

CLEAR CREEK BULLETIN

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

The Record of Decision for Clear Creek Management Area Resource Management Plan Amendment and Route Designation was approved on January 13, 2006.

OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE USE IS NOW LIMITED TO AREAS AND ROUTES MARKED WITH NUMBERED BROWN POSTS.

All unmarked routes and areas are closed to motorized use. Compliance with the designated route/area system is critical to preserving long-term OHV recreation access

Signs are now being installed and a new map reflecting open areas and routes will be available soon.

The Record of Decision can be viewed on-line at www.ca.blm.gov/hollister

NEPA News

Approved Documents:

EA CA190-05-33: Environmental Assessment for the 2006 Quicksilver Enduro.

Documents in progress:

CX CA190-06-08. Categorical Exclusion. Administrative Gates/Fencing.

EA CA190-06-05. Environmental Assessment for the 2006 Wild Boar Enduro.

CX CA190-06-04. Categorical Exclusion. Camissonia benitensis protective fencing.

Wet-season closure information

Additional rainfall may trigger temporary emergency closure of the area. Information will be provided on a timely basis via email, internet, and the CCMA Hotline if weather trends indicate a closure may be imminent. Rainfall amounts can be tracked hourly through the following website: www.cdec.water.ca.gov

Query the following stations: HDZ, IDR, SRI, SPA

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. Children are most at risk from exposure. Recommendations to reduce exposure include: Avoid the area during dry or dusty conditions, space vehicles widely when traveling, and wash vehicles and clothing before returning home.

Learn more about the recent Asbestos Risk Assessment at:

www.epa.gov/region09/toxic/noa/clearcreek

Other News...

Portions of R010 (Natural Area Ridge Route) and R008 are now closed. Please obey closed signs on these sections.

The project to install fencing, restrooms, and perform restoration work at the Jade Mill site is underway. Please respect the new fencing and call us if you want more information about the project

Gates have been closed and locked for the winter on the Aurora Grade (R001). Use R014 and R011 as a detour.

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.**

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.