

Vision Statement  
For the  
Gillette Ranch/Soka University  
Planning Effort

*The King Gillette Ranch planning process is designed to respect the commitments made by the people of the United States and the State of California when funding was authorized to purchase Gillette Ranch from Soka University. These legally binding commitments ensure the enduring protection of the King Gillette Ranch property, and will guide the park agencies of the Santa Monica Mountains as they engage the public in planning for the management and operation of the site:*

The unique aesthetic, historical and cultural values of the Gillette Ranch and its environs are of national significance and shall be preserved; all conceivable options for its planning in the future shall further that protection by ensuring adapted uses within the existing footprint and established landscape of the property.

The unparalleled convergence at Gillette Ranch of coastal, mountain and valley facets of the rare and threatened Mediterranean Biome, as well as their dependent natural systems and varied species, constitute a biologic diversity that shall be protected and restored for the appreciation and understanding of present and future generations.

The location of the Gillette Ranch at the geographic heart of the parklands of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is further enhanced by the site's strategic proximity to the roads and trails that traverse the mountains. As such, the property shall serve as an unequalled point of access and orientation for a broad and diverse public, by which visitors can, through compatible recreational and learning activities, enjoy and appreciate the Santa Monica Mountains.

The protection of the Gillette Ranch as a place of public trust was achieved by means of collaboration among the park agencies of the Santa Monica Mountains. Plans and operations for Gillette Ranch shall continue to perpetuate agency collaboration, thereby promoting the achievement of the respective missions through a seamless visitor experience that ensures the enduring protection of the Santa Monica Mountains.