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Public Hearing on Proposed Addition to Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park on August 7

The California Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a public hearing on proposed acquisition of 27.8 acres of land for Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park in northeastern Shasta County. The hearing will be held at Wild Bill's Restaurant on Main Street (Highway 299 East) in McArthur on Wednesday, August 7, beginning at 7:00 p.m. There is off-street parking at the hearing location. The hearing room and parking lot are accessible to people with disabilities.

The proposal would acquire land located at the north end of Fall River Valley connected to the west side of Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park. Acquisition of the property will allow administrative and potential public access by land to Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park. This has been a goal of the department since the state first acquired the Horr Ranch in 1975. The landscape is gently sloped, rocky land with sparse mixed hardwood-conifer forest with some wetland and grassland. Lava Creek Lodge, a general partnership, owns the property. Once acquired by California State Parks, the property would become part of Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park.

The purpose of the hearing is to record comments from local public officials and the general public on the proposed addition to the park. The department will then submit a summary of the comments to the State Legislature no later than 30 days prior to acquisition approval. The hearing is required by state law (Public Resources Code, Section 5006.1). Comments at the hearing will be directed toward acquisition issues.

California State Parks staff will give a background presentation before opening the hearing for comments. Written comments will be accepted for the record if received no later than August 14, 2002. Written comments should be addressed to Warren Westrup, Chief, Office of Acquisition and Real Property Services, California Department of Parks and Recreation, One Capitol Mall, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814. E-mailed comments should be sent to rwillm@parks.ca.gov

For information about the proposal, please call Roger Willmarth at (916) 445-9099 or check the California State Parks website at www.parks.ca.gov under News and Announcements/News Releases, July 2002.

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