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In order to incorporate your comments into the Final General Plan, we must receive them by August 7, 2006. Please take a moment now and send them to:

**California Department of Parks Recreation  
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Sacramento, CA 95814  
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## CONTACT US!

Do you have questions or comments about the General Plan process? Please contact:

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# Sinkyone Wilderness State Park GENERAL PLAN

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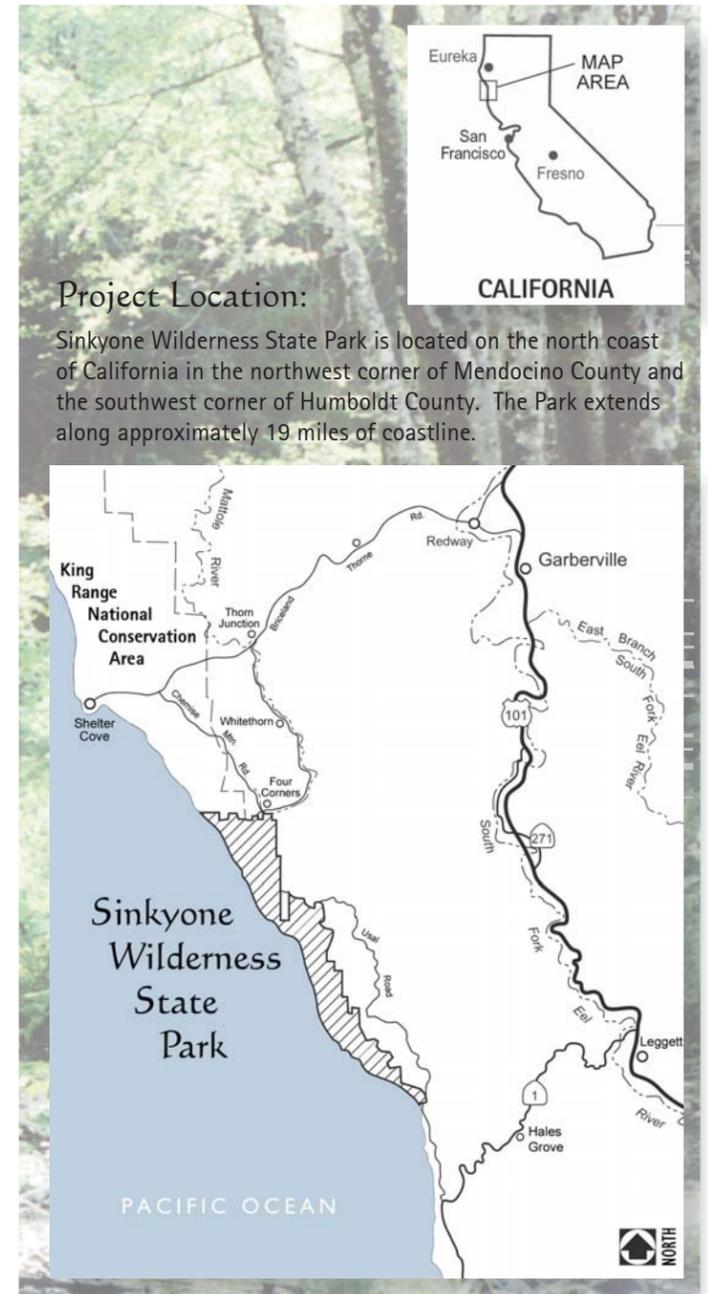
## NOW AVAILABLE:

## PRELIMINARY GENERAL PLAN AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT!

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is delighted to announce the release of the Preliminary General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. This milestone is the result of a combined effort of the public and the Department in a planning process that has been underway since the fall of 2002. We are seeking public comments on this preliminary General Plan/Draft EIR document by August 7, 2006, so they may be incorporated before we prepare the final document.

The project consists of the proposed approval of a General Plan for Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. The General Plan will guide future management and stewardship of the Park over the next 20 years. Upon approval of the Plan, large portions of the Park will be designated as state wilderness (approximately 7,100 acres).

The General Plan contains comprehensive and integrated sets of park-wide and area-specific goals and guidelines for the long-term management of the Park. The goals and guidelines focus on the protection of sensitive resources, improvements to administration and operations, and balancing visitor needs with the unique wilderness character of the Park. Specific management areas are identified in the plan, encompassing the entire Park and providing general direction tailored to the particular environmental resource characteristics of each zone. The Wilderness and Non-Wilderness areas provide high-quality park experiences for visitors while enhancing and preserving features that make the Park a unique destination. A number of improvements are identified in the General Plan's goals and guidelines.



