## MORE MESA PRESERVATION COALITION



MMPC e-Update

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### You Can Help ...

We know that many of you have questions about the resources, the laws and other issues concerning More Mesa. We would like to hear from you so we can provide answers in this monthly update. Contact us here.

Thanks so much!

More Mesa
is a very
beautiful and
special place

Thank you for
picking up
after your pet

# What's Happening About Potential Development On More Mesa?

We are happy to report that there is no news about any development.

#### Ask the President

Q. Can people take their dogs out on More Mesa?

#### A. Yes ...

In addition to the myriad ecological resources that abound on More Mesa, this lovely area is also a mecca for recreation. And dog walking is high on the long list of the many ways that community members recreate on More Mesa; hiking, biking, bird watching, paragliding etc.



However, in order to maximize the positive experience of all who use More Mesa, we urge all dog owners to pick up after their pets and either bag the waste, or deposit it in the high grasses, far from the trails. Also, if you decide to "bag it", please do not leave the

way on more mesa, there is no poop rany on duty to take care or it.

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.



#### This Month on More Mesa ... avian winter visitors

Avian winter visitors to More Mesa are spectacular to watch. Among them are Northern Harrier Hawks, Burrowing Owls and sometimes Short-eared Owls. When visiting More Mesa, you may see these visitors, or perhaps one of our resident owls; like a Greathorned Owl or a Barn Owl. For example, look <a href="here">here</a> at what one of our supporters recorded early one morning on West More Mesa, a beautiful Barn Owl hunting for its breakfast.

The Past ... Marrying the Ranch: In June of 1853, one of Daniel Hill's daughters, Susana, married one of the More Brothers, Thomas Wallace More. But to avoid confusion with another prominent Yankee in the Goleta Valley, Thomas W. Moore, Susana's husband became T. Wallace Moore for the remainder of his life. After the marriage, the couple moved south to T. Wallace's property in the Sespe. However, in 1856, with three children and another on the way, Susana was homesick for the beautiful Goleta Valley of her youth. So the family moved back. And for \$2000, T. Wallace purchased 400 acres from his father-in-law's La Goleta land grant. Thus began the More Ranch.



Susana Moore's Girlhood Home: Today the famous Hill Adobe is
a Goleta office building, and covered with clapboard

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