# CITY OF MALIBU
## Official Press Release

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## City of Malibu Releases FAQ on Trail Management and Ownership Lawsuit Against State Conservancy

(Malibu, CA) - April 15, 2026 - Following yesterday's announcement of the City of Malibu's lawsuit against the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), the City is releasing a detailed **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** document to provide additional context on the legal action and the public safety concerns that prompted it.

**Yesterday's press release** outlined the City's claims, including decades of inadequate fire-fuel management across 75,000 acres of MRCA-managed land, the role of that mismanagement in the recent devastating wildfires, and the pedestrian fatality on PCH tied to dangerous trail parking conditions.

The City's FAQ is available **here**.

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