

CLEAR CREEK BULLETIN

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Bureau of Land Management

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Please call the Clear Creek Hotline at (831) 630-5060 prior to each visit for up-to-date information

NEPA News

The Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement for Clear Creek was released on September 30, 2005.

The document can be viewed on-line at the Hollister Field Office website, (www.ca.blm.gov/hollister) and CD format copies are available upon request.

A Notice of Availability for the CCMA RMP Amendment Record of Decision will be published in the Federal Register. EA CA190-05-33: Environmental Assessment for the 2006 Quicksilver Enduro.

Asbestos Alert

The risk of exposure to airborne asbestos exists within Clear Creek. Visitors should take measures to reduce exposure to dust while in the area. Recommendations are posted prominently on-site. OSHA regulations require employees working in the CCMA to wear a respirator when air samples exceed 0.1 fibers per cubic centimeter (cc).

Latest air sample readings: .0107, .0342, .0920, .0437 fibers per cc.

Sample readings vary depending on the nature of the activity during sampling, and OSHA standards *do not* indicate safe levels for recreational use. These results are provided only as a guide for the public in making informed decisions about visiting the area. Learn more about the recent Asbestos Risk Assessment at: www.epa.gov/region09/toxic/noa/clearcreek

Other News...

The project to install fencing, restrooms, and perform restoration work at the Jade Mill site is underway. Please respect any fencing and temporary signing associated with the project.

The Entrance Station is once again in place and will be regularly staffed this use season. Information and maps will be available there and at other kiosks within the CCMA.

Visitors will be required to stop and register upon entering the area.

Informational kiosks, found throughout Clear Creek Canyon and other locations, have been revised, updated, and reposted. Please take time to read the new information, and check for updates upon each visit.

Do your part...

Efforts are ongoing to protect the Threatened San Benito Evening Primrose and many other plants and animals found within the CCMA. The landscape and ecology of Clear Creek are entirely unique. Please stay out of closed areas, creek bottoms, and respect fencing associated with protection of these resources.

Attention Hunters: Call the Hollister Field Office at 831-630-5000 to get your PIG (Public Information Guide) Packet. Maps and updated information on hunting is included in the packet which sells for \$4.00. Credit Cards Accepted.

You may want to include the hunter graphic too.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Projects include; Jade Mill site development, Entrance Station staffing, and restoration projects. Please contact Brian White or Lesly Smith at the phone number above if you are interested. Projects will be scheduled on weekends starting in December.