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Fee-Based Parking Implemented to Help Keep South Yuba River State Park Open

California State Parks announced today the implementation of fee-based parking at the Bridgeport Historic Area of South Yuba River State Park. This program will begin on Monday, May 1, 2012, and will apply to all vehicles parking in the two parking lots.

This past February, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, with support from the South Yuba River Citizens League and others, gave unanimous support to a State Parks' Revenue Generation Parking Plan to help remove the park from the statewide closure list. The plan called for the installation of "No Parking" signs along the county road fronting the park. The signs will cause people to park within the fee area parking lots, thereby generating revenue critical to the effort to keep the park open during this time of significant State Parks' budget reductions and park closures.

"We are charging a parking fee at this state park for the first time," said Supervising Ranger Don Schmidt, "so we don't know how much revenue this will generate. For that reason," added Schmidt, "we see this as a good start toward finding a more sustainable funding source for achieving full operation of this park. We will need everyone's help and support in order to make this happen."

As approved, parking along Pleasant Valley Road will be restricted for approximately ½ mile through the historic river corridor. Two parking lots will be available for vehicles for \$5 per vehicle. The current California State Park passes and discounts will apply.

Visitors to the area need to be aware that free parking will no longer be available along Pleasant Valley Road near the river as it has in the past. Everyone coming to the Bridgeport area should plan in advance for the new fee. All vehicles will be subject to the parking fee, and citations will be issued for non-payment.

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