



Big Basin Briefing #13: September 2022

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MAKING BIG BASIN SAFE FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE

- ❑ California Conservation Corps, Big Basin Volunteer Trail, and District Trail Crew continue to remove hazards and make repairs on segments of Skyline to the Sea Trail (Gazos Creek Bridge to North Escape Road) and Sunset Trail (Dool Trail to Middle Ridge Fire Road).
- ❑ Continued dialogue with representatives from CALFIRE on emergency response in the backcountry spaces of Big Basin, along with landing zone establishment, water source allocations for fire suppression and evacuation considerations.
- ❑ Continued vegetation management along fire roads and other access points.
- ❑ The interpretive center and staging area is scheduled to be closed on Tuesdays through Fall and Winter



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- ❑ Completed tours with Park Management students, discussion on project work, career opportunities and Big Basin re-imagining.
- ❑ Completed tour with Save the Redwoods League and donors involved with fire recovery projects.



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- ❑ In partnership with Mountain Parks Foundation, we are working with an artist to design an art piece to be displayed in the staging area.
- ❑ A new Senior Park Aide with a background in broadcasting is joining the Big Basin interpretation team.
- ❑ A full-time K-12 Access Interpreter has joined the Big Basin interpretation team and will be designing virtual programming for the park.

LONG TERM PARK PLANNING

- ❑ District staff provided some comments and suggested revisions for the internal draft Big Basin Cornerstone Document.
- ❑ Planning and Facilities staff met with PG&E about the process for designing underground restoration of electrical service throughout park areas.
- ❑ Transportation consultants have collected and summarized four days of detailed visitation data at HQ to help guide future shuttle scenario development.
- ❑ Bids on work for grading and installing interim maintenance facilities and drainage improvements at Saddle were received from contractors.
- ❑ Parks California has selected a consultant for a Visitor Use Management study at Big Basin and will work to set up a contract to initiate the study.
- ❑ We have begun working on the scope for a contract to prepare the first prescribed burn following the CZU fire, as well as address hazard trees on upper North Escape Rd. Currently we are looking at fall of 2023 for ignitions.

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