

Auburn State Recreation Area/Auburn Dam Project Lands
General Plan/Interim Resource Management Plan

April 12-14, 2007 Stakeholder Focus Group Meetings
Summary of Meeting Notes

Four stakeholder focus group meetings were convened in April 2007. Participants were asked to suggest what management actions should be considered by the planning team for the ASRA. Because of the significance of the issues, opportunities and constraints, each group was asked to focus on 4 management units and the area-wide topic of trails. Time permitting, participants could also offer suggestions about actions for other issues and areas. This document is a compilation of all the points that were written on the flip charts. There was no effort to prioritize, place in any kind of order, or to indicate how many times a particular action was mentioned. This listed will provide input into the May 30, 2007, public open house and the developed of the subsequent management alternatives.

Confluence Management Unit (geographic area including Quarry, No Hands Bridge, half mile up to park headquarters from Confluence and up the North Fork to the base of dam)

1. Diagonal parking on southside of bridge
2. Quarry trailhead needs improvement---level, enlarge, widen, lines, and move gate another ¼ mile in
3. Consider additional parking along 49
4. Expand Foresthill trailhead parking lot
5. More signage at trailheads about parking
6. More parking on eastside of Foresthill bridge
7. Signs showing directional parking only
8. Need some parking for larger rigs/trailers
9. Allocate 3 weekends for bridge jumping activities
10. Open and expand Driver's Flat parking
11. Consider secure access via Russell road through easement, purchase, or donation
12. Need designated crosswalk west of Foresthill bridge
13. More toilets in the confluence and trailheads
14. Need short-term designated parking for drop-offs, pick-ups, public transit, and emergency vehicle
15. Allow rock climbing
16. Allow protection devices
17. Some routes may be off limits
18. Open mine to public
19. Need to manage the mine access for only tour group
20. Generate revenue from mine tours
21. Climbing association could manage climbing area
22. Needs signs and highway paint for horse and pedestrian crossings

23. Expand parking into lower Quarry area
24. Install toilets on east side of Confluence
25. Provide public bus system on weekends
26. Locate bus stops near Chamber and businesses
27. More daily maintenance for litter and trash
28. Install Leave no Trace signage
29. Work with Waste Management Board to help with trash
30. Need to allocate more money – need more Reclamation support
31. Build river access for lower NF
32. Do not have a rental facility at Confluence
33. Allow commercial rentals to be dropped-off
34. Allow food (road coach) wagon concession at Confluence
35. Build short-term temporary drop off
36. Improve interpretation---quantity and quality
37. Use volunteer groups to help interpret, educate, and have a presence
38. Use more community partnership to help ASRA
39. Expand Adopt program to trails, kiosks, trailheads, segments of river
40. Maintain current status of No Hands
41. Improve trails leading to No Hands
42. Mine is an education and revenue opportunity
43. Look at lower American River as a model
44. Work with city of auburn for a public transit loop route
45. Provide a shuttle via public transit system
46. Link shuttle and transit to Moreland Drive, Elm Ave shopping center, businesses
47. Determine what kind of land uses would be helpful between Overlook and Portland
48. Link commercial interests in Auburn to the ASRA
49. Remove boulders at Quarry parking lot
50. Better signs on 49 about location of Quarry trailhead
51. Consider parking at PGE access road above Quarry (#29 on map)
52. Have meetings and collaborate with other local, state, and federal agencies
53. \$5 daily fee at Quarry is not worth is currently
54. Prohibit parking on 49
55. Work with Caldrons to reduce speed limit based on congestion, recreation use, pedestrian and horse crossing
56. More signage with clear and current maps
57. Maps need to be coordinated and made consistent
58. Think entrepreneurial----advertising on trail signs
59. Need a little approval process for little trail problems
60. Project Auburn is an opportunity
61. Leave anchors in climbing areas
62. Commercial rock climbing is OK
63. Close for seasonal falcons
64. One way roads

65. Manage for primitive trails--don't smooth out or widen
66. Add small natural look trails
67. Add narrower trail for mtn. bikes
68. Add Quarry trail to Cool
69. Add Robie to Confluence trail
70. Interpretive mine tours
71. Easier trail maintenance permitting process
72. Fee based bungie jumping
73. Use Mammoth for parking for Confluence visitation
74. Bus shuttle with stops at Confluence, Mammoth, Dam Site, Quarry, Cool and top of Bridge
75. Revive rail-trail from Overlook to Bridge

