September 7, 2001

California Recreational Trails Plan
Public Review Period Begins

The *California Recreational Trails Plan* is available for public review and comment. Written comments, either by U.S. Mail or e-mail, must be received (or post marked) by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Statewide Trails Office, by October 24, 2001. A copy of the plan is available on the Department's website: parks.ca.gov.

The California Recreational Trails Plan was originally mandated by the Legislature in 1974. This draft update is a compilation of several years of work by numerous individuals and committees that, in addition to DPR staff, included non-DPR representatives from trails organizations.

The plan follows the current philosophy of the Department's general plan efforts, which is to create a planning document that provides a long-range vision, backed by goals and more general action/guidelines for attaining those goals. This trails plan is designed to allow the Department's Trails Office flexibility in attaining the overall vision, not only for its trails-related efforts on behalf of State Parks, but also for its position of leadership in trails programs throughout the state.

The Governor's appointed Recreational Trails Committee will be reviewing this draft plan. The Committee will hold a public meeting on September 7, 2001, during the Department-sponsored California Trails and Greenways Conference where the document will be released to the public and an initial discussion of the plan will occur.

It is anticipated that at the first Recreational Trails Committee public meeting to be held following the close of the public comment period, the committee will address requests for changes and make final recommendations regarding the plan to the Director for his action.

Comments should be mailed to the Department's Statewide Trails Office or e-mailed to me at: kmcko@parks.ca.gov .

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