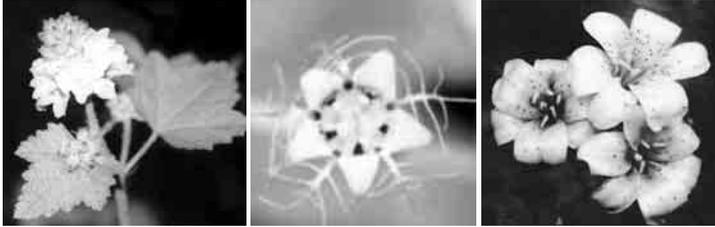


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GENERAL PLAN

February 2003

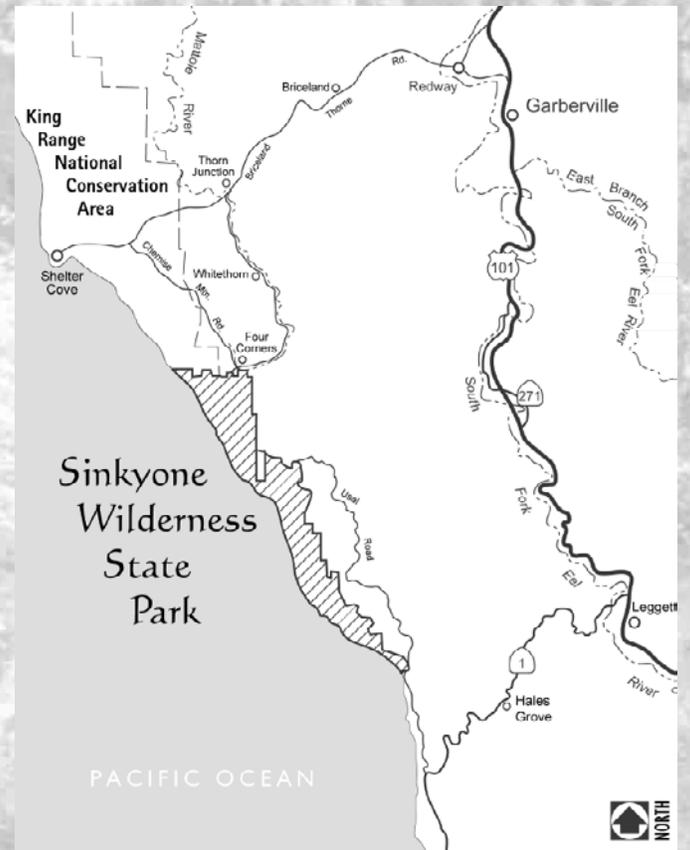
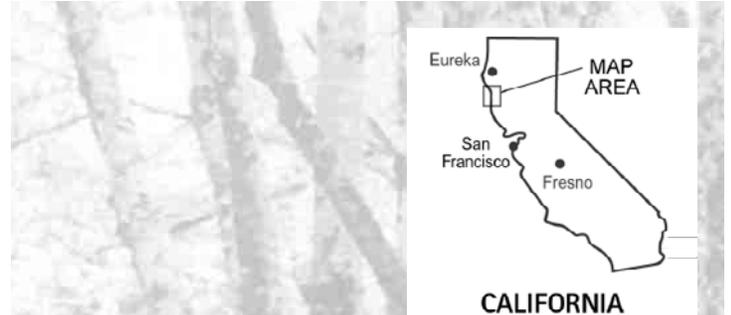


PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Sinkyone Wilderness State Park – A special place to all of us. In order to preserve the beauty of the park, recognize its significance and provide for the long-term sustainability of its unique resources, we need a clear vision for the future. A General Plan will provide this long-term vision, identify desired improvements, and provide the framework for lasting protection of its resources. We want your help in this important planning process. We are looking to you to share your ideas and participate in planning the future of this magnificent park. Please turn to the inside of this newsletter to find out how you can contribute.



"The landscape that is the simplest in form and finest in color is by all odds the most beautiful." — John C. Van Dyke



PUBLIC PLANNING WORKSHOP (and EIR Scoping Meeting)

Wednesday, March 19
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Veterans Memorial Building
483 Conger Street
Garberville, California



PARTNERS IN PLANNING – THE COMMUNITY AND CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

Planning the future for Sinkyone Wilderness State Park is a shared responsibility. The California Department of Parks and Recreation, in close cooperation with you, the park users and stakeholders, is embarking on developing a General Plan that will reflect our mutual interest in the park's future. Your participation will help us to ensure that the General Plan is founded on the best possible information. We hope you will take some time to become involved in this exciting and worthwhile effort.

THE GENERAL PLAN PROCESS

The development of the General Plan will include documentation of existing conditions and the development of alternatives for park management. In conjunction with the General Plan, a programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be produced to analyze the potential impacts of various park management approaches 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 about 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 to provide more information and gather input. A preliminary timeline for the planning process is provided on the back page of 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 plan, and general progress of the planning process. If you did not receive this newsletter by mail, please contact us and ask to be put on the mailing list.

FILL OUT THE SURVEY: The enclosed survey will give us a better idea of your concerns and ideas for the park. Tell us what you like, what's missing, and what we can do better. Give us an idea of what you would like to do and see in the park. Please mail the survey back by April 4, 2003. If you would prefer to fill it out online, please log onto our Web survey link at <http://www.edaw.com/survey/takesurvey.asp?surveyid=60>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: To monitor progress and get updates on the planning effort, visit our website at www.parks.ca.gov. Click on "General Plans" under Related Links.

ATTEND THE PUBLIC PLANNING WORKSHOPS:

We will host a series of three public workshops during the development of the General Plan. The first workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 19 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Veterans Memorial Building in Garberville (see map above). During this workshop we will be seeking input from community members, park visitors, agencies and organizations. The workshop will provide a forum to discuss new ideas, identify concerns, and give suggestions for park management and enhancement early in the planning process. This first workshop will also serve as the "scoping" meeting for the environmental impact report that will be prepared along with the General Plan. At future workshops, we will discuss draft planning alternatives and present the final plan to the public. Please join us!

GIVE US A CALL OR SEND US A NOTE: We'd love to hear from you! Please contact Steve Horvitz, Sector Superintendent, Eel River Sector at (707) 946-2409, ext. 4 or by mail at Eel River Sector, P.O. Box 100, Weott, CA 95571.



TIMELINE OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

FEBRUARY 2003	MARCH 2003	APRIL 2003	SUMMER 2003	FALL/WINTER 2003	JUNE 2004
Notice of Preparation	Public Workshop #1 (EIR scoping meeting); Identify Issues and Concerns, Prepare Existing Conditions Report	Conduct Fieldwork, Develop Alternatives	Draft Plan Preparation, Public Workshop #2	Public Workshop #3 Public Review of Draft General Plan and EIR	Final General Plan and EIR, Agency Approval

Dates are subject to change.

CONTACT US!

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

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