

**THE FOREST OF NISENE MARKS STATE PARK
PRELIMINARY GENERAL PLAN/DRAFT EIR**

PROPOSED STAFF REVISIONS

Based on staff comments on the Preliminary General Plan/Draft EIR, the following text clarifications are recommended. These revisions are being submitted to the State Park and Recreation Commission for consideration and approval, to be part of the approved final General Plan. Bold text has been taken directly from the Preliminary General Plan. The underlined words will be additions to the text; the text showing strikethroughs will be deleted.

In THE PLAN section, page 95, revise the Park Unifying Theme:

The Forest of Nisene Marks State Park is an ever changing, ever healing landscape where natural and human forces converge.

In THE PLAN section, page 95, revise the Primary Themes as follows:

The park contains a rugged, almost inaccessible landscape.

A diversity of landscape, plant, and animal communities are found here.

In THE PLAN section, page 96, revise the Primary Themes as follows:

Replace the theme **A delayed human history** with:

The formidable environment limited human uses.

The most powerful of human forces converged here.

Delete the theme title **A humanized landscape**. Combine the text under this title with the following theme. The complete theme and text will be as follows:

Natural forces prevailed over human uses.

Despite the difficulty of access, ranchers, loggers, oil drillers, developers, and firefighters have left their imprints upon the land. Even the farthest and most inaccessible nooks and crannies were changed by human uses. But time and vegetation have muted those imprints. The landscape eventually prevailed blunting and delaying the forces of

development. In the 1960s it was decided to preserve this landscape for all time, allowing the people of California to acquire and preserve the property as a State Park. The story the land can teach us is one of hope and optimism. The land can and will heal and it is wondrous to watch.

The landscape continues to remind us that our presence is tenuous and tentative.

In THE PLAN section, page 97, revise the Interpretive Panels as follows:

Hoffman's Historic Site - What occurred at this place that has the remains of many structures?

Loma Prieta Town Site - Why did the town of Loma Prieta develop and what happened here?

Top of the Incline - Describe how loggers moved railroad cars and engines up and down the steep hill.

Bridge Creek - When did logging occur here and what are interesting things to look for?

Hinckley Basin - How did loggers live in such an isolated area?

Walk In Camp - ~~Camping and history information.~~
Camping and historical information about The Forest of Nisene Marks State Park.

In THE PLAN section, page 97, Programs, revise the last paragraph as follows:

Possible future programs could include docents serving as roving interpreters, docents hosting an interpretive station, and docents offering a weekend booth with hands-on activities and information. Special events focusing on living history, geology, or other topics could attract visitors to interpretive activities. Park staff should encourage minority and urban communities to participate in school group programs and public programs. School group programs would be offered on the rich natural and cultural history of the Park and will address park themes and appropriate academic content standards for the grade levels of the students. A variety of programs could be offered to park visitors including nature walks, history programs and forest bike rides. Program

~~presenters will include activities and information that will connect with the diverse learning styles of all visitors. School group programs would be offered on the rich natural and cultural history of the Park.~~

In the ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS section, page 171, Table 10, Summary Overview of Alternatives, revise Alternative B (Preferred Plan), Mountain Bike Use, as follows:

~~Potential addition of shared use on new entrance trail.~~ To be determined by future comprehensive unit trail plan.

In the ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS section, page 171, Table 10, Summary Overview of Alternatives, revise Alternative C, Mountain Bike Use, as follows:

~~Potential addition of shared use on new entrance loop trail and West Ridge Trail.~~ To be determined by future comprehensive unit trail plan.

In the ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS section, page 173, Alternative C, Description of Alternative, first paragraph, delete the last sentence:

~~Two shared use trails, an entrance loop trail and the West Ridge Trail, would be considered in this alternative.~~

In the ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS section, page 173, Alternative C, Potential Impacts and Reasons for Rejection, second paragraph, delete the last sentence.

~~The consideration and development of the two proposed shared use trails would be consistent with all Department policies for shared, or multi-use, trails.~~