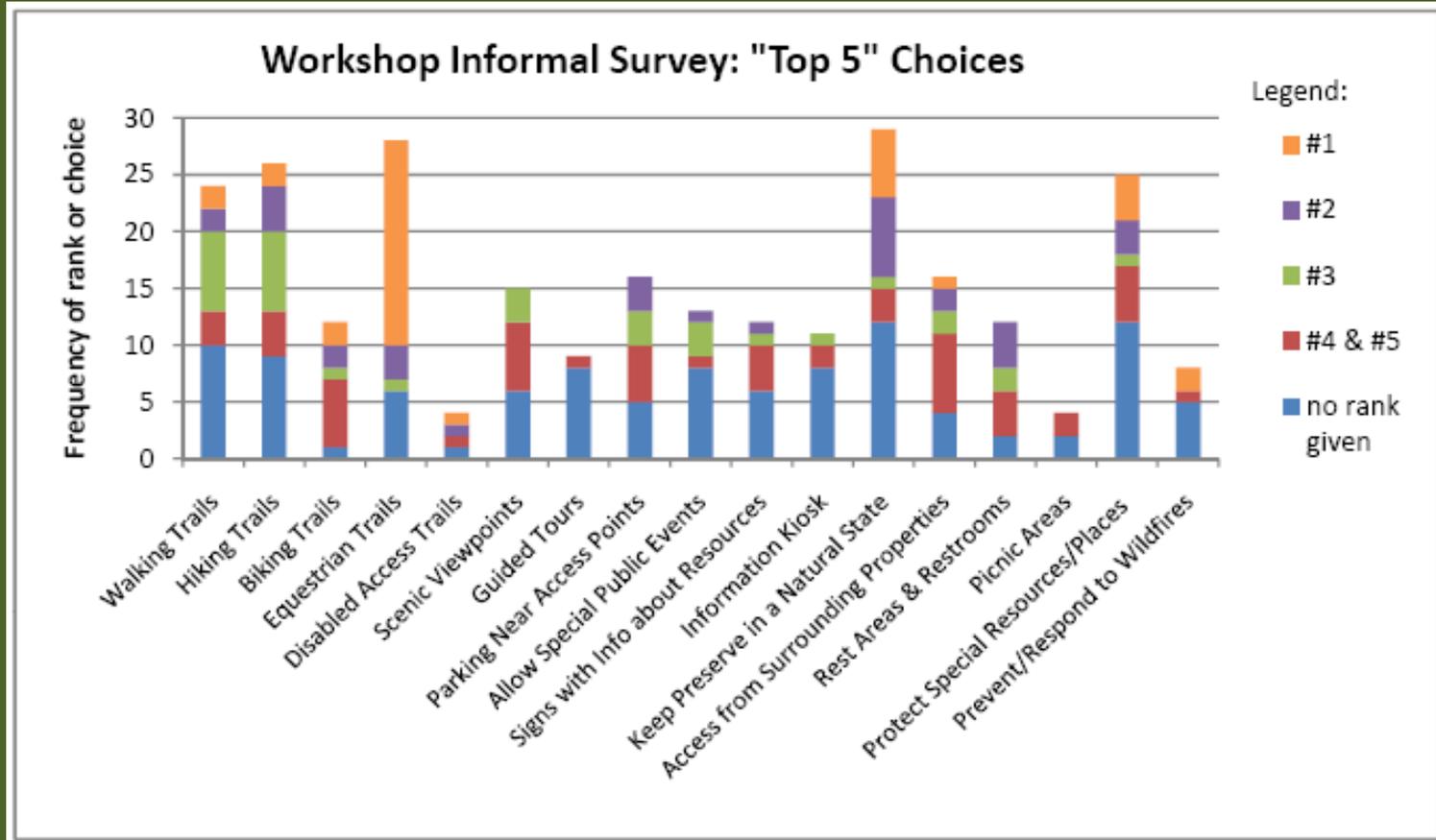


# PUBLIC ACCESS: WHAT YOU TOLD US

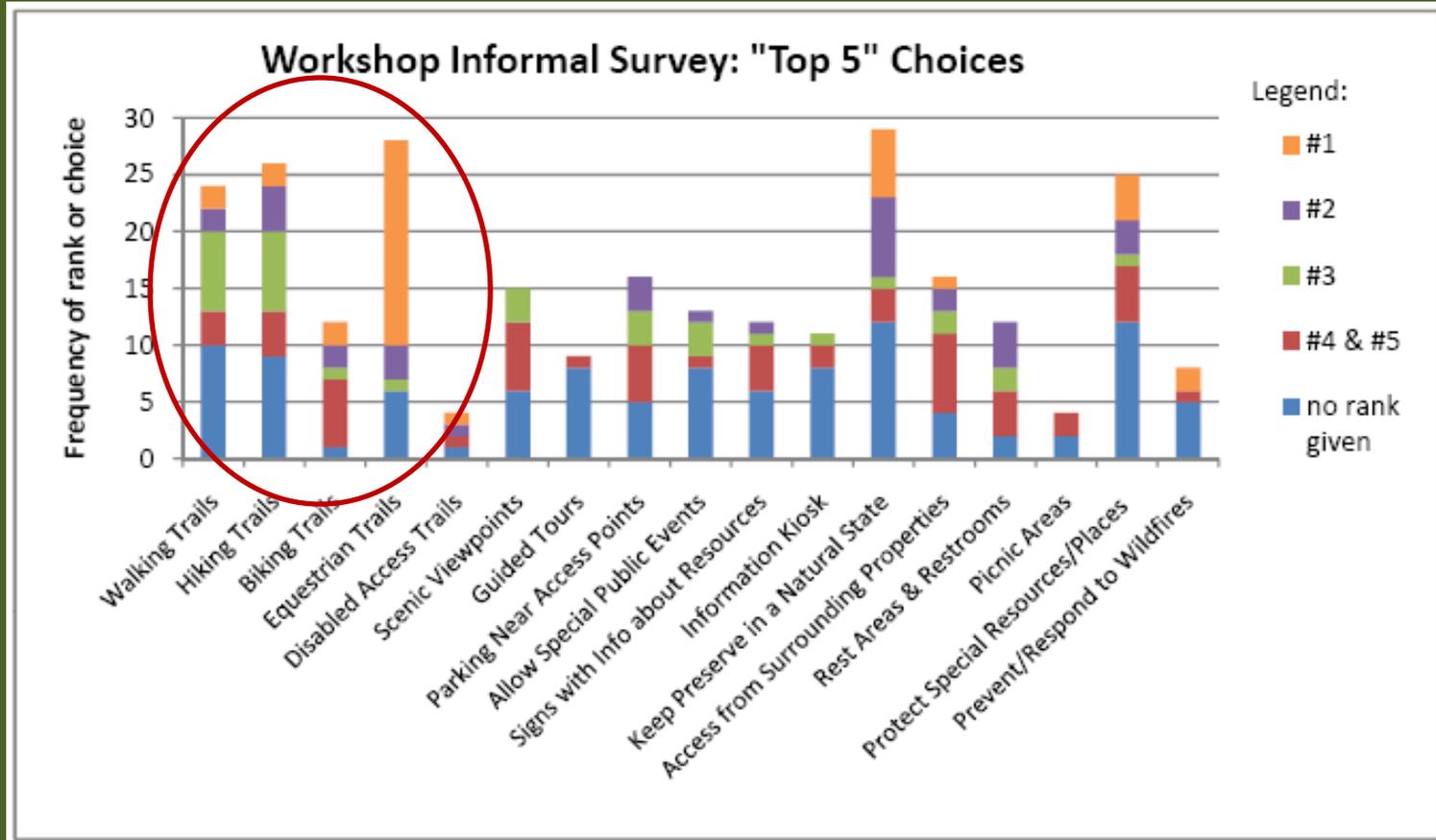
- Resource protection
- Perimeter access only
- Multi-use trail access and connectivity



