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CLEAR CREEK BULLETIN

February 2005

Events

A volunteer work day will be scheduled for late February to finish construction of a resource protection fence in Upper Clear Creek Canyon. This day will also be used to tour and discuss the Jade Mill site development project. Notification will be given at least two weeks prior.

You may have noticed the new trailer and kiosk along Clear Creek Road. This station will be staffed during peak use periods to provide information, answer questions, and hand out maps and other materials to visitors.

Two Park Rangers, Laren Beasley and Jason Allen, are now at work in Clear Creek patrolling and working on various projects.

The Quicksilver Enduro race is scheduled for February 20, 2005. A map of the event course and other information will be available at the Entrance Station during the event.

NEPA News

Approved Environmental Documents:

CA-190-04-25 Environmental Assessment. Jade Mill Recreation Site Development. Approved 12/16/04. CA-190-04-30 Environmental Assessment. Road and Route Maintenance Protocol – Clear Creek Management Area. Approved 12/20/04.

CA-190-05-02. Environmental Assessment. 2005 Quicksilver Enduro. Approved 1/18/05.

Documents in Progress:

CA-190-05-04. Environmental Assessment. 2005 Wild Boar Enduro.

For Up-To-Date Information on Recreation and Road Conditions Call the CCMA Hotline at:
831-630-5060

Other News...

Limit discharge of firearms to areas outside Clear Creek Canyon. Always think of where your shot may end up.

BLM is planning additional resource protection fencing and restrooms for the "Jade Mill" area between Oak Flat and Staging Area One. Contact the Hollister Field office for more information.

Clear Creek is subject to emergency closure when rainfall exceeds ½ inch in 24 hours, or 1 inch in 72 hours. Access the following website for up-to-the hour rainfall at Santa Rita

Peak and other locations:

http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/queryF?SRI

ATTENTION

Visitors can expect to encounter trail and road damage, downed trees, and other hazards in Clear Creek. Please ride with extra caution. The Clear Creek Hotline at (831)-630-5060 will be updated regularly during the rainy season.

Asbestos Alert

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: .0304, .0072, .0113, ..0148 Sample readings vary depending on the nature of the activity during sampling, and do not indicate safe levels for recreational use. These sample results are provided only as a guide for the public in making informed decisions about visiting the area.

EPA Risk Assessment

A final report from EPA's 2004 risk assessment project within Clear Creek is expected to be available this summer. Call (415) 972-3236 for more information.