

Subject: Caution Signs for Horseback riders inside the HLR

Purpose

Many of the new and current residents have purchased within the HLR for the primary purpose of creating equine properties. The design and upkeep of our roads should be applauded because they lend themselves to be prime horseback riding trails. These roads also intersect the main wash areas which allow for the more experienced riders to enjoy a more intense trail riding experience.

Because of this increase in residents, this has led to an increase in motorized traffic as well. Due to this increase, encountering horseback riders using our roads and main wash areas, will only become more frequent as the more equine minded become residents of the HLR. This is a good thing for the HLR.

Unfortunately, for every good, there is also a bad. The design and condition of our roads sometimes gives motorized drivers a false confidence our roads are suitable for higher speeds. More so our UPS and FedEx drivers as well as contractors and those that do not reside within the HLR but are interested in properties. We are all guilty of sometimes forgetting that our roads are dirt and loose rock. Having to stop in an unexpected instance may result in a slide or just the sudden appearance of truck or car, may cause a horse to react unfavorably and place the rider and horse in a compromising position.

It is not the scope of this info to determine a safe speed or raise the question what is or is not a high or excessive speed for our roads. It is the purpose of this to offer the HLRPOA board an opportunity to provide a means to caution ALL drivers of the possibility of horse and rider and an unseen encounter of horse and rider in a low area or blind curve of our roads.

Will the installation of signage prevent these possible encounters? No, but may remind motorized traffic of what may be over the next rise or around that blind curve to slow down and be more aware.

Proposed Action:

A suitable action would be to purchase a minimum of 2 (two) sign stating, "SLOW Horses on Road". One to be posted on Legends before the Stetson intersection. The other to be installed at Double U Ranch road entrance.

The sign would be aluminum, 24" tall by 18" wide. The word "SLOW" would be in yellow on a black background. Below is "Horses on Road" in black on a yellow background. The cost of this sign is \$28.75 each and can be seen and read from a distance. The sign(s) can be simply mounted using the 6-ft tall baked enamel post that can be driven into the ground. The post kit includes all hardware and costs \$13.95 each. Total cost per sign, before tax, \$42.70. Project cost, before tax, \$85.40 for two (2) signs. Installation does not require professional installers and can be accomplished using a power driver and hand tools.

If additional signs are desired, these could be purchased after the initial signs are installed.

To view this sign and the signpost, please use the following link:

<https://www.roadtrafficsigns.com/Horse-Sign/Slow-Horses-On-Road-Sign/SKU-K-6679.aspx>.