Mammoth Bar Management Unit

1. Continue interim management program
2. Expand number of open days each week for track use
3. Encourage statewide technology modifications for decibels
4. Consider relocation of track
5. Relocation may be hard because soils at current site are very good for riding
6. Consider up the hill near Castle Rock
7. Consider alternating the current track with parking lot to reduce flooding impact
8. Install retaining structures to divert water flows
9. Open up the trails to mtn. bikers
10. Add more trails
11. Develop a mtn. bike skills development park
12. Build technical trails for mtn. bikers
13. Manage with Directional/one-way trails
14. Convert all trails to one-way trails
15. More trails signage showing routes
16. Quads only on designated trails
17. Allocate days for quads on particular trails
18. Keep bar open for rafting and parking
19. Expand parking for rafters
20. Install wooden features for mtn. bike skills development
21. Allow for special events---revenue generation
22. Allow camping at Mammoth Bar
23. Allow camping upstream at Kennebeck and Hoosier
24. Eliminate OHV track
25. Relocate track to another site within ASRA
26. Close OHV activity on BLM land near Ponderosa—work with BLM
27. Use fence, gates, signs, and education to control OHV use in Ponderosa area
28. Create a buffer zone with No OHV around all water resources

29. Move OHV from Mammoth to Rockland
30. Multi- use is good—OK
31. Increase staff and maintenance
32. Improve signs for resource protection and rules
33. New track further away from river
34. No track at castle rock because of soils and water
35. Close track in bad weather
36. Rehab trails
37. Consider better trail design of trails
38. OHV use is not appropriate
39. Look for secluded area in Cool for track relocation
40. Better use the river from Mammoth to Confluence
41. Build portage trail around Murderers' Bar

Lake Clementine Management Unit (include lower and upper lake areas)

1. Extend the launch at the ramp area
2. Reconfigure parking lot to accommodate more vehicles
3. Increase parking on 49—shuttle in or drop off people
4. Grade and move green gate at top of Culvert Trail
5. Signage needs to be improved for all uses and locations
6. Protect water temperature for dam to confluence
7. Repair wash out on Clementine trail to get additional parking
8. Needs more year around management presence (trails, parking, on water)
9. No alcohol at lower lake
10. More mtn. bike trails to upper lake
11. Need a sign a crossing of UL Clementine trail and Divide Loop trail
12. Allow jumping off rocks at UL
13. Trail maintenance approvals should be easier
14. Human-powered boating only
15. 5 mph rule
16. Limit horsepower and size of boats
17. Quiet days/alternate motor and non-motor days
18. Electric motor only
19. Determine life expectancy of lake (silt)
20. Reduce number of boats at one time
21. Have a boat reservation system
22. Prohibit 2-stroke engines
23. Phase out boat club
24. Use Lake Natoma as a model
25. Open UL road earlier in year
26. Remove dam
27. Increasing funding and maintenance for UL road
28. Reduce erosion of roads and trails
29. Improve drivability of roads
30. Ban motor boats; boat club

31. More days for human powered only
32. Reduce speed limit
33. No towing policy
34. Prohibit loud music
35. Trolling OK; electric OK
36. Restrict size of boats
37. Pave UL road
38. Consider redesign of roads
39. Expand camping season
40. Expand take out season at the UL of NF
41. Have rentals for non-motorized watercraft
42. Expand season to UL by road surfacing
43. One weekend day for human powered use

Lower Dam Unit Management Unit

1. Need a multi-use trail from dam to Hwy 49
2. Build more trails rather than a bridge
3. Use hwy 49 bridge rather than a new bridge
4. Wants a permanent multi-use bridge at dam site
5. Need a big loop trail in the lower NF which connects Cool
6. Need more separate use trails
7. Manage trails with odd-even days
8. Need permanent bridge at Oregon Bar
9. Need a Peninsula to Olmstead trail
10. Bridge over Knickerbockers Creek
11. Install "naked people ahead" sign
12. Allow commercial operations
13. Need to concession a shuttle
14. Use same concessionaire for rentals and shuttles
15. Don't build another bridge---use No Hands
16. Consider a creative management solutions for multi use on No Hands
17. Seasonal bridge too costly and will not work during primary season
18. Multiple use on No Hands might be a safety issue
19. Locate a multi use bridge at the dam site or Oregon bar
20. Use partnership to help approve/finance bridge
21. Develop a temporary low water river crossing for horses
22. Consider weir-type crossing at dam site
23. New trails needed
 - Olmstead to No Hands
 - Northside of Pump site to existing single track to Folsom
 - Peninsula to Oregon Bar
 - Rattlesnake to Oregon bar—multi use
24. Need signage about water flow or a depth gauge at Poverty Bar
25. Enforce laws on clothing---no nudity
26. Include Cahill nude policy in plan---state parks will respond to complaints

27. Leave "nudes" use alone
28. Restore and seed dam site
29. Need public transit to connect both ends of unit
30. No commercial rafting below Oregon Bar
31. Don't use the Truckee river as a model
32. Leave river for individual use
33. Remove nude bathing
34. Leave nude bathing
35. Keep concession facilities out of canyon
36. Limit boating capacity---rafters at one time
37. Encourage kayak instruction course
38. Oregon Bar bridge opens up more trails
39. Ford and weir option not good
40. Don't need a guard station
41. Have iron ranger fee station
42. Allow kayak instruction concession on several days per week
43. Concessions should be controlled and managed
44. Consider a simple, modest, small shuttle service
45. Connect shuttle with public transit idea to solve parking problem
46. Encourage people to walk---not another parking area
47. Consider a fee based electric gate
48. Should have year around access

