



P.O. Box 2326, Loomis CA 95650

January 28, 2010

Mayor Gary Liss  
Town of Loomis  
4395 Gold Trail Way  
Loomis, CA 95650-8929

Dear Mayor Liss:

The Loomis Basin Horseman's Association (LBHA) was incorporated and registered as a non-profit organization 25 years ago. Currently, our membership stands at just over 200 individuals. We have a long-standing relationship with the Placer County Planning Commission regarding the preservation of trail systems and development compatible with the rural lifestyle and the keeping of livestock.

LBHA is always supportive of new equestrian facilities in the Loomis Basin and applauds the efforts of those involved in the concept of a horse rescue to be located on the vacant land at Horseshoe Bar Road and Interstate 80 in Loomis Ca. The facility would be managed by NorCal Equine Rescue, a well established equine rescue non-profit organization.

We do recommend that careful consideration of land suitability, liability, environmental impact, impact on neighboring properties, implementation of sound horse-keeping practices (ie: safe and healthy housing for the horses, manure management, fly control, adequate perimeter fencing), and adequate staffing with an on-site caretaker, be foremost in the planning process of the proposed facility. LBHA also advises the Town of Loomis to request a detailed action plan from NER and others involved in this effort before horses are moved to the property.

An attractive and well-managed horse rescue could certainly be an enhancement to the community and an educational opportunity for those living in, and visiting the area. Ultimately though, a horse rescue needs to be all about the horses. LBHA is confident that all involved in this effort will take that to heart.

NorCal Equine Rescue is scheduled to speak at our February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to share specifics about this project.

Sincerely,  
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