

DEL NORTE COAST REDWOODS STATE PARK – MILL CREEK WATERSHED ADDITION GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT

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The Mill Creek Watershed Addition to Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park

The Mill Creek addition to Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park is located in Del Norte County. The 25,000 acre property borders Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park to the north, Six Rivers National Forest to the east, and private industrial timber lands to the south. It encompasses large portions of the Mill Creek and Rock Creek Watersheds - tributaries to the Wild and Scenic Smith River. The property was purchased in 2002 and subsequently added to Del Norte Coast Redwood State Park.

California State Parks is preparing a General Plan Amendment for the Mill Creek Addition to Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. Public input and feedback are important part of this process. Upon completion, the General Plan Amendment will become a component of the existing Redwood National and State Parks General Management Plan/General Plan. The General Plan Amendment will define the purpose and vision for the Mill Creek Addition and address appropriate land use, circulation and facility development, natural and cultural resource management, and interpretation. The General Plan Amendment is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be developed concurrently with the planning process.

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the General Plan Amendment was filed with the State Clearinghouse on September 17, 2007. The NOP can be viewed on the project website at the link provided inside this newsletter.

State Parks is looking to you to share your ideas and participate in one of the many opportunities to plan the future of this unique property. Please review this newsletter to find out how you can contribute and get involved.



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TIMELINE OF PLANNING PROCESS AT A GLANCE

Fall 2007 Public Workshop Number 1 (scoping meeting) Identify Issues and Concerns	Winter/Spring 2008 Conduct Research and Policy Review, Develop Alternatives	Spring 2008 Public Workshop Number 2 Public Input on Alternatives	Spring/Summer 2008 Prepare Draft General Plan Amendment/ Draft EIR	Fall 2008 Public Review Period	Winter 2008 Final General Plan Amendment and EIR, Agency Approval
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Planning the future of the Mill Creek Watershed Addition to Del Norte Redwoods State Park is a shared responsibility. Your participation will help us ensure that the General Plan Amendment is founded on the best possible information and will



take the ideas and desires of the community into consideration. We hope you will take some time to become involved in this exciting and worthwhile effort.

The General Plan Amendment Process

The development of the General Plan Amendment will include documentation of existing conditions and the development of alternatives for future management. Along with the General Plan Amendment we will prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) analyzing the potential impacts of future management actions on the environment. The planning process will include an extensive public outreach component, during which we will seek community and agency input on an ongoing basis. If you have knowledge of the park's unique resources or concerns about their protection, please let us know. We hope to hear from you. A series



of public workshops will be held in the community during development of the General Plan Amendment. A preliminary timeline for the planning process is provided in this newsletter.

How Can You Get Involved and Stay Connected?

There are several easy ways for you to participate:

Get on the mailing list: Throughout the planning process we will publish a series of newsletters informing you of ongoing work, alternatives being considered in the General Plan Amendment, and general progress of the planning process. If you did not receive this newsletter by mail, please contact Bruce Lynn, Sector Superintendent at the address provided in this Newsletter and ask to be put on the mailing list.

Visit our website: Information pertaining to the planning process can be accessed at the following link: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=24651

Attend the public planning workshops: We will host a series of public workshops during the development of the General Plan Amendment. The first public workshop and scoping meeting for the EIR will be held on:

**October 4, 2007 from
6:00 to 8:00 pm.**

at the

**Large Elk Valley Community Center
2332 Howland Hill Road
Crescent City, CA 95531**

During this workshop we will be seeking input from you or your agency or organization early in the planning process. The workshop will provide a forum to discuss ideas, identify concerns, and get suggestions for park management and enhancement early in the planning process. Future workshops will discuss planning alternatives and present the final plan to the public.

Please join us!

