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Camping Closed at Portola Redwoods State Park, and Other Service Reductions

This year's drought has dramatically reduced the water level in Peters Creek, the primary source of water for Portola Redwoods State Park. State Parks has been monitoring the conditions of water flow in Peters Creek throughout the summer, and has determined that the creek has dropped to the point where water supplies and availability of potable water are at a precarious level.

The Department is implementing the following curtailments within Portola Redwoods State Park:

- Effective Wednesday August 6th 2014, camping areas will be closed through the remainder of the camping season (including reservation, group, and drop-in sites). Those with reservations will be contacted.
- Open fires will be prohibited.

The Park's day-use areas remain open to the public, though there is no drinking water and flush toilets have been replaced with chemical toilets. We strongly advise visitors to bring their own drinking water.

Park staff is contacting all campers with reservations, advising them the campground is closed. Campers will be offered a full refund.

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