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Auburn State Recreation Area to step up Enforcement of Dog Regulations in the Canyons

Beginning this month, California State Park Rangers will be conducting spot patrols and enforcement of dog regulations on roads and trails within the Auburn State Recreation Area, State Park Superintendent Jay Galloway announced today. The increased patrols are being prompted by California State Parks' concerns about the recent two attacks by dogs on horses within the canyons of the American River.

The focused enforcement of dog regulations will occur in areas and on trails where complaints about dogs off leash have been numerous. The spot enforcement effort will continue throughout the month of May and periodically during the summer season as staffing permits. Rangers will be contacting dog owners in violation of the leash law and writing citations when necessary. The times, dates, and locations of these spot enforcement periods will not be announced by State Parks.

Due to recent transfers and other factors, the ranger staff of Auburn State Recreation Area has been reduced by nearly half and will not likely be back to full staff until after the summer season. To keep the increased enforcement program going Auburn SRA will request rangers from other State Parks in the area to assist.

Galloway said that dog owners can assist State Park Rangers by voluntarily complying with the leash law within the recreation area. Otherwise citations will be issued.

State Park Rangers have become increasingly concerned in light of the most recent attack on a horse by a pit bull which occurred on private property near Upper Lake Clementine. State Parks units were the first on the scene and coordinated assistance from Placer County Sheriff and Placer County Animal Control in catching up with the owner of the dog involved in the recent attack and the containment of the dog. State Parks continues to work with Placer County Animal Control and the Placer County DA's office in the investigation of this incident and the previous incident along the Foresthill Divide.

For additional information contact park office at Auburn State Recreation, Gold Fields District at (530) 885-4527.

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