



Workshop Purpose

- To inform the public about the Roads and Trails Change-in-Use Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) effort.

 - To give the public an opportunity to provide written input into the PEIR scoping effort.
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Presentations

- **2:00 pm: Welcome and Overview of Need for Road and Trail Change in Use Program** - Karl Knapp, Road and Trails Manager, California State Parks

 - **2:10 pm: Purpose of Meeting, Agenda Review & Meeting Ground Rules** - Gary Waldron, California State Parks - Facilitator

 - **2:20 pm: Highlights of the Program Environmental Impact Report process and how to comment during the scoping period** - Curtis Alling, Ascent Environmental, Inc., Project Leader
 - Background & Overview of the Program EIR Process
 - Overview of CEQA topics
 - How to Comment on topics presented for analysis in the PEIR
 - Summary of Next Steps
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Meeting Ground Rules

- ❑ This is a public workshop today, not a formal hearing; California State Parks is not recording oral comments or public testimony.
 - ❑ If you want your comments addressed in the PEIR, please submit them **in writing**.
 - ❑ Please submit questions to staff at the various stations. We will try to answer questions at the stations.
 - ❑ Be respectful of each others' points of view and honor our time together by helping to keep the meeting moving forward positively.
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Meeting Ground Rules

- ❑ Please refrain from side conversations which may be a distraction to fellow attendees and the presenters.

 - ❑ Turn cell phone to "silence" mode.
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Standard Project Requirements

- Measures designed to protect resources and avoid impacts to the environment from the effects of construction and maintenance activities

 - Incorporated into the Program Description in the PEIR

 - Included as elements of the program when the PEIR is evaluated for potential adverse effects
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Topics To Be Scoped

- Range of actions to be addressed in the PEIR
 - Possible alternatives
 - Assessment methods
 - Potential environmental effects
 - Mitigation measures
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ESTIMATED PEIR TIMELINE

- **SCOPING PERIOD ENDS**
 - November 30, 2010
- **PUBLIC REVIEW OF DRAFT PEIR**
 - Late Summer/Early Fall 2011
- **FINAL PROGRAM EIR**
 - Fall 2011
- **FILE NOTICE OF DETERMINATION AND CEQA FINDINGS**
 - Late Fall 2011



POTENTIAL EFFECTS - BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Plants & Plant Communities

- .Damage to sensitive/rare plant species.
- .Increase in weeds/exotics along trails.
- .Decrease in size of native plant populations.
- .Loss of native plant habitat/decrease in habitat quality.
- .Removal of established/mature trees.
- .Soil compaction, reduced water infiltration, increased water runoff, and increased erosion.

Wildlife

- .Disruption of breeding activities of sensitive species.
- .Injury or death of wildlife.
- .Increase in incidents of predation.
- .Reduction and fragmentation of habitat.
- .Disruption of wildlife movement and/or dispersal.
- .Decrease in biodiversity, increase in non-native wildlife species/changes in species composition.

Aquatic Organisms

- .Increase in erosion and sediment runoff into waterways.
- .Changes in water quality, turbidity, and temperature.
- .Disruption of breeding activities of aquatic organisms.
- .Injury and/or death of aquatic organisms.
- .Illegal dumping/introduction of exotic species.

General Effects

- .Increase in incidents of wildland fires.
 - .Illegal collection of wildlife/plants.
 - .Increase in littering and/or vandalism.
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POTENTIAL EFFECTS - *Geophysical Resources*

Geology, Soils and Erosion

- . Cut and fill for construction.
- . Increase or decrease in soil erosion rates.
- . Improve or diminish slope stability.
- . Need for retaining walls, fill slope, or rip rap.
- . Sand dune or beach sand movement effects.
- . Paleontological resource effects.

Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases

- . Construction air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions.
- . Emissions from recreation user trips.
- . Dust/particulate generation from trail use.
- . Potential for contribution to cumulative greenhouse gas levels.

Hydrology, Water Quality, and Sedimentation

- . Changes in drainage patterns or runoff rates.
- . Increase or decrease in sedimentation of waterways.
- . Changes in turbidity and other water quality pollutants.
- . Disruption of streams during construction (by crossings).
- . Potential for stream bank erosion.

Energy Resources

- . Energy use during construction.
 - . Energy use from recreation user trips.
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POTENTIAL EFFECTS - *Recreation and Land Use*

Recreation Use

- Changes in accessibility of trails.
- Changes in types of trail users.
- Changes in number of recreation users.
- Potential for trail conflicts or safety issues.
- Effects to quality of user experience.

Aesthetics and Scenic Effects

- Landscape disturbance by construction.
- Visibility of trails and structures (e.g., retaining walls, stream crossings).
- Effects to vistas or views.
- Damage to scenic resources or features.

Other Land Use-Related Effects

- Public Services and emergency response.
- Hazardous materials.
- Exposure to fire or flood hazard.
- Land use permits required (e.g., coastal permit, use permit, encroachment permit).

Transportation and Traffic

- Construction traffic.
- Recreation use traffic.
- Changes in parking and trail head needs.
- Traffic safety.

Noise

- Noise during construction.
- Noise from recreation user trips.
- Trail use noise.

General Plan Policies

- Trail designation in Park Unit General Plan.
 - Natural and cultural resources protection policies and directives.
 - Recreation use policies.
 - Consistency with Park Unit General Plan.
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