

CLEAR CREEK BULLETIN

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

Asbestos Alert

A high 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: .0302, .0670, .0492, .0179 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.

NEPA News

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

The Public Protest Period for the CCMA Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement ended on October 31, 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.

Public protests will be resolved by BLM and a Notice of Availability for the CCMA RMP Amendment Record of Decision will be published in the Federal Register in 2006.

Other News...

The project to install fencing, restrooms, and perform restoration work at the Jade Mill site is underway. Please respect any temporary fencing or use restrictions related to this project. Volunteer days will be scheduled during December and January to complete 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 asked 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.

Thanks for Doing Your Part...

To make the Native American ceremonial events and traditional use activities in the Clear Creek Management Area a success for 2005! We hope to continue with these Indian

ceremonies that are intended to help heal the land. We appreciate your cooperation and hope you enjoy your time in the CCMA. Traditional ceremonial activities are planned to return in spring 2006. Thanks again and have a safe & happy Winter Season. If you have any questions about these events, please call (831) 630-5024.

EPA Human Health Risk Assessment

In February of 2005, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued its "Human Health Risk Assessment Technical Memorandum," which was based on studies conducted last fall and winter within Clear Creek.

EPA is now generating its final risk assessment report, which is due to be released mid-2006.

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.

Stay out of closed areas, creek bottoms, and please respect fencing associated with protection of these resources.

Help maintain the recreation opportunities at Clear Creek. Ride only on signed roads, trails, and areas.

It is the responsibility of every user to be familiar with, and follow, all area rules and regulations.

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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.