

Mount San Jacinto State Park  
Long Valley Management Plan  
Public Meeting  
Summary of Comments



Public Meeting: May 11, 2011 @ Palm Springs Aerial Tramway – Cascade Cafe

Public Comments:

- Public is still using snow play area by Adventure Center
- Consider current Adventure Center for a rest area (especially in winter)
  - Warming hut
  - Possibly incorporate a restroom
  - Possibly use a temporary (seasonal) building
  - Potential for temporary yurt tent
- Consider mechanisms for keeping visitors from entering meadow. Prevent people from shortcutting across meadow
  - Possibly have picnic site east of meadow instead of on the west side
- Need to add signs along walkway down to Valley
- Improvements needed to railing along walkway down to Valley (rickety)
- Ice rinks have been unsuccessful in two locations in Palm Springs
  - Concerns of how this will attract people
- Ice rink is inconsistent with General Plan
- Where will family day activities be held? (A: at proposed Amphitheater and Outdoor Activity Area)
- Is there still an area planned for winter concessions/activities? (A: Yes, at Outdoor Activities Area and proposed Adventure Center)
- It is difficult following trails during winter; implementing trail markers onto trees
- The proposed interpretive kiosk at bottom of concrete pathway to Valley could back up foot traffic
- Is an area planned for a helicopter landing pad? (A: no, only room is in meadow)
- There is the potential to number trail markers and use GPS to locate park users
- To what extent are interpretive resources addressed in the management plan? (A: An Interpretation Management Plan has been completed for Long Valley which addresses interpretive resources)
- Address other means of access to Long Valley (e.g., Skyline Trail) - acknowledge this in plan
  - Possibly move Skyline Trail access to original spot at South part of Valley where Long Valley Creek flows eastward down mountain because it's safer in this location
- Consider addition of a straight line trail route to Grubb's notch from Mountain Station
- Monitoring who or who doesn't use funicular
  - Would someone need to be stationed to monitor?
- Mechanical structures (re: funicular) will not be compatible with tranquility associated with Long Valley
- Funicular alignment along utility routes would be less visible
- There will be aesthetic impacts associated with funicular
- Electric cart not sufficient for accessibility needs - Would need multiple carts to comply with ADA

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