Point Mugu – Thornhill Broome Beach Campground

California State Park's top priority is public safety, and we've taken the necessary steps to reopen Thornhill Broome Campground at Point Mugu State Park after storm damage caused the campground closure. There have been questions regarding the closure and reopening of the campground. To best assist you, you will find responses to these frequent questions below.

Why was the Thornhill Broome Beach Campground closed?

During the recent storm surge and high tides, Thornhill Broome experienced severe damage to the campground, beach, road and turnaround. This declared State and Federal emergency event removed several campsites, made access to the southern gate emergency exit impassable, eliminated the southern turnaround, severely damaged the northern turnaround and made several restrooms unsafe for use.

Is the 31' maximum RV and truck/trailer combined length a new rule?

This rule has always been in place, but it is now being strictly enforced for public safety. Because the turnaround lost several feet of road, it currently does not allow for vehicles to turn around safely, and backing all the way out is unsafe.

Why not change the current road to one way and/or use the emergency exit as the full-time exit?

Unfortunately, the road no longer reaches this emergency exit. Additionally, the emergency exit is for emergency use only. It is not intended for regular use as it is unsafe without public safety support. The exit does not provide an acceleration lane for use as an exit or a deacceleration lane for an entrance. State Parks is looking at the possibility of adding an acceleration lane. Some challenges would be the permitting from multiple agencies, including the Coastal Commission and Cal Trans. Any prospect that would require the alteration of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) would require extensive assistance from Cal Trans for both permitting and construction.

Why not move the entrance to the south emergency gate?

This would require erecting a new entrance kiosk and additional extensive permitting. If current tidal concerns continue, the kiosk would be lost to the rising tidal influence. This would also require Coastal Commission and Cal Trans permitting and assistance in

establishing a deacceleration lane into the park. In addition to the southern turnaround being washed away, the entrance turnaround is now being compromised.

What is the future plans for Thornhill Broome Beach Campground?

Though many possibilities are being explored for returning the campground to its previous state, rising sea levels and projected models showing the area with regular storm inundation, makes permitting for further improvements a greater challenge.Please see the photos below to show the continual rising of the mean high tide line.

We would love to help repair Thornhill Broome Beach Campground.

State Parks appreciates the offers to volunteer to repair the campground. However, any repairs to the campground involve permitting and viability. In addition, the repairs would require specialized skills. The actual repairs, if permitted, would either be performed by State Parks staff or contracted out in accordance with the State Contracting Manual. If you would like to volunteer for the Angeles District, visit here.

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Photo # 1 North Turnaround

Photo # 2 South Turnaround and Emegancy Exit

Photo # 3 South Turnaround and Emergancy Exit

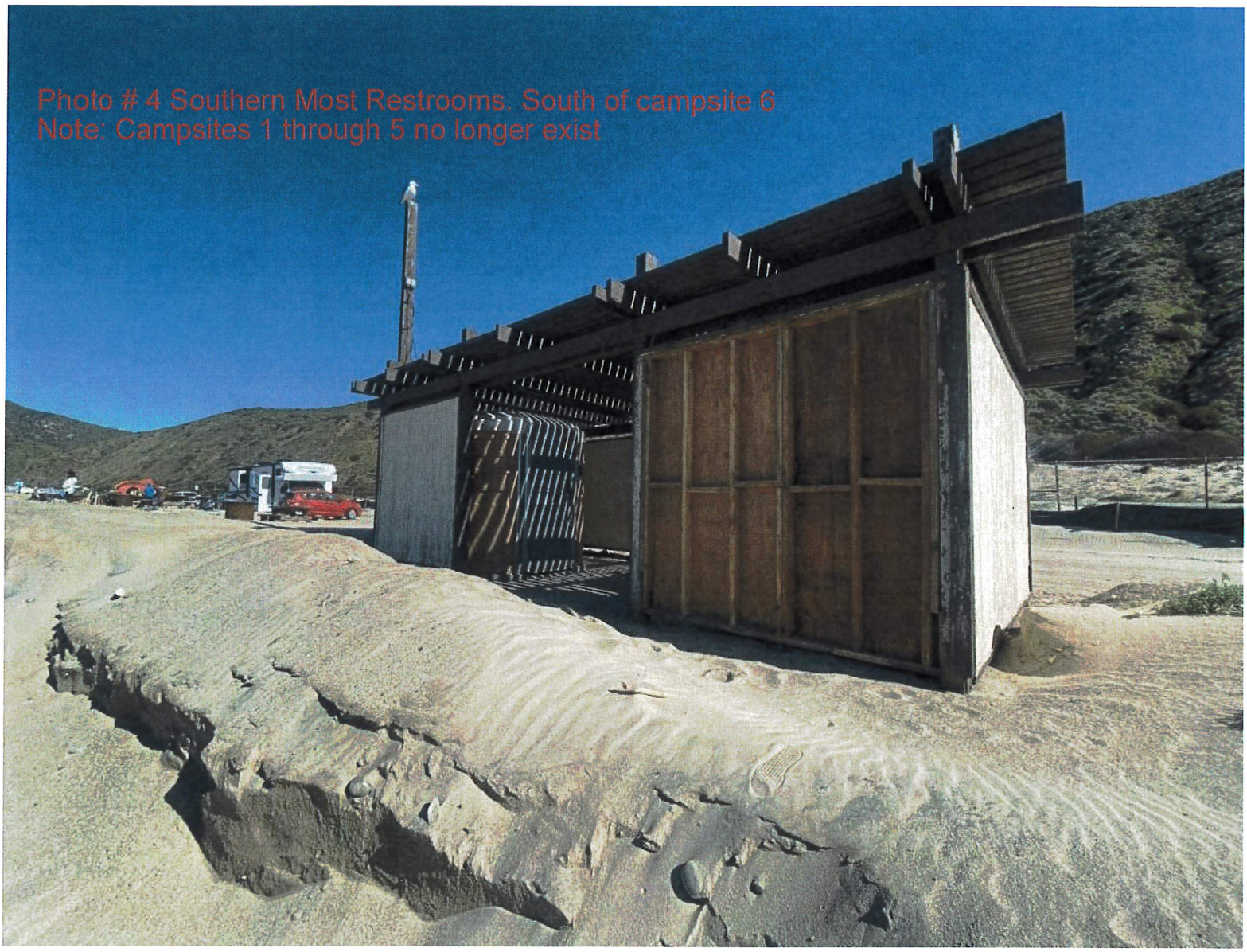
Photo # 4 Southern Most Restrooms. South of campsite 6
Note: Campsites 1 through 5 no longer exist

Thornhill Broome 9/2007
Northe west section with building and access road
Legend
La Jolla Beach
La Jolla Canyon
E Pacific Coast Hwy
1
Sites 67 and 68
lost around 2010
La Jolla Beach
Area currently unavailable to changing tide level
Road and parking area washed out
Around 2010
Google Earth
Image U.S. Geological Survey
400 ft
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Thornhill Broome 12/2003
South East section with A-H Tent sites
Legend
La Jolla Beach
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A-H Tent Campsites Lost 2005
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Google Earth
Image U.S. Geological Survey