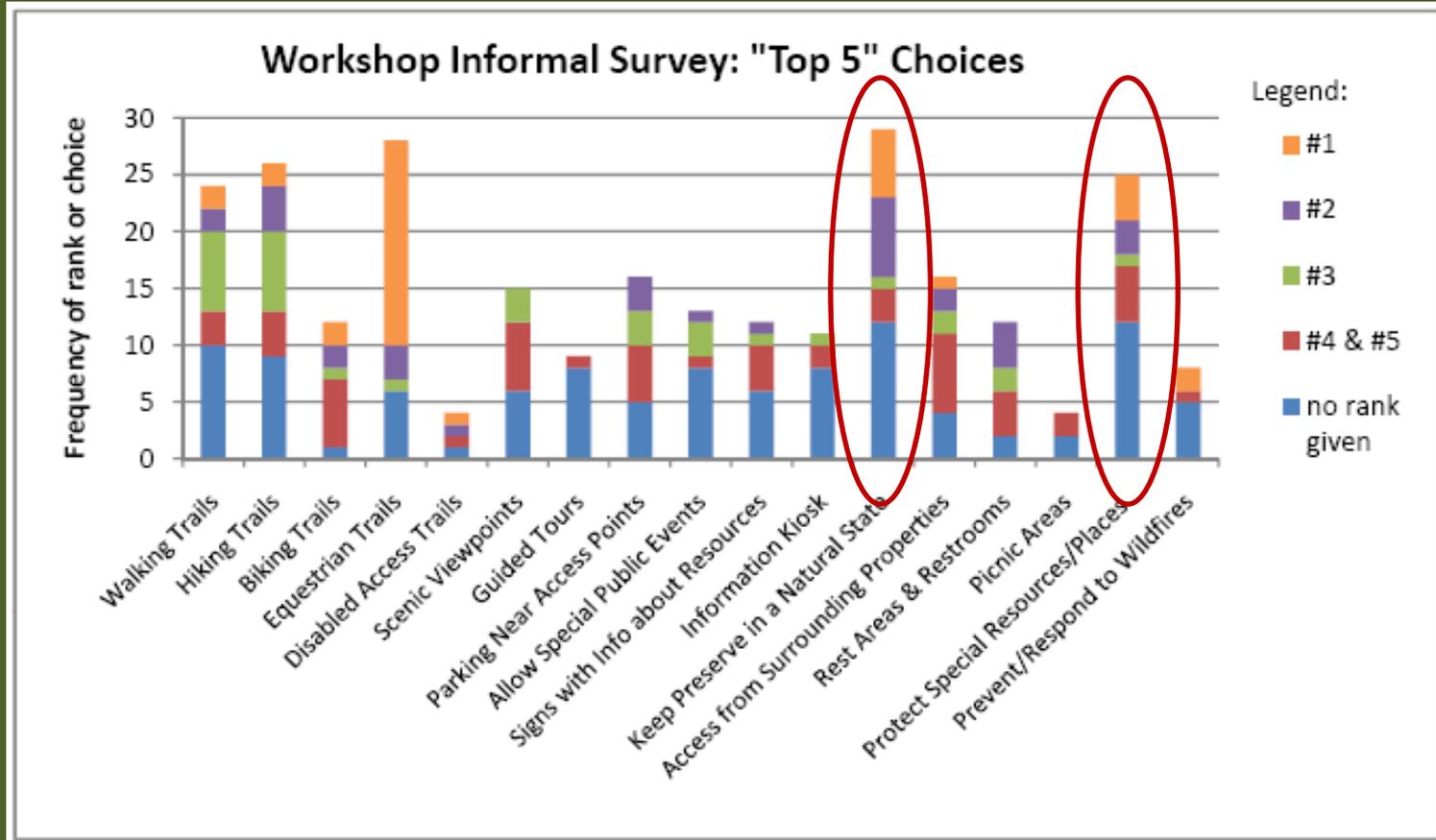
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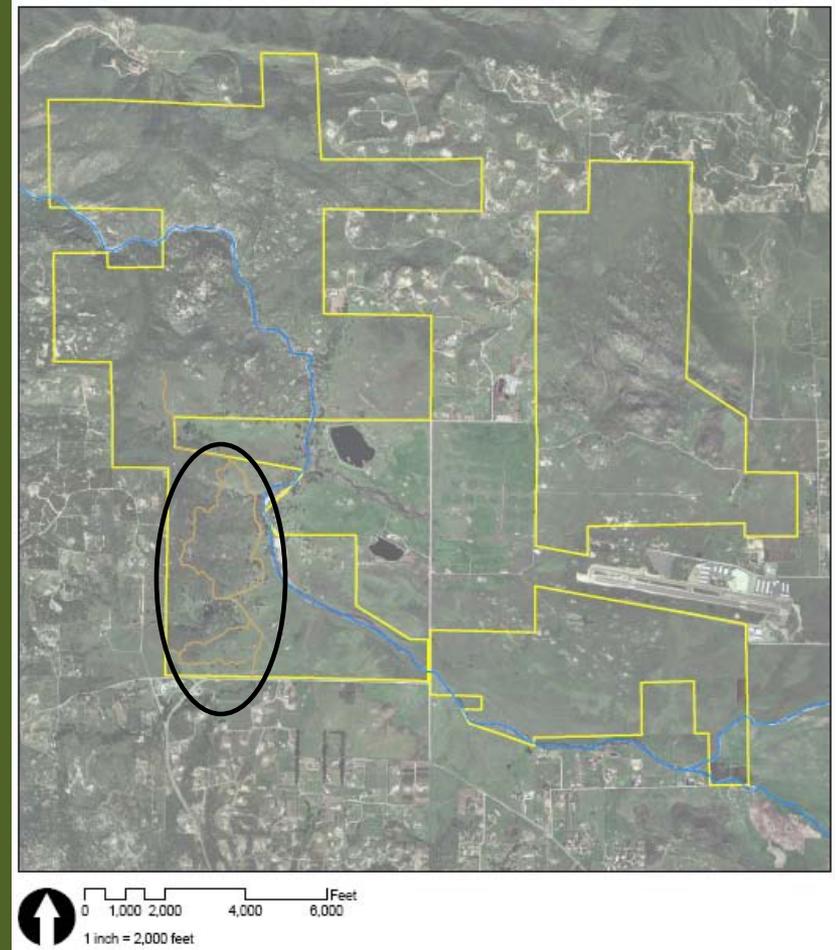
# PUBLIC ACCESS CONCEPTS

- Incorporate environmental constraints
- Reflect range of public opinion:
  1. Use only existing trails & ranch roads
  2. Perimeter access
  3. Increase connectivity with new trails



# PUBLIC ACCESS CONCEPTS

- All include permitted trails in SW Preserve area (Oak Country II)



# CONCEPT #1: EXISTING TRAILS

- Access opportunities:
  - SW: Oak Country II trails
  - NW: Old Survey Road 97
  - NE: existing E-W & N-S roads
  - SE: connect proposed Cumming Ranch Development trails



# CONCEPT #2: PERIMETER

- Access opportunities:
  - SW: Oak Country II trails
  - NW: none
  - NE: limited use of existing ranch roads, new perimeter trail
  - SE: connect proposed Cumming Ranch Development trails



# CONCEPT #3: MORE CONNECTIONS

- Access opportunities:
  - SW: Oak Country II trails
  - NW: Old Survey Road 97
  - NE: existing E-W & N-S roads
  - SE: connect proposed Cumming Ranch Development trails
  - New: connect SW-NW; NE loop trails



# STAKEHOLDER INPUT

- Wildlife agencies: USFWS, DFG
- Ramona Trails Association
- Wildlife Research Institute
- The Nature Conservancy
- Tribal representatives



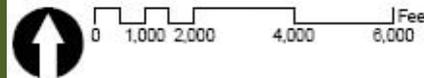
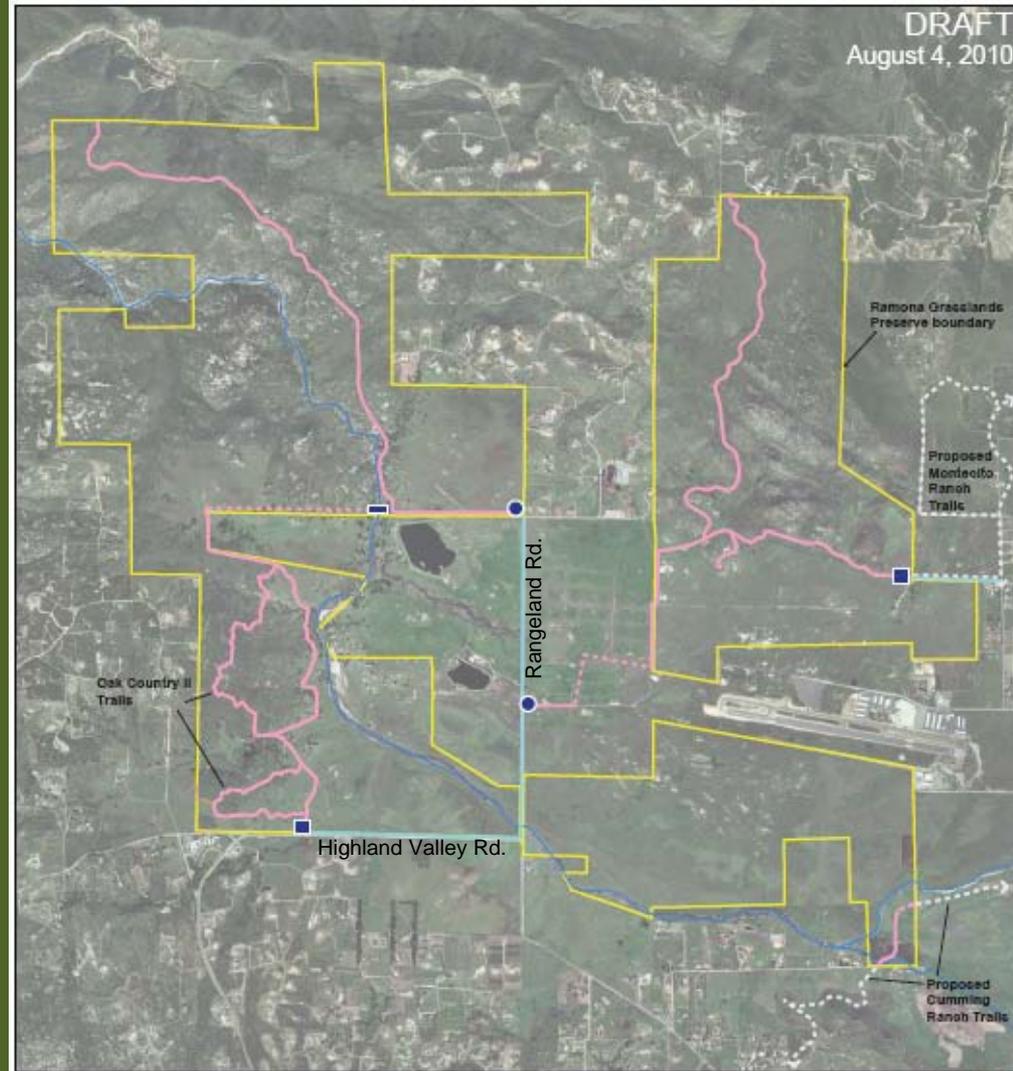
# CONSTRAINTS IDENTIFIED BY STAKEHOLDERS

- MSCP compliance
- Protect endangered & threatened species
- Protect raptor foraging opportunities
- Deed restrictions and conservation easements
- Cultural resource protection



# PRELIMINARY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

- Uses existing trails and ranch roads
- Limits new trails to critical trail connections
- Includes pathways on adjacent roads
- Staging areas & trailheads

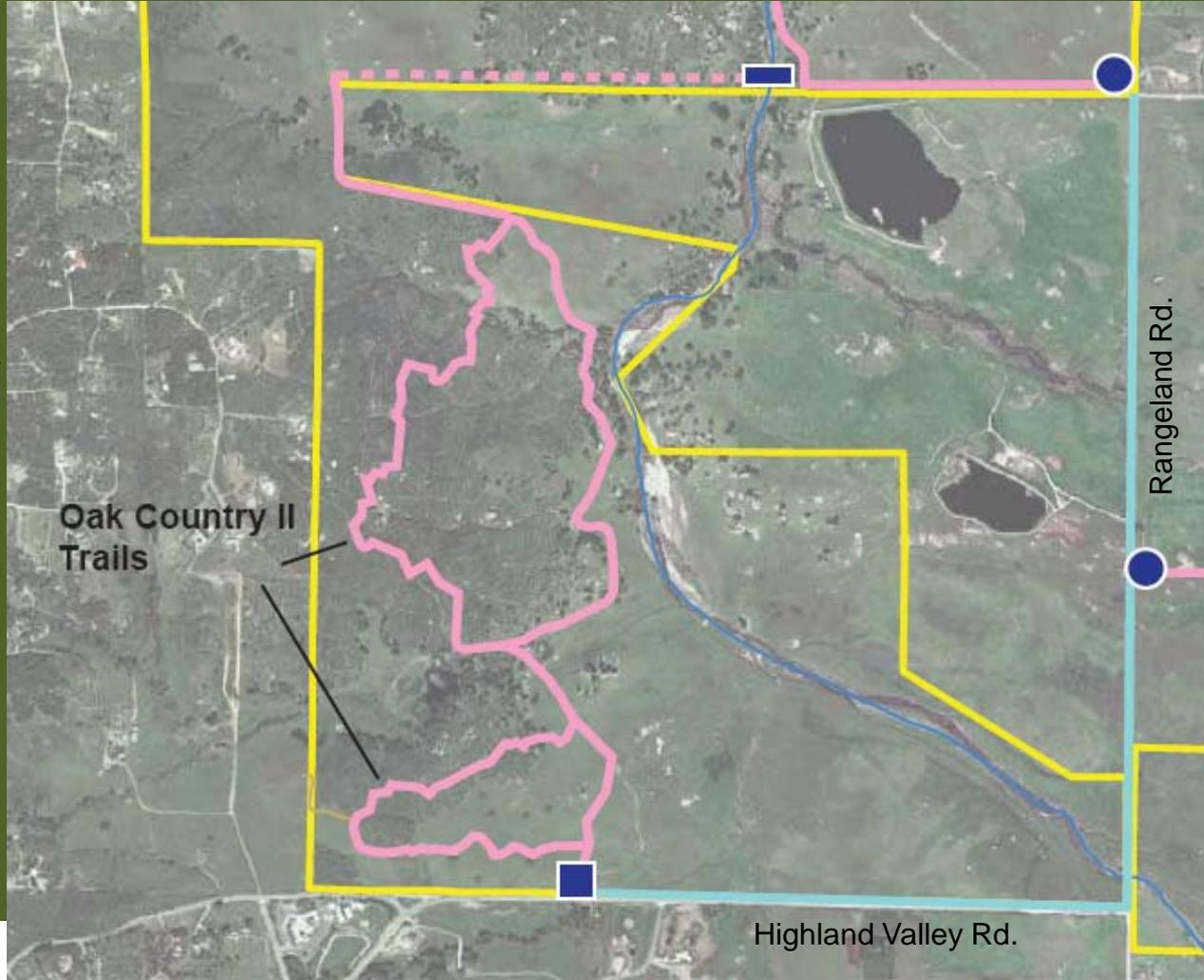
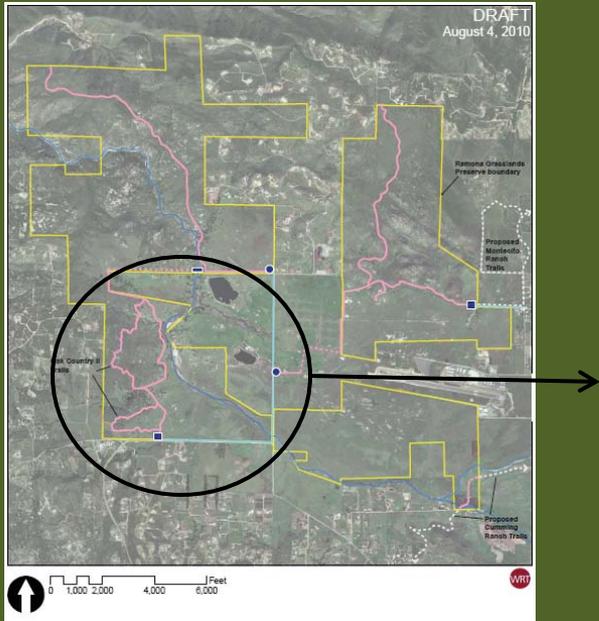


## Legend

- existing trails/ranch roads\*
- new trail\*\*
- improved pathway in right-of-way
- Staging Area (w/parking)
- Trailhead (no parking)
- Creek Crossing

\* erosion-prone portions may need to be re-routed  
\*\* conceptual alignment to be refined per field conditions

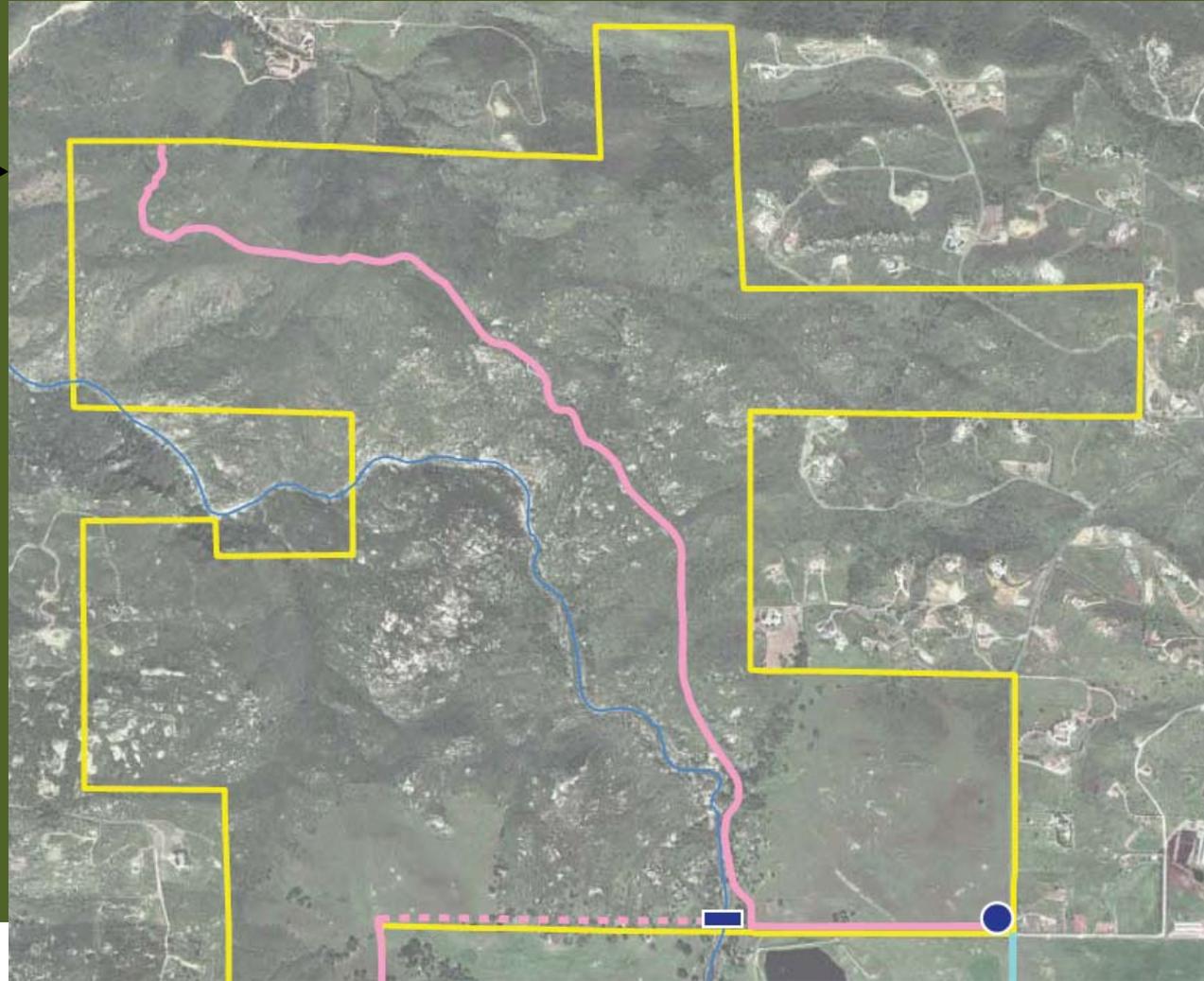
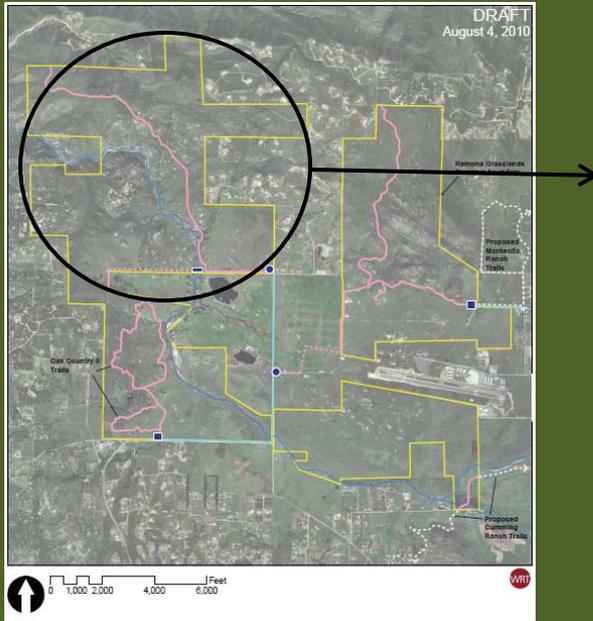
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- existing trails/ranch roads\*
- - - new trail\*\*
- improved pathway in right-of-way

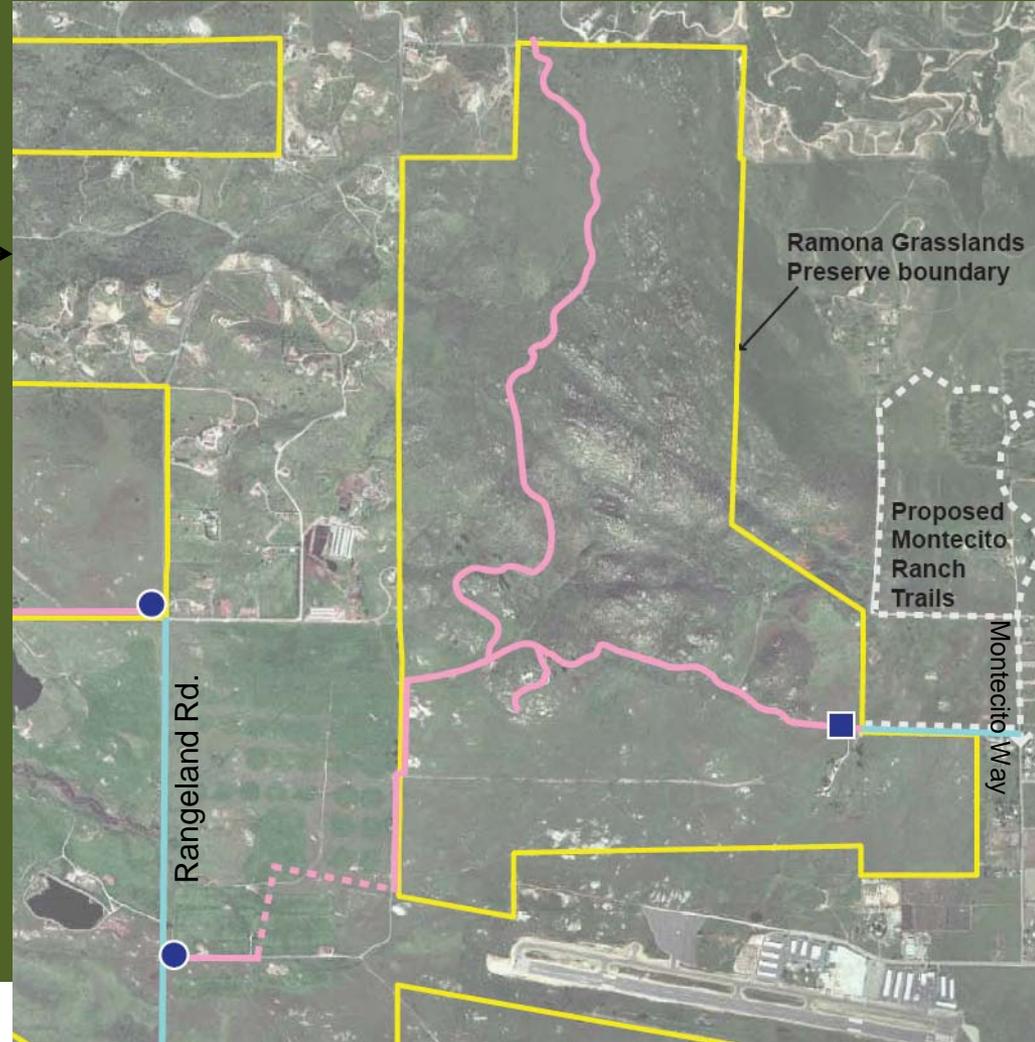
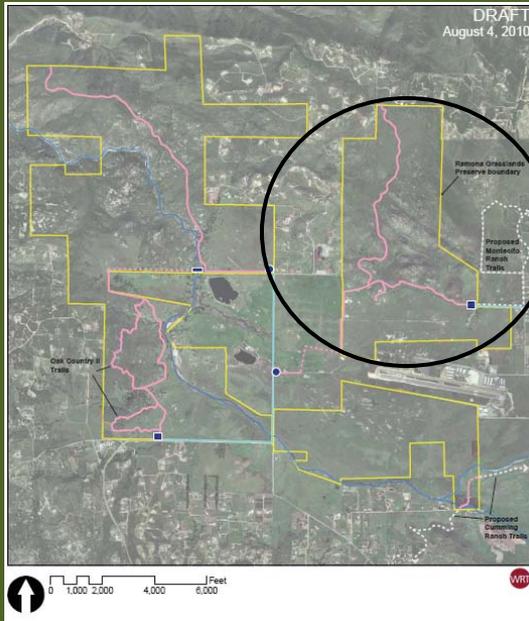
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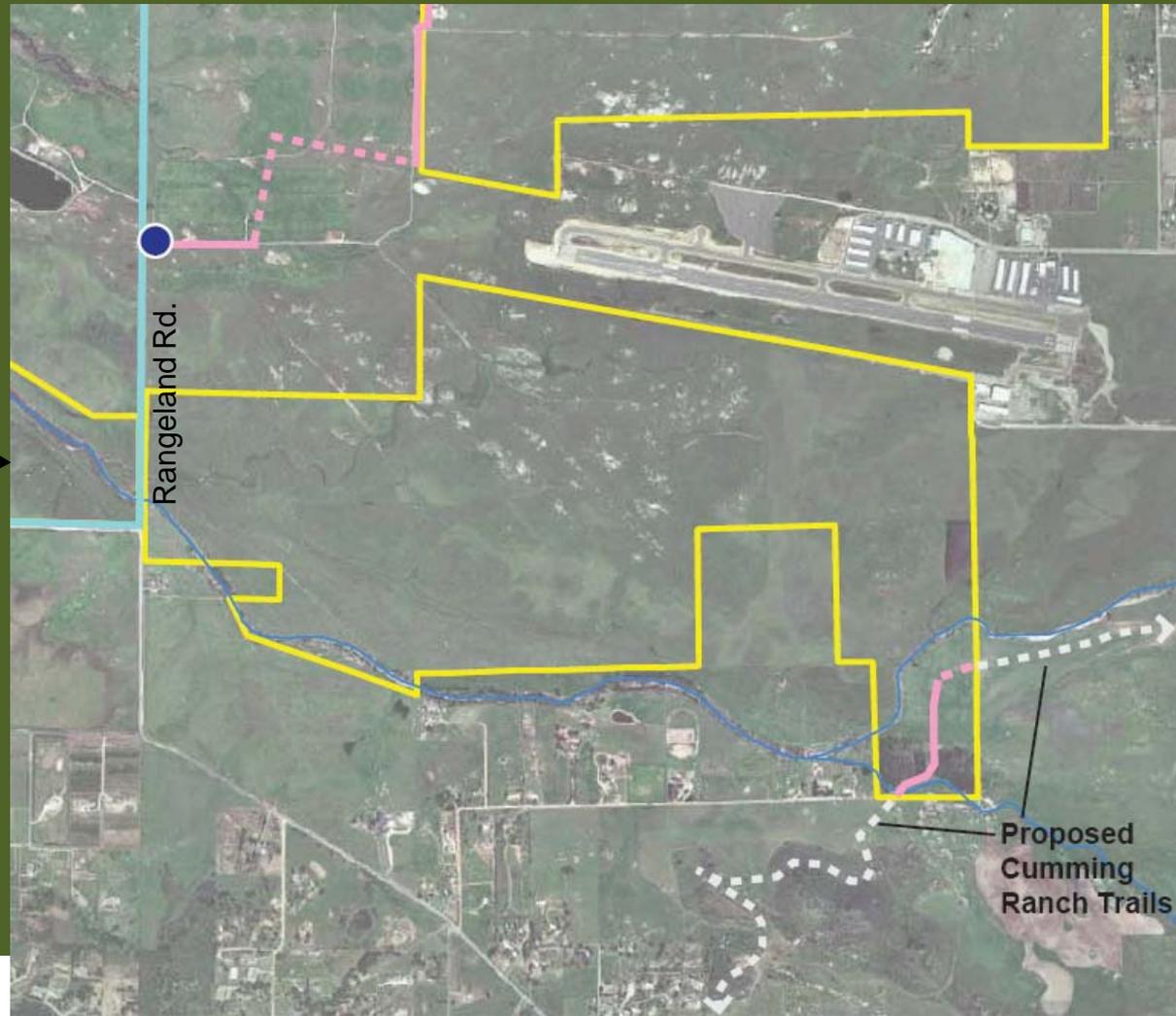
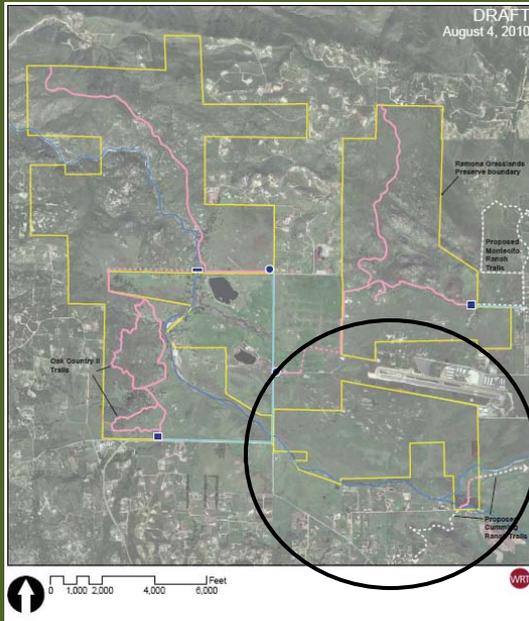
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# PRELIMINARY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE: NE



- existing trails/ranch roads\*
- - - new trail\*\*
- improved pathway in right-of-way
- Staging Area (w/parking)
- Trailhead (no parking)
- Creek Crossing

# PRELIMINARY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE: SE



- existing trails/ranch roads\*
- new trail\*\*
- improved pathway in right-of-way
- Staging Area (w/parking)
- Trailhead (no parking)
- Creek Crossing



# NEXT STEPS

- Development of Public Access Plan
- CEQA review
  - Project impacts
  - Includes public comment period



# NEXT STEPS

- Oak Country II trails
  - Nearing completion
  - Opening ceremony by Spring of 2011



# PARKS WEBSITE

➤ For Updates and Summaries

[http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/parks/openspace/RamonaGrasslands\\_RMPUpdate.html](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/parks/openspace/RamonaGrasslands_RMPUpdate.html)