Trails (area-wide unit)

1. Need more trail maintenance
2. Look to foundations for donations
3. Need to hire a trail coordinator
4. Need to get more cultural resource support
5. Need staffing for CEQA
6. Need a volunteer coordinator to work with volunteers, groups, community, businesses
7. Need to take advantage of partnerships
8. Need a dedicated ASRA trails specialist
9. Speed up cultural review particularly where there are existing trails
10. Maintenance should be easier to do
11. Need a directory of fundraising sources, donations, grants
12. Start an "Adopt a Trail" program
13. Need to mtn. bike from Confluence to Cool trailhead
14. Need a mtn. bike trail from Quarry trail to access point at Auburn Lake Trails
15. Need trail from Foresthill Divide loop to McKean Ponderosa
16. Need a high elevation trail from Driver's Flat to Ponderosa (same elevation as Divide Tr.)
17. Close and rehab volunteer/social trails
18. Open old mining flumes for access trails (Sliger Mine)

19. Gain access via Horseshoe Bar ---multi use (need to purchase or gain easement)
20. Interpretive opportunities at Horseshoe Bar
21. Need to improve rutted trails
22. Oppose Capitol to Capitol trail inside ASRA
23. Oppose new trails within canyon of NF
24. No additional trails beyond Ponderosa
25. More name and directional signage at trail junctions
26. One good map
27. Better trail brushing and line of sight
28. Rebuild Mt Quarry trail from top to No Hands
29. Public education for more user civility\
30. Odd-even management
31. Make it easier to volunteer
32. Need trails for physical challenge, families, strollers, etc
33. Use old and existing canals for trails
34. Use alternate days-mgmt for popular trails
35. Focus on multi use trails
36. Reduce speed by reducing width
37. Ok to have single use trails, time of day or week mgmt, separation of uses in some places
38. Build contour trails
39. Design trails for slower speeds
40. Build Poverty Bar to Driver's Flat MU trail---could be one way or odd-even
41. Oppose double or parallel trails
42. Open California trails to mtn. bikes with odd-even
43. Mtn. bikers want longer rides
44. American Canyon is a possible trail with odd-even mgmt
45. Focus bike use on more remote areas because these are less used by hikers and horse
46. Some bikers are short time and short distance riders
47. Night biking should be OK on designated trails
48. Need a trail conditions location inventory---system and non-system trails

Misc. Suggested Actions

1. Expand Cool Parking
2. Add CXT at Cool and Auburn trailheads
3. Consider campground in Cool area
4. Close trails after 1" or more of rainfall for 48 hours (except for foot traffic)
5. Purchase land between Cool and Folsom
6. Increase trail patrols
7. Need more drinking water at key trailheads
8. Need water, maps, and toilets at trailheads
9. Need interpretive signs for cultural sites; quarry operation
10. Need interpretive signs throughout park

11. Enlist Auburn Historic Society help
12. Evaluate benefits of leaving protection in climbing areas
13. Stop home development below rim—work with County
14. ASRA needs to be more active and visible in rim development
15. Assert the ASRA voice to County
16. Prohibit aircraft in canyon—contact CHP and Sheriff
17. Consider a wild trout designation of Middle Fork and perhaps North Fork
18. Remove dredges—problem with silt, noise, and yellow leg frog
19. Don't allow dredge season until July 1
20. BOR should weigh in on viewshed protection and rim development proposals
21. Remove hazardous materials from river corridor---riprap, metal, concrete
22. Need strategic plan for land acquisition—consider wildlife corridors, connectors, views, access, river frontage, land use threats
23. Pursue easements, life estates, donations, and purchase of key inholdings
24. Mitigation dollars from development impacts should come back to ASRA
25. Opportunity to work with Placer Legacy, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and American River Conservancy
26. Coordinate water flows with Western States Tevis Cup Race
27. Need management plan on fisheries and recreation users on Middle Fork
28. ASRA needs to take stronger role on impact of water flows on fishery
29. Add facilities in upper portion of Middle Fork---work with land owners
30. All special events should be fee-based
31. Concession and instructional course and tours should be fee based
32. Dredging OK—portable generators OK
33. Panning and sluicing is preferred to motorized dredging
34. Reduce 8" intake limit
35. Consider dredging effects on fishery and turbidity when issuing permits
36. Legalize base jumping
37. Ban base jumping---concern with parking and spectators
38. Partner more
39. Identify multi-agency roles and solicit cooperation
40. Filter management suggestions—prioritize---schedule actions in the plan
41. Need parking near Yankee Jim
42. Allow river camping below Cherokee Bar
43. Consider hang-gliding and para-sailing
44. Minimum elevations for overflights
45. Need public signage for hunting seasons---locations and seasons
46. Use Quarry for climbing instruction classes