

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

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. Documents in progress:

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

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

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

Wet-season closure information

Additional rainfall may trigger temporary emergency closure(s) of the area. Information will be provided on a timely basis via email, internet, and the 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...

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.**

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.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Jade Mill Site: Fence construction, kiosk installation, site cleanup. Sat. Jan 7, 2006. 10 am on site.

RNA Restoration: Fence construction, erosion control, hand tool work. Fri/Sat January 20 and 21, 2006. Time/meeting place TBA. Please call or email for RSVP and additional info.