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Draft Program Environmental Impact Report
California State Parks Road and Trail Change-in-Use Evaluation Process

California State Parks (CSP) directed the preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR) for the Road and Trail Change-in-Use Evaluation Process, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. This notice announces the availability of the Draft Program EIR. CSP is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

Project Title: California State Parks Road and Trail Change-in-Use Evaluation Process

Lead Agency: California State Parks

Project Location: The proposed Process would apply to existing recreational roads and trails in most CSP units (except off-highway motor vehicle recreation areas) statewide.

Description of the Proposed Project:

California State Parks (CSP) proposes to implement the Road and Trail Change-in-Use Evaluation Process (Process) throughout the State Park System. The Process is intended to comprehensively evaluate potential road and trail change-in-use proposals in CSP units, facilitate the review of those proposals in park units statewide. Off-highway motor vehicle recreation (OHMVR) areas are not covered under the Process. The Process provides CSP with an objective and systematic approach for making decisions regarding the addition or removal of non-motorized uses of a State Park System road or trail.

The Process would be applied to changes in use proposed by park personnel, other agencies, or user groups for specific roads and/or trails on specific CSP units. If these proposals qualified for implementation under the Process, they may be considered subsequent actions that are within the scope of the analysis in this Program EIR. Implementation of a change in use may require physical modifications to the proposed road or trail. Potential subsequent project actions that may result from recommendations for a change-in-use project through the Process include:

- Reconstruction or maintenance within an existing road or trail prism (i.e., encompasses the existing top of the road or trail's cut bank to the bottom of the fill slope);
- Installation of speed control devices, railings, user refuge areas, brush trimming/removal to improve sight distances, or other trail safety features specific for certain users;
- Rerouting of trail alignments to correct otherwise unsustainable road and trail conditions where realignment begins and ends at an existing route, extends only as far as necessary to avoid the unsustainable condition, and causes no significant environmental effects;
- Installation of hardened surfaces such as, but not limited to, aggregate surfacing, rock armoring, wooden boardwalks or puncheons, and bridges;
- Closure, decommissioning, and restoration of existing roads and trails to natural conditions;

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- Conversion of existing roads to trails; and
- Appurtenant facilities (e.g. trailhead, point of access, parking improvements/control, signage) related to changes in recreational road or trail use where no additional natural landscape disturbance, substantial increase in capacity, or significant environmental effects would occur.

The Program EIR is programmatic in nature and does not specifically analyze individual projects. If additional change-in-use actions are proposed beyond those actions covered above, CSP will independently assess potential impacts of those measures and prepare any appropriate subsequent environmental documents.

Public Hearings:

Affected agencies, organizations, and the public are invited to Public Hearings to be held at the following dates, times, and places. These hearings also meet the requirements in Section 15087(i) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Saturday, October 27, 2012
2:00 to 5:00 pm
City of Glendale
Adult Recreation Center (ARC)
201 E. Colorado Street
Glendale, CA 91205

Saturday, November 3, 2012
2:00 to 5:00 pm
Sports Basement
1881 Ygnacio Valley Road
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Public Review Period: The Draft Program EIR is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 60 days, beginning October 5, 2012. Written comments should be submitted no later than December 4, 2012, to the following address:

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California Department of Parks & Recreation
Northern Service Center
One Capitol Mall - Suite 410
Sacramento, CA 95814
Email: CEQANSC@parks.ca.gov (Subject Line: Statewide Trails)
Fax: 916-445-9081 (subject line: Statewide Trails)

Hard copies of the Environmental Impact Report can be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours and an electronic version can be viewed online at http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=980:

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Southern Service Center
California Department of Parks & Recreation
NTC at Liberty Station
Barracks 26
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San Diego, CA 92106

Monterey District
California Department of Parks & Recreation
2211 Garden Road
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111 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-2204

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3431 Fort Avenue
Eureka, CA 95503-3828

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California Department of Parks & Recreation
22708 Broadway
Columbia, CA 95310-9400

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California Department of Parks & Recreation
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California Department of Parks & Recreation
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