

CLEAR CREEK BULLETIN

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SEASONAL USE RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

JUNE 4, 2005 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2005

AREA CLOSED TO ALL PUBLIC ACCESS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE COUNTY ROAD NETWORK. MAPS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FIELD OFFICE AND ARE POSTED ON SITE AT CLEAR CREEK.

THE CLOSURE APPLIES ONLY TO THE HAZARDOUS ASBESTOS AREA, DENOTED ON USER MAPS BY THE HEAVY RED LINE.

This closure is intended to reduce the public health risk from airborne asbestos.

County Roads include Clear Creek Road (R001), and Spanish Lake Road (R011) to the Fresno County Line, which will remain open unless San Benito County takes independent action.

Any activities off these roads is prohibited, including non-motorized.

The public is encouraged to visit other BLM lands in the area which are unaffected by the use restrictions. Please contact the Field Office for more information.

NEPA News

The Draft EIS/Plan Amendment for Clear Creek is being reviewed and revised.

A Final EIS will be issued later this summer.

Approved Environmental Documents:

CA-190-04-25. Environmental Assessment. Jade Mill Recreation Site Development.

Approved 12/16/04.

CA-190-05-13. Environmental Assessment. Native American Religious Ceremony.

For Up-To-Date Information on Recreation and Road Conditions Call the

CCMA Hotline at:

831-630-5060

Other News...

The project to install fencing, restrooms, and perform restorative work at the Jade Mill site will be proceeding this fall. Please respect any temporary fencing or closures related to this project.

Additional Seasonal Use Restriction Information

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, and this information will help guide future management of the area.

The current restrictions are considered interim until the release of EPA's final report and Risk Assessment in 2006.

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