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MARCH MADNESS

Big days have returned to the Bay Area amidst straggling, winter-like storm systems. Whether site-flying Ed or Mission, going for mini-XC, or sending it deep over the back, pilots had reliably great times in the air this month. At Diablo, pilots who uploaded flights to XContest flew a cumulative total of nearly 350km in a single day. Winds are even lining up on the coast for long, smooth rides at Stables.

With great weather comes great responsibility - we're reminded that our access to these amazing local sites depends in part on the care we take to follow site rules and fly safely. Whether you're knocking the rust off after a long, earth-bound winter or simply re-acclimating to Bay Area spring after migratory flight to the south, be sure to brush up on important site procedures and fly conscientiously both alone and around your fellow pilots.

POSSIBLE INTERMITTENT WINDY HILL TRAIL CLOSURES

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is conducting a human-mountain lion interaction study that may result in intermittent closures of some or all trails at Windy Hill (and some other MROSD parks) between April 2 - 19, 2024, on weekdays only. The preserve may be closed on short notice.

Potential closures will be posted on the park's website in advance; be sure to check the park's website before flying at Windy Hill during this time frame. Flying activities will be prohibited on days where the Anniversary, Spring Ridge, or Betsy Crowder trails are closed. WOR will not be sending out reminders or posting status updates on our own website given the short notice.

ED LEVIN 1750' ROAD STATUS



The road to the 1750' launch at Ed Levin is **closed**. As of 4/2/24, site chair Mike Briganti is awaiting a response from park contacts for a status update after a recent inquiry.

SUSPENSION REPORT & ED LEVIN/MISSION XC ETIQUETTE REMINDER

A member was suspended for 7 days for landing and re-launching in the area between Mission and Ed Levin.

WOR's special use agreements with both the East Bay Parks (Mission Peak) and Santa Clara Parks (Ed Levin) require that pilots **must land in the designated LZs when landing within the park boundaries.**

Between Mission and Ed Levin there are a number of potential bailout LZs outside of the park boundaries that are viable from a safety perspective, however, most are on private property, ranch land, or behind large fences in gated neighborhoods.

Pilots should not land anywhere between Mission and Ed Levin's LZs unless it is a true emergency.

Doing so puts our special use agreements at risk when landing in a non-designated area of the park, and **increases the club's exposure to complaints from neighbors when landing in the area between the park boundaries.**

Launching in this highly sensitive area also threatens our relationships with the parks, the county, and the private landowners in the area from whom we do not have prior authorization to operate.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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EARLY CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS - SECRETARY

Have you ever considered running for a board position? Our current club secretary, Evan Cohen, is planning to step down after multiple years of service at the end of the year. We're sending out the call for nominations early in hopes that anyone interested will have plenty of time to consider and ask any questions about what responsibilities each position entails.

You can find basic information about each position in our club [bylaws](#) and reach out to Evan with any questions at secretary@wingsofrogallo.org.

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