



Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan/Resource Management Plan Update

Public Meeting Community Workshop #2 June 10, 2003, 7:00-9:30pm

Summary Notes

These notes summarize the public comment and input received at the second community workshop on the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan/Resource Management Plan Update. The purpose of the second community workshop was to present the preliminary alternative concepts for the park and to gather public input on these concepts. The alternative concepts presented were preliminary and represented a range of ideas and options for various areas, facilities and uses, and management issues.

Viewing stations were set up to illustrate the alternative concepts and several of these stations included questions that could be answered by workshop participants directly on the displays. The following represents the results of this input. Based on this input, the planning team will evaluate the preliminary alternative concepts in more detail considering only those concepts that have significant public support. This evaluation will allow the planning team to develop a preferred park concept that will provide the basis for the updated General Plan.

Upland Use, Capacity, and Facilities

Camping

1. Should camping facilities and capacity within Folsom Lake SRA be: **[responses]**

- Reduced **[1]**
- Maintained at current levels **[2]**
- Increased minimally (fewer than 100 sites) **[6]**
- Increased significantly (more than 100 sites)? **[6]**

2. If new facilities are provided, what type of camping should be provided?

[Facilities listed in order of priority]

- Environmental -- horse/hike-in
- Environmental -- Bike-in
- Environmental -- Boat-in
- Family
- Group

3. Where should new camping be located? **[responses]**

- Rattlesnake Bar (horse camping) **[11]**
- Peninsula **[5]**
- Wild Goose Flat **[3]**
- Brown's Ravine (RV for events) **[3]**
- Beals Point **[2]**
- Mississippi Bar **[1]**
- Negro Bar **[0]**

4. Which alternative most closely resembles your vision for camping within the SRA? **[responses]**

- Alternative 1 **[13]**
- Alternative 2 **[7]**

Upland Use, Capacity, and Facilities

Day Use

1. Should the number and capacity of day use facilities within Folsom Lake SRA be: **[responses]**

- Reduced **[1]**
- Maintained at current levels **[0]**
- Moderately increased (i.e. focus on enhancement and expansion of existing facilities with only a few new facilities) **[12]**
- Significantly increased (i.e. major expansions to existing facilities and/or add major new facilities)? **[2]**

2. If new facilities are provided, what type of day use facilities should be provided.

[Facilities listed in order of priority]

- Multi-use/training facility
- Toilets
- Drinking Water
- Interpretive facilities (centers, signs/displays)
- Swimming beaches
- Picnic Areas
- Museums
- Group Picnic Areas
- Visitor Centers

3. Which existing facilities should be expanded? **[responses]**

- Brown's Ravine **[16]**
- Peninsula **[5]**
- Rattlesnake Bar **[4]**
- Folsom Point **[3]**
- Granite Bay **[2]**
- Beals Point **[1]**
- Negro Bar **[2]**
- Willow Creek **[1]**

- Lake Overlook [1]
- Horseshoe Bar [1]
- Nimbus Flat [0]

4. Which alternative most closely resembles your vision for day use facilities within the SRA?
[responses]

- Alternative 1 [11]
- Alternative 2 [15]

Aquatic Use, Capacity, and Facilities

1. Should the number and capacity of aquatic facilities within Folsom Lake SRA be: [responses]

- Reduced [0]
- Maintained at current levels [5]
- Moderately increased (i.e. focus on enhancement and expansion of existing facilities with only a few new facilities) [16]
- Significantly increased (i.e. major expansions to existing facilities and/or major new facilities) [3]

2. If new facilities are provided, what type of aquatic facilities should be provided?
[Facilities listed in order of priority]

- Paddling/rowing docks
- Paddling/rowing boathouses
- Multi-use/Training Facility
- Marina
- Floating restrooms
- Launch ramps
- Dry dock storage

3. Which existing facilities should be expanded? [responses]

- Brown's Ravine [20]
- Rattlesnake Bar [3]
- Granite Bay [2]
- Negro Bar [1]
- Horseshoe Bar [1]
- Beals Point [0]
- Folsom Point [0]
- Nimbus Flat [0]
- Willow Creek [0]
- All [1]

4. Which alternative most closely resembles your vision for aquatic facilities within the SRA?
[responses]

- Alternative 1 [20]
- Alternative 2 [9]

Trail Use, Capacity, and Facilities

1. Should trail capacity within Folsom Lake SRA be: **[responses]**
 - Reduced **[0]**
 - Maintained at current levels **[3]**
 - Moderately increased (i.e. focus on enhancement and expansion of existing facilities with only a few new facilities) **[10]**
 - Significantly increased (i.e. major expansions to existing facilities and/or major new facilities) **[13]**
2. If new facilities are provided, what type of trail facilities should be provided. **[Facilities listed in order of priority]**
 - Mountain bike trails
 - Equestrian/pedestrian trails
 - Multi-use trails
 - Drinking Water
 - Signs/information kiosks
 - Trailheads
 - Class I paved bike paths
 - Restrooms
 - Interpretive Trails
3. Which existing trail facilities should be enhanced or expanded? **[As provided by participants]**
 - New horse camp at Rattlesnake Bar
 - New Folsom Lake loop trail
 - Extend Class I paved trail from Beals Point to Granite Bay
 - Mountain Bike use between Folsom Point and Peninsula
 - New trails in Peninsula areas
4. Which alternative most closely resembles your vision for trail facilities within the SRA? **[responses]**
 - Alternative 1 **[9]**
 - Alternative 2 **[23]**

Management Alternatives

Interpretation and Education

1. Should State Parks expand opportunities for interpretation and education in the park? **[responses]**
 - Yes **[19]**
 - No **[1]**
2. What should such programs interpret and educate? **[Programs listed in order of priority]**
 - Physical landscape and views
 - Plant and animal life
 - Gold rush
 - Native peoples
 - Flood control
 - Power generation

3. What type of interpretive and education facilities should be provided?
[Facilities listed in order of priority]

- Interpretive displays and signage
- Self-guided tours/trails
- Visitor center (large, parkwide center)
- Interpretive center (small, resource-specific center)
- Guided tours
- Museum

Public Access and Circulation

1. Should public access to the park be:

- Reduced **[0]**
- Maintained at current levels **[2]**
- Moderately increased (i.e. focus on enhancement and expansion of existing access with only a few new facilities, such as circulation improvements and new trailheads) **[20]**
- Significantly increased (i.e. major expansion of existing access and/or major new access) **[5]**

2. What type of public access should be the focus for enhancement and/or expansion?
[Access type listed in order of priority]

- Pedestrian
- Bicycle
- Equestrian
- Water
- Vehicle
- Multi-use special event parking/staging

3. Where in the park should public access be improved? **[As provided by participants]**

- Brown's Ravine
- Peninsula
- Rattlesnake Bar
- Folsom Point
- Granite Bay
- Beals Point
- Equestrian staging at Granite Bay
- North Fork of the American River
- New York Creek at Salmon Falls Road

Concessions and Special Events

1. Should concessions and special events in the park be: **[responses]**

- Reduced **[1]**
- Maintained at current levels **[2]**
- Moderately increased (i.e. focus on enhancement and expansion of existing concessions and special events with only a few new services and events) **[14]**
- Significantly increased (i.e. major expansion of existing services and events access and/or major new services and events) **[4]**

2. What type of concessions should be the focus for enhancement and/or new development?
[Concession type listed in order of priority]

- Boating lessons/training
- Boating equipment rental (sailboards, kayaks, fishing boats)
- Bicycle rentals
- Equestrian rentals and lessons
- Food and beverage
- Beach equipment rental (chairs/umbrellas, water toys)
- Boat-in restaurant at Observation Point

3. Where in the park should concessions be expanded and/or developed?
[As provided by participants]

- Urban access areas (Granite Bay, Beals Point, Brown's Ravine, Negro Bar)
- Nowhere

4. What type of special events should be the focus for enhancement and/or new development?
[Event type listed in order of priority]

- Rowing competition
- Sailing regatta
- Nature celebration (e.g. SalmonFest)
- Theater/Concert - Outdoor productions including plays and live music
- Holiday celebration (e.g. July 4th)
- Bicycling, running or triathlon competitions
- Adventure sport races
- Fishing events - Bass tournaments, fishing demo days
- Historic/cultural celebration
- Equestrian events
- Boating demo days

Land Acquisition

1. Should State Parks continue to acquire lands to expand Folsom Lake SRA? **[responses]**

- Yes **[26]**
- No **[1]**

2. What should guide the acquisition of lands to expand Folsom Lake SRA? **[Listed in order of priority]**

- Buffer the park from surrounding development
- Protect natural/cultural resources
- Protect visual resources
- Provide additional recreation facilities
- Cost per acre

Off-Road Vehicle Use

1. Should off-road vehicle access at low water be: **[responses]**

- Unlimited (status quo) **[5]**
- Formalized (by providing specific access points where feasible) **[4]**
- Eliminated (by limiting vehicles to roadways/parking areas only)? **[18]**

2. In what recreation areas should formalized access at low water be provided?

- No areas by vehicle **[6]**
- North Granite Bay **[4]**
- Rattlesnake Bar **[1]**
- Beals Point **[1]**
- Old Salmon Falls **[0]**

Other Issues Raised

Several issues were raised by the workshop participants during a brief question and answer period. These issues include:

- Longer hours for access at trailheads
- Provide adequate staff for any new facilities
- Coordinate with State Historic Preservation Office and federal agencies on cultural resources
- Establish noise ordinance for Folsom Lake
- Impact of longer use hours on wildlife in park
- Improve 24-hour ranger dispatch service
- Management of utility lines in the park

Remember that your participation in the General Plan Update process will be important to the creation of a successful, well-considered plan. If you were unable to attend this workshop, please click on the Alternative General Plan Concepts link on the Folsom Lake SRA Webpage to review the alternative concepts and provide input.

Questions or Comments?

Contact Jim Micheaels, State Parks Gold Fields District, at (916) 988-9116 ext. 202, or e-mail the consultant team at folsomlakeplanupdate@sf.wrtdesign.com.

You can also visit the State Parks Website for the latest information on the General Plan Update at http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=22322

