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## Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park to Reopen

Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park will reopen for limited weekend-only operations starting Friday, July 20, 2012. This beautiful park, located in Nevada County, preserves the world's largest hydraulic mine dating back to 1852. It has been closed to daily operations since November 2011 due to budget cutbacks.

Operational costs will be covered initially thanks to money in the recently signed state budget. A donor agreement with the Malakoff Diggins Park Association, the Olmsted Park Fund, South Yuba River Citizens League and other parties is in the works and is expected to be finalized soon that will ensure the park remains open on a limited basis through next year.

. "Although the available funding doesn't allow for a weekly operation," stated Sierra District Superintendent Marilyn Linkem. "It does allow us to offer services throughout the summer on weekends."

The park museum and historic buildings will be open to the public Friday through Sunday for talks, tours, and gift shop sales. Three popular "miner's cabins," will be available for rent through Reserve America into early fall and again next spring. The campground, however, will remain closed until further funding becomes available. All park facilities and operations will close for the winter on Sunday, September 30, 2012, and will re-open May 1, 2013.

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