

## **HELP SAVE PUBLIC ACCESS ALONG THE HEARST RANCH COASTLINE**

The Hearst Corporation wants to reduce your access to important coastal areas – including San Simeon Point, Ragged Point, and Pico Cove – that the public has enjoyed for years. State agencies, at the urging of the Hearst Corporation, have agreed to significantly restrict public access to these areas, including:

- Limiting access to only 100 people per day at San Simeon Point
- Limiting access to only 20 people per month at Ragged Point
- Limiting access to only 20 people per month at Pico Cove
- Requiring access to be guided or supervised
- Prohibiting any access at San Simeon Point over 2 months per year
- Limiting access to daytime use only

The attached declaration is a vital part of the effort to preserve full public use of the coastal trails and beaches, including San Simeon Point, Ragged Point, and Pico Cove, in a way that continues to preserve the natural resources of these areas. The public has used these trails and beaches for decades. Under California law, public rights to use the beach, trails, and other areas of coastal lands used by the public may be protected by the courts. To establish permanent legal rights to use these areas, we must establish that the general public has made extensive open use of the land in past years. Legally, we may be able to preserve the public's right to continue to access these wonderful areas.

**YOU CAN HELP! Carefully fill out and sign the attached declaration and maps and then fax and/or mail them to the Environmental Defense Center:**

**Environmental Defense Center  
906 Garden Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

**FAX (805) 962-3152**

You can also help by asking your friends and fellow users of these properties to complete and send in this declaration. The more we have, from various users, the better our chances of success.

You can also help by providing photographs, slides, news and magazine clippings, travel guides, or other evidence depicting or mentioning use of these trails by members of the public.

**DECLARATION REGARDING PUBLIC USE OF THE TRAILS  
ALONG THE HEARST RANCH COASTLINE**

The undersigned declares:

1. My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City* *State* *Zip Code*

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
*home* *work*

2. I understand that this declaration is part of an investigation by interested members of the public to determine the extent to which the general public has used the property commonly known as the Hearst Ranch, including but not limited to San Simeon Point, Ragged Point, and Pico Cove.

3. I am familiar with the Hearst Ranch property along the ocean side of Highway One, including any of the bluffs or beaches from Ragged Point south to Pico Cove, as depicted on the attached maps.

4. I have personally used one or more of the trails on the Hearst Ranch in the area shown on the attached maps.

yes  no

If so, when did you first start using this property? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please mark the specific areas of your use on the attached maps and date and sign the maps. In marking the maps, please try to pinpoint the locations of access routes and areas of use. Please use shading when appropriate to indicate the entire area of your use. (Colored marking pens are most legible). If known, indicate the approximate dates and times of use and the types of use for each marked area.

6. The purpose(s) for which I used the areas marked on the map was:

(check all that apply)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> walking/jogging  | <input type="checkbox"/> surfing/windsurfing    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> picnicking       | <input type="checkbox"/> beach/bluff access     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fishing          | <input type="checkbox"/> sunset/sunrise viewing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> horseback riding | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____            |

6. Approximately how many times have you used this area or trail? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you have used this area on a regular basis, approximately how many times:  
per week \_\_\_\_\_ per month \_\_\_\_\_ per year \_\_\_\_\_

7. I always use(d) the area(s) indicated above as if it were public property.  
 yes  no

I used this area openly.  
 yes  no

8. I never asked for or received permission to enter and use the areas indicated above except as follows: *(If no request was made, state "none." If use was by permission, please identify or describe to the best of your ability the person from whom permission was gained.)*  
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9. I have never been informed by any person claiming to be the owner of the property or their representative that my right to enter and/or use this area was based on permission received from the owner or their representatives, or that any such permission could be revoked, except as follows: *(If never so informed, state "none." If so informed, please identify or describe the person making the statement and the date(s) of such statements to the best of your ability.)*  
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9. I have never seen any "No Trespassing" or equivalent sign posted on this area nor any sign stating that the land was private property or that permission to enter the land was revocable, except as follows: *(If no such sign ever seen, state "none." If signs seen, please identify the date, location, and message of each sign to the best of your ability.)*  
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10. I have never been requested to leave any of the trails listed above by any person except as follows: *(If never asked, state "none." If asked, please state the date, by whom you were asked to leave, and the reason you were asked to leave, if any was given, to the best of your ability.)*  
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