

DONNER MEMORIAL STATE PARK GENERAL PLAN <i>Park Planning Zones Proposals</i>	<u>PARK PLANNING ZONE 1</u> <i>(If Visitor Center is on the Teichert site)</i> Emphasis on CULTURAL RESOURCES, NATURAL RESOURCES	<u>PARK PLANNING ZONE 1</u> <i>(If Visitor Center is within existing park)</i> Emphasis on CULTURAL RESOURCES, NATURAL RESOURCES	<u>PARK PLANNING ZONE 2</u> Emphasis on RECREATIONAL USE, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES	<u>PARK PLANNING ZONE 3</u> FUTURE STUDY ZONE	<u>TEICHERT PROPERTY</u> VISITOR CENTER
AREA DESCRIPTION	This zone includes all existing park land between Donner Pass Rd. and Donner Creek, and a portion of the existing day use parking area south of the Donner Creek dam. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the new visitor center is on the Teichert site, this area would provide access to park campgrounds, day use areas, and park cultural sites. This zone would receive the most visitor use in the park if a new visitor center were to be located here. 		This zone consists of the area between Donner Creek and a volunteer mountain bicycle trail at the foot of Schallenberger Ridge, and from the park's west side along Donner Lake to the east side along Coldstream Road. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This zone will continue to receive high visitor use. Natural and cultural resources will continue to be managed for repair and protection, if appropriate. A group camp area should be developed south of the campfire center. 	This zone includes all park land to the south of the mouth of Coldstream Canyon. It includes new park acquisitions on Schallenberger Ridge and west and south of the Ridge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This zone would continue to have the least concentration of park visitors. Future studies will determine appropriate natural and cultural resource management programs and recreation use. 	Under the terms of a potential grant, A. Teichert and Son, Inc., the adjacent landowner on the east side of the park, has proposed an approximately 35 acre gift of land to the Department for development of a new museum/visitor center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This area would receive high public use if this proposal were to be implemented.
RESOURCES CHARACTER AND MANAGEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This zone contains the park's most concentrated area of important cultural resources. Natural and cultural resources in this zone have been impacted by human use and will be managed to repair and protect natural ecosystems and cultural resources while continuing to provide appropriate public use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This zone contains the park's most concentrated area of important cultural resources. Natural and cultural resources in this zone have been impacted by human use and will be managed to repair and protect natural ecosystems and cultural resources while continuing to provide appropriate public use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This zone will continue to provide a variety of recreational opportunities while providing appropriate protections for natural and cultural resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue management of natural and cultural resources in this zone while continuing studies to determine appropriate land uses, resource management strategies, and recreational facilities and activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This area is currently owned by the Teichert company, and consists primarily of previously-mined areas and reclaimed ponds. Future studies will determine appropriate land uses and management of natural, cultural and recreation resources.
VISITOR EXPERIENCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about and occupy the sites used by the Donner Party, and see the Pioneer Monument. There will be trails to access the new visitor center as well as to provide the opportunity to experience the beauty of this zone and to interpret natural and cultural resources here. Trails will also connect to campgrounds, day use and special group use areas along Donner Lake and Donner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The visitor will access the park in this zone, "decompress" from the urban experience, and, in the new visitor center, become oriented to the park's natural and cultural resources. The visitor experience within this zone shall be directed toward understanding the unique cultural and natural resources in the park and efforts to preserve and protect these resources. The visitor will have the opportunity to experience several types of day uses within this zone: hiking, beach and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This zone offers a broad spectrum of recreational experiences to the visitor, from quiet exploration of the natural environment to participation in social activities. In this zone, the visitor is able to enjoy the conveniences of developed overnight and day use facilities in a natural environment. Interpretive programs at the Campfire Center will highlight and explain both natural and cultural resources in the park and its environs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The visitor will have the greatest opportunity to experience a quiet back-country setting in this zone. Future studies will determine appropriate visitor facilities and uses of this area. In the meantime, there are hiking trails and vehicle access along unpaved roads into Coldstream Canyon. Hikers can follow the basic alignment of the Emigrant Trail and experience some of the topography and views that the early pioneers faced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The visitor will be introduced to the natural, cultural and recreational resources in the park at the new visitor center on former Teichert property. There will be transition areas between the urban experience prior to arrival at the site and the building to allow visitors to "decompress" and become oriented to the site. Visitors will be able to access regional and local hiking and bicycle trails from the new visitor center, as well as enjoy a walk into the existing Pioneer

	<p>Creek.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking will be provided for ease of access to winter recreational activities. • Possible conversion of historic structures into interpretive facilities will add to the visitor's enjoyment and knowledge of park resources. • This zone will have high summer and winter use on weekends/holidays. • Park administration and operations facilities will be screened from the public or relocated outside the park, to reduce impacts to visitors' experiences in the park. 	<p>creek activities, picnicking, bird watching, group and special use areas, winter recreational activities, and visitor center activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads to campgrounds, day use areas and other recreational activities will be clearly signed for efficient and less stressful visitor access. • Winter use areas will be easily accessed in this zone, with parking provided for day use activities. • Possible conversion of historic structures into interpretive facilities will add to the visitor's enjoyment and knowledge of park resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer use is high, with large numbers of people using the campgrounds and day use areas, especially the beach areas along Donner Lake. Frequent contact with others is the norm in this zone. • On non-storm weekends and holidays, winter day use is continuous on the groomed ski trails along Donner Lake. • This zone serves as the gateway to Coldstream Canyon and beyond, with trail access through this zone to the other zones, as well as to the Teichert site. Visitors will encounter others often as they walk trails through this zone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnickers can enjoy the shores of several ponds in Coldstream Canyon, away from crowds in the core area of the park. 	<p>Monument and Murphy Cabin sites within the current park.</p>
<p>POSSIBLE RANGE OF PROPOSED FACILITIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible conversion of existing museum to park offices. • Park access road and kiosk, with vehicle access to campgrounds and day use areas. • Short-term vehicle and bus parking at the Pioneer Monument. • Hiking on self-guided natural and cultural resources trails, and other trails, with connections to other areas of the park. • Winter cross country ski and snowshoe trail parking and trail access. • Group day use area at the east end of Donner Lake. • Possible conversion of historic structures into interpretive facilities. • Screening of park administration and operations facilities from public use areas. <p>PARK PLANNING ZONE 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor center and access road and parking facilities at the east end of Donner Lake. • Possible conversion of existing museum to park offices, and historic structures into interpretive facilities. • Screening of park administration and operations facilities from public use areas. • Existing park access road and kiosk for vehicle access to campgrounds and day use areas. • Short-term vehicle and bus parking at the Pioneer Monument. • Employee (or visitor access if necessary) road between the new visitor center and the kiosk. • Hiking on self-guided natural and cultural resources trails, and other trails, with connections to other areas of the park. • Winter cross country ski and snowshoe trail parking and trail access. <p>PARK PLANNING ZONE 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing recreational facilities are to be retained if appropriate, such as campgrounds and day use areas, hiking trails and connections to regional trails through Coldstream Canyon, campfire center, concessions facilities, etc. • Group camp area south of existing campfire center area. <p>PARK PLANNING ZONE 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiking, bicycle, and equestrian trails, picnic areas, environmental campsites, etc. if determined appropriate in future studies. <p>PARK PLANNING ZONE 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museum/visitor center and parking facilities, associated outdoor amphitheater and playground, hiking/interpretive trails, boardwalks and nature viewing platforms, etc. <p>TEICHERT PROPERTY</p>