



Big Basin Briefing #14: October 2022

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MAKING BIG BASIN SAFE FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE



Foot Bridge - Skyline to the Sea trail

- ❑ California Conservation Corps, Big Basin Volunteer Trail Crew 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), Sunset trail (Dool Trail to Middle Ridge Road) and Meteor Trail.
- ❑ District Roads Crew has wrapped up repairs and culvert installations to Gazos Creek road for the winter.
- ❑ Visitor services is developing prescriptions for weather related closures dependent on wind, rain, and heat event thresholds.
- ❑ Natural Resources has met with multiple contractors to discuss preparing control lines for a future prescribed burn. We are also working with roads and trails to develop a burn plan for piles that have been created while clearing trails.
- ❑ A contract was award for interim improvements at Saddle Mountain and work will begin as soon as possible. This contract will develop interim maintenance facilities essential to ongoing park operations.

LEARN ABOUT BIG BASIN'S RECOVERY

- ❑ Two new seasonal staff have joined the Big Basin team and will allow our interpretation team to fully staff the interim interpretive center 7 days a week.
- ❑ Our Fall Newsletter was distributed in the last week of October. [Click here](#) to read the newsletter and subscribe to the Reimagining Big Basin email list.
- ❑ District Staff is working with West Valley College parks management program facilitating student project work and class tours.
- ❑ Parks California led a two-day bike ride from Candlestick Park to Big Basin. [Watch the video](#)



LONG TERM PARK PLANNING

- ❑ In collaboration with district staff, Parks California is initiating a contract with Oregon State University to conduