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SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS PARK AGENCIES ANNOUNCE PLANNING FOR 588-ACRE GILLETTE RANCH / SOKA PROPERTY

Calabasas, CA -- Planning efforts are underway for Gillette Ranch, one of the most significant parkland areas in the Santa Monica Mountains, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), California State Parks (CSP) and the National Park Service (NPS) announced today.

The park agencies will host a public information meeting on October 25, 2005 at 7:30pm to discuss planning for the property's future use and preservation. The meeting will be held at A.E. Wright Middle School Gymnasium located at 4029 Las Virgenes Road in Calabasas, California. Presentations will include an overview of the property's significance and its relationship to surrounding communities and parklands, a comprehensive planning vision, and information on the planning process and milestones.

Gillette Ranch was acquired as public parkland on April 15, 2005, after 30 years and three prior attempts to preserve its rich natural and cultural history, located at the heart of the Santa Monica Mountains.

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