## Project Location:

Sinkyone Wilderness State Park is located on the north coast of California in the northwest corner of Mendocino County and the southwest corner of Humboldt County. The Park extends along approximately 19 miles of coastline.

The Draft EIR provides a program-level analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the General Plan. No significant environmental impacts are expected to occur as a result of the proposed project.

We encourage you to review the document and submit your comments by August 7, 2006. Please see inside for places to review the Preliminary General Plan.

## DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

The Vision Statement provides a guiding image of what the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park should be like after the implementation of the General Plan. The draft Vision Statement, incorporates the ideas and input provided by the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park community below:

*Sinkyone Wilderness State Park is endowed with outstanding biological resource values because of the mosaic of natural communities present in the park, including old-growth redwood, Douglas-fir forest, tan-oak forest, coastal prairie and scrub, riparian woodland and forest, coastal streams, and tidal habitats. These diverse communities will provide habitat for a large variety of common and special-status native plant, wildlife, and fish species.*



*The State protects the Park's important cultural resources and historic sites. Interpretive programs of prehistoric sites will be developed in cooperation with the local native people.*

*Primary interpretation of the natural and cultural resources of the Park will be provided by front-country facilities, such as visitor center(s) or information kiosks. Interpretive information will also be available through the internet, publications, and other offsite programs. Any interpretive elements will be consistent with the wilderness character of the Park. Interpretive programs for local school groups and other stakeholder groups will be provided, as needed.*

*Large portions of the Park will be designated as wilderness and will be closed to mechanized equipment and only accessible by means compatible with a wilderness designation. Roads and developed facilities will be few, and those present in the Park will be well maintained and in harmony with the natural surroundings. Visitors seeking a wilderness encounter will enjoy a high-quality experience and will be able to camp at remote locations and hike along*

*trails with many scenic views of the coast line. Opportunities for solitude and quiet reflection will be abundant. If necessary, the number of visitors in the Park may be limited to protect the integrity of the wilderness.*

*Resource management practices applied in the Park will be tailored to promote, maintain and, where feasible, restore the wilderness character of the Park. Management decisions will be guided by the evolving needs of the Park and by the best available scientific and technical knowledge.*

*The Park will protect a large stretch of California's "Lost Coast" and will serve as an important link to other adjacent, publicly accessible properties. These areas will be managed with local community and stakeholders through open communication on important issues such as natural and cultural resource management, fire safety, elk management, public access, and others as they arise.*

*Public and administrative access to the Park and its periphery will be provided by a limited number of safe, well-maintained roads and trails and this access will be maintained in a manner that is consistent with the protection of the Park's unique resources.*



## WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

The Preliminary General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report is available for your review at the following locations.

Electronically on the internet at:

[www.parks.ca.gov/generalplans](http://www.parks.ca.gov/generalplans)  
(see back page for instructions)

As hardcopies at:

Needle Rock Visitor Center  
Sinkyone Wilderness State Park  
Briceland Road  
Whitethorn, CA 95589

Standish-Hickey State Recreation Area  
Information Kiosk  
69350 U.S. Hwy. 101, Box #2  
Leggett, CA 95455

Richardson Grove Interpretive Center  
1600 U.S. Highway 101 #8  
Garberville, CA 95542

Humboldt Redwoods Interpretive Association  
Visitor Center  
17121 Avenue of the Giants  
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Eureka, CA 95501

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Garberville, CA 95542

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## THE GENERAL PLAN PROCESS

### WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

Since the fall of 2002, we have received public input through visioning surveys and four public meetings. We have also compiled data on the existing conditions and issues of Sinkyone Wilderness State Park and the surrounding region. This information provided the basis for the Preliminary General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report.

### WHERE WE ARE NOW

We are seeking your input on the Preliminary General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report. Please take the time to review and comment on this important document. Contact information is on the next page.

### Public Comment Period

The 45-day public comment period for the Draft EIR will begin on June 23, 2006, and end on August 7, 2006, (comment letters must be postmarked by August 7, 2006). An electronic copy of the Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR is posted on the Department's website at:  
[http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\\_id=22578](http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=22578)

### WHERE WE ARE GOING

Your comments on the Preliminary General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report will be reviewed by Department staff and incorporated into the Final General Plan and Environmental Impact Report.

### WHAT IS AN EIR?

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is an informational document prepared per the California Environmental Quality Act, also known as CEQA. An EIR provides detailed information about the effects that a proposed project is likely to have on the environment. It lists ways through which significant effects might be minimized and describes alternatives to the proposed project.