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Public Access Trail Opening on 24 January, 2004 at Meadowood

Special Recreation Management Area

The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management - Eastern States (BLM-ES) will open a multiple use public access trail, The Mustang Trail, on the 800 acres known as Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) on the Mason Neck Peninsula in Fairfax County, Virginia during a ceremony at 1:00 p.m. on 24 January, 2004.

Mike Nedd, BLM-ES, State Director, will preside over the opening ceremony with several invited special guest speakers. "This new trail will bring added value to the local area and will be used by countless generations of citizens. Meadowood SRMA is just the latest example of the multiple use mission of the Bureau of Land Management," said BLM-ES Director Nedd.

The Mustang Trail winds through the wooded areas of Meadowood SRMA and offers some spectacular opportunities to observe deer, fox, squirrel, various bird species, and other wildlife in its natural habitat. Observable plant life includes examples of native species of grasses and flowers. The scenic, natural setting of the trail offers people in the DC Metro area an opportunity not easily found so close to a large metropolitan area.

“The newly opened trail highlights the BLM-ES mission to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations” said BLM-ES Director Nedd. “The BLM-ES accomplishes its mission by employing the Secretary of the Interior’s 4 C’s, which are communication, consultation, cooperation, all in the service of conservation. BLM-ES expects to provide safe, quality recreation opportunities while protecting the natural, cultural, and historic resources at Meadowood SRMA,” said Nedd.

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