

Good morning, Alan,

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I understand you are taking a leading role in support of the Black Butte Ranch to Sisters Trail and I commend you for that. As the CEO of the developer of Black Butte Ranch and Tollgate and Crossroads, and as a property owner at Black Butte Ranch, I am in total support of the development of the trail. We considered it in the early 1970's when we developed the Ranch, but the Forest Service had no money for trails then and we didn't follow through. I wish we had. The trail will be a great amenity for the Sisters Community and for Black Butte Ranch.

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Letter to Black Butte Ranch Board of Directors,

As the first President of Black Butte Ranch Corporation and Brooks Resources Corporation, I am writing in strong support of the construction of the trail.... I was there when we conceived the development philosophy that has made the ranch what it is today.

We always viewed the Ranch's relation to Sisters as very important. Sisters was our "commercial arm".

Our effort to promote its Western Heritage through architectural grants is a prime example of the early Ranch's long-range plan for making the Sisters, Metolius, and Black Butte Ranch a complete, quality package for those who owned or visited at the Ranch.

Making the Ranch an isolated enclave was not the philosophical base that drove the development plan...

We thought of the trail at that time, but it was beyond our budget and political limits.

It certainly was then, and is now, consistent with all elements that make the Ranch a wonderful place to be. Seeing it go forward would give all of us who were involved in the early years a sense of completion. I hope our voices will be heard.

Thank you,  
Bob Harrison CEO  
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