

**Redwood Creek Trail & Dias Connector Trail
Environmental Assessment/Initial Study
Newsletter #1 Spring 2015**



Mount Tamalpais State Park
California State Parks
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
National Park Service

California State Parks (CSP) and the National Park Service (NPS) are hosting a project open house and trail walk to discuss two trail projects within the Redwood Creek Watershed. We are seeking public input on these project concepts and invite interested members of the public to join us.

The trail projects include improvements to the existing Redwood Creek Trail and extending the Dias Ridge Trail along a segment of Highway One to connect to the Redwood Creek Trail.

Public Meetings

Project Open House

Mill Valley Community Center
Wednesday, March 18, 2015
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Redwood Creek & Dias Connector Trails Walk

Meet at Golden Gate Dairy/ Stables, 1760 Shoreline Hwy
Saturday, March 21, 2015
10:00 a.m. to Noon
Please park at Muir Beach parking lot; please do not park at the Golden Gate Dairy. See map.

Project Need

The existing alignment of the Redwood Creek Trail contributes fine sediment to the creek, makes trail maintenance difficult, and creates muddy, wet conditions for users. Currently there is no connection from the Dias Ridge Trail to the Redwood Creek Trail and visitors often walk along Highway 1.

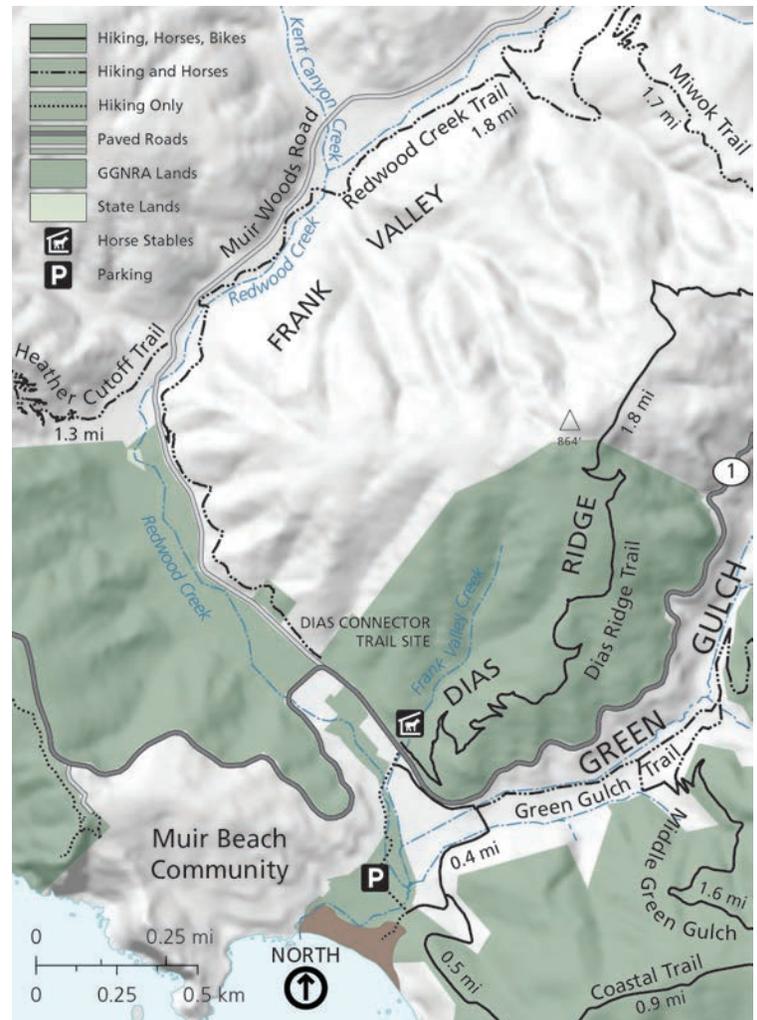
Project Goals

Redwood Creek Trail

- Restore natural drainage and increase trail sustainability
- Protect sensitive riparian habitat and restore habitat at horse fords and creek crossings
- Improve trail conditions and visitor safety
- Provide an opportunity for future floodplain restoration

Dias Connector Trail

- Increase connectivity between Dias Ridge Trail and Redwood Creek Trail
- Improve safety and visitor experience for users along Highway 1



If you are unable to attend the meetings, but would like more information or have questions, please contact:
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Wet conditions along Redwood Creek Trail



Existing horse ford at Redwood Creek



Visitors currently walk/ride along the narrow shoulder of Highway 1

Proposed Project Approach

Redwood Creek Trail

Concepts for meeting the project goals include making improvements to the existing trail, moving a section of the trail out of the Redwood Creek floodplain, and removing existing features such as horse fords, culverts and undersized bridges that negatively impact Redwood Creek. These changes would benefit water quality, reduce erosion, enhance habitat for wildlife in Redwood Creek, and provide a safer trail for pedestrians and equestrians.

Dias Connector Trail

To meet the project goals, the Dias Ridge Trail could be extended parallel to Highway 1 to connect to the Redwood Creek Trail near the intersection with Muir Woods Road. The trail extension would eliminate the safety hazard of pedestrians, bicycles, and equestrians walking and riding along the narrow shoulder of Highway 1.

Planning Process

These trail projects require approval from both a state and federal agency; therefore, compliance with both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is required. As a result, NPS and CSP will be preparing a joint NEPA/CEQA document to evaluate potential environmental effects associated with the Redwood Creek Trail and Dias Connector Trail Projects. The NPS and CSP expect to have a draft EA (NEPA document) and Initial Study (IS, CEQA document) available for public review this summer. The draft EA/IS will be available for public review and comment for 60 days.

Anticipated Project Schedule

- Public Scoping: March, 2015
- Consultant to draft Environmental Assessment/ Initial Study: April-June, 2015
- 60-day public comment period: August-September, 2015
- Public Meeting: Mid-August to mid-September, 2015
- Release of Final EA/IS: December, 2015

Redwood Creek Trail and Dias Connector Trail Project Area

