

Trails Safe Passing Plan: Stop, Speak and Stand Back

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Recognizing that the community of trail users continues to grow at an exponential rate, ELCR joined an unprecedented consortium of advocacy groups, brands, media outlets, and ambassadors that have come together to create the public awareness campaign “**Trails are Common Ground (TaCG)**” in February 2021. The campaign elevates the importance of respectful, inclusive, safe, and enjoyable experiences on trails. All trail user groups are invited to participate. To learn more about the campaign and how you can support the movement go to <https://trailsarecommonground.org/>

ELCR continues as an active member of the coalition participating regularly in coalition meetings. We look forward to sharing examples of TaCG in action from around the country in the future. As part of the TaCG initiative, ELCR and Michigan Equine Trail Representative, Jenny Cook, have collaborated on a new educational resource **Trails Safe Passing Plan: Stop, Speak and Stand Back** to help both equestrian and other trail users better understand how the horse has evolved to use its extraordinary senses to understand the world around them and react to perceived threats in their environment. Special thanks to the [Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council](#) of Aspen and Snowmass, Colorado, for use of Stop, Speak, and Stand Back trail sign.



Better understanding horses and how they perceive and react to their environment can lead to safer and more enjoyable trail experiences for all! The **Trails Safe Passing Plan: Stop, Speak and Stand Back** educational PowerPoint presentation is available [here](#).