

# **CLEAR CREEK BULLETIN**

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## **Bureau of Land Management**

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### ***Clear Creek Summer use Restrictions Lifted October 16***

The area is now reopened to general public use. OHV use is limited to routes and areas clearly marked by brown, numbered posts.

**All other routes and areas are closed to OHV use.**

### ***Fee Program Update***

Planning is nearly completed for the CCMA fee program. It is expected fee collection will begin fall of 2007. Information is available at the Clear Creek Entrance Station and from the Field Office.

### ***OHV (Green Sticker) Grant Program Update***

Preliminary determinations by the CA State Parks OHV Recreation Division indicate significant funding for Clear Creek for 2007. Projects funded include: Complete Jade Mill site development, route maintenance, route and area restoration, and route signing. Up to four seasonal employees are expected to be hired to assist with project work and area patrols.

### ***Do your part...***

Efforts are ongoing to protect the Threatened San Benito Evening Primrose and many other plants and animals found within the CCMA. Follow all area rules and regulations when in the area and respect protective fencing and signs.

### ***Volunteers Work Days***

Several volunteer work parties are being planned for this winter season. Planned projects will include the Jade Mill site development, trail maintenance, and likely others. Contact David Moore at (831) 630-5035 if you are interested. These contributions have been instrumental in better managing the area and improving communication between the BLM and public users of the area.

## **NEPA News**

### **Approved Documents:**

- EA CA190-06-10. Environmental Assessment. Yellow Star thistle management. Approved 3/20/06
- EA CA190-06-29 Environmental Assessment. T151 reroute and T148 Maintenance. Approved 5/11/06.
- EA CA190-06-12. Environmental Assessment. Jade Mill Mini-bike Track. Approved 5/10/06.
- EA CA190-06-16. Environmental Assessment. Goat Mountain Fence and Restoration. Approved 8/14/06.
- CX CA190-06-04. Categorical Exclusion. Camissonia benitensis protective fencing. Approved 2/9/06.
- CX CA-190-06-33. Categorical Exclusion. Latrine removal and replacement Oak Flat. Approved 7/10/06.
- DNA CA-190-06-37. Determination of NEPA Adequacy. Closed route restoration. Approved 7/10/06.
- EA CA-190-06-40. Environmental Assessment. Serpentine Barren Restoration. Approved 7/28/06.

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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.

### ***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](http://www.epa.gov/region09/toxic/noa/clearcreek)