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## Donation Keeps Plumas-Eureka State Park Open

California State Parks today announced that the Plumas-Eureka State Park Association has donated \$70,000 to help cover operational costs and keep the high Sierra park open for the next two years. The association is the non-profit organization established in 1977 to help further the park's interpretive and educational mission.

"We're thankful for the support of the Plumas-Eureka State Park Association," said Scott Elliott, supervising ranger for the park. "With their help and the help of their members we have at least secured the short-term future of this great park."

Plumas-Eureka State Park, located off Highway 89 near Graeagle, is the only state park in Plumas County. The park, which preserves several unique natural and man-made features, has consistently attracted an extremely loyal following among its long-time campers and it has a strongly committed volunteer corps.

"The Plumas-Eureka State Park Association Board is pleased that we could reach an agreement with California State Parks that will keep the park open," said Jay Skutt, President of the park's cooperating association. "We've never wavered in our commitment to do what had to be done to keep this park open."

The park is home to one of the largest remaining stamp mills in the American West, the Mohawk Stamp Mill, which processed millions of dollars in gold. While the mill was still in operation, the miners engaged in ski races in the winter months, making this region the first in the western hemisphere to host competitive ski racing events.

With elevations ranging from 4,500 to almost 7,500 feet, the park is also known for its beauty and abundance of wildlife species. The park reports regular sightings of a variety of wildlife species, including black bear, mink, mountain beaver, goshawks, and bald eagles.

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