Safe PASSAGES is a new community-based initiative at Fort Ord National Monument (FONM) intended to reduce trail conflict and improve safety for visitors on the multiple use trails. The acronym PASSAGES stands for Pass At Slow Speeds And Give Everyone Space. Under the initiative, community partners will be helping to teach good trail manners and reward visitors that practice safe passing interactions with other trail users. Safe trails are happy trails!

The Safe PASSAGES message:

**Yield Properly** - Cyclists yield to all; joggers and hikers yield to equestrians.

**Pass Safely** - Pass slowly (<5 MPH on trails for bicycles), or come to a complete stop to allow others to pass.

**Give Space** - Move to the edge of the trail; have your pet on a shortened tether when you are near others.

**Communicate Clearly** - Greet others on the trails and ask for the go-ahead before slowly passing.
Are You A Safe PASSAGES Pal?

Visitors that follow proper Safe PASSAGES trail etiquette are greatly appreciated and we want you to know just how special you are. This is why community partners are offering incentives for being safe and courteous on the FONM trails. Community partners have enlisted the help of Trail Ambassadors that will hike and ride the trails looking for visitors that contribute to a safe and pleasant trail experience for all. Don’t be surprised if a Trail Ambassador provides you with a Safe PASSAGES drawing ticket if you are displaying great trail behavior, that qualifies you for the monthly prize drawing.

We welcome your feedback on this new initiative designed to improve trail safety and contribute to better trail experiences. If you have questions on this program, please contact the BLM at (831)582-2200 or email us at BLM_CA_Web_FO@blm.gov

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