

MORE MESA PRESERVATION COALITION



Monthly e-Update

June 2013

[What's Happening About Potential Development On More Mesa?](#)



The only information we have this month is from a Santa Barbara Independent article published by Barney Brantingham. He reported having sent an e-mail seeking comment on More Mesa from its new owner, Mr. Shobily. As a result of this e-mail, Barney received the following from an associate of Mr. Shobily, "Although the development of the property is still under study, I assure you that every party involved in this development process will be taken into consideration."

[You Can Help ... Donate:](#)

Although we are not yet in an intensive fund raising mode, we welcome contributions to assist with the day-to-day operations of our coalition. To help us you can visit our web site at:

www.moremesa.org

and click on the "Donate" button, or ... mail your contribution to:

The full article on More Mesa can be found at:

[www.independent.com/news/2013/may/23/more-mesas-nine-lives/.](http://www.independent.com/news/2013/may/23/more-mesas-nine-lives/)

[Ask the President:](#)

Q. Where Is Development Allowed on More Mesa?

A.

As per county documents currently in effect, only 40 of More Mesa's 265 acres can be developed. These 40 acres are on the northern and eastern edges of More Mesa and adjacent to Hope Ranch. The remaining 225 acres (85%) of More Mesa have been identified as "Environmentally Sensitive Habitat" (ESH). Development is not permitted on land designated ESH.

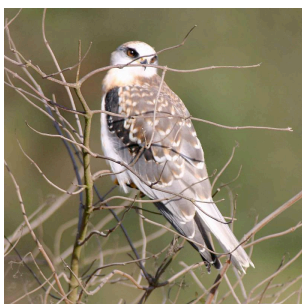
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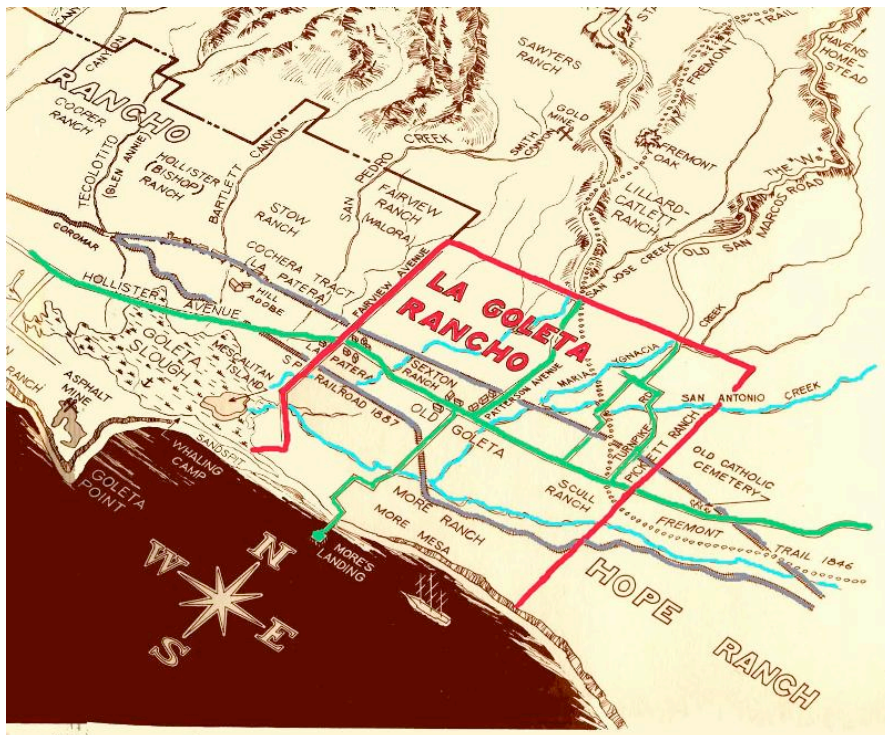
This Month on More Mesa:

When visiting More Mesa this month, be on the lookout for kites and especially fledged chicks. Kites are most often seen on both east and west sides of More Mesa, and sometimes in the central region as well. Please report all kites (and other rare birds) by clicking on the "Sightings" button of our web site at www.moremesa.org. Records by our "Citizen Scientists" are extremely important because over the years several thousand observations have provided evidence that More Mesa is likely the most heavily utilized site for White-tailed Kites in the entire South Coast.



The Past: Daniel Hill, the first "Yankee" among Santa Barbara's early prominent citizens, acquired "La Goleta Rancho" as a Mexican Land Grant in 1846. Although a small grant compared to others in the Goleta Valley, it contained all of More Mesa.

It is the mission of the More Mesa Preservation Coalition to preserve More Mesa, in its entirety, for all times. We've been at it since 2000.



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