

CLEAR CREEK BULLETIN

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SUMMER USE RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT JUNE 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2006 DUE TO ASBESTOS EXPOSURE RISK

Motor vehicle travel is limited to the following routes during this period:

Clear Creek Road (R1), R2 from its west end to the T 107 junction, T153 from its west end to San Carlos Peak, R15, R16, and R11 to the Wright Mountain gate.

Additional information and maps are available from the Hollister Field Office and were posted on-site May 31.

Public Workshop Scheduled

A public workshop is scheduled for 1pm June 17 at the Hollister Field Office. The draft 2007 California OHV (Green Sticker) grant application will be the primary topic. Also to be discussed are the special event cost recovery process and the fee program being developed for CCMA. A Saturday was selected to allow for maximum public participation. All interested parties are invited to attend. Call the Field Office for additional information or to request a draft package prior to June 17. The draft application will be available June 12.

Fee Program Update

Planning is ongoing for the CCMA fee program. It is expected fee collection will begin fall of 2006. Contact the Field Office for additional information or to provide comments.

Vandalism in CCMA

These acts can unfortunately affect all CCMA users. Please report incidents of illegal riding and vandalism to BLM.

Do your part...

Efforts are ongoing to protect the Threatened San Benito Evening Primrose and many other plants and animals found within the CCMA. Various projects are being planned for next fall and winter. Please contact the Field Office if you are interested in assisting.

Thanks to Volunteers...

Well over 200 hours of volunteer labor were donated to projects within Clear Creek over the winter season. A sincere thanks to all who participated.

NEPA News

Approved Documents:

- CX CA190-06-08. Categorical Exclusion. Administrative Gates/Fencing. Approved 2/8/06.
- EA CA190-06-17 CCMA Seasonal Use Restrictions. Approved 3/20/06
- 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.

Documents in progress:

- CX CA190-06-04. Categorical Exclusion. Camissonia benitensis protective fencing.
- EA CA190-06-16. Environmental Assessment. Goat Mountain Fence and Restoration.

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