LDP Trailblazers Autumn Trail Ride October 16 By Vickie Eiland, LDP Trailblazers

The Trailblazers took some time off of trail work during the summer months and many of us were able to use and enjoy our trail system. One of my personal favorite areas to ride is the Coronado Rd/Lazo Rd. area in the southeast corner of the subdivision. There are several loop trails that offer some good climbs, interesting creeks and spectacular views from the top of the hills. There are vistas of the central valley, the Sierra foothills and Lake McClure that can be enjoyed on foot or horseback.

In July, we celebrated our first year as the Lake Don Pedro Trailblazers and took some time to reflect on our accomplishments for the year. We contributed over 800 hours of community service clearing and marking trails and staging areas. We have established good relationships with various agencies and counties who support our goals. We completed two grant applications for funds to make further improvements to our parks and trails and are waiting to hear if our applications have been approved by the Stewards for Trails, Education and Partnerships (STEP). We hosted our first public event in June with our Get Out And Ride And Hike Day, which was a big success.

We are planning another event on October 16, an Autumn Trail Ride. We will depart at 10:00 am from the El Prado Horse Camp for a two hour ride. We are also making arrangements with the local eateries, the Lumberyard and Bozsiks pizza for lunch afterwards for those who might be hungry after the ride. There will be adequate parking for horse trailers and the weather should be cool enough for horses to stand in their trailers and munch hay while we eat. Come join us and enjoy the trails!

If you are a property owner with an easement and would like assistance with identifying exactly where your easement is located, we can help you. This often involves locating the property pins and making measurements. We can supply easement marker paddles and the tools for installing them as well. This will ensure people using the easement are traveling in the correct path.

The LDP Trailblazers meet on the third Thursday of each month in the LDP High School multi purpose room at 7:00 pm. Please join us! We are a group of property owners, equestrians and pedestrians whose purpose is the preservation and safeguarding of the Lake Don Pedro pedestrian/equestrian trail system, and education of the property owners. We will also assist property owners in clearing easements around your property. If you need assistance or would like to volunteer, call 852-9459 for more information or e-mail ldptrailblazers@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.ldptrailblazers.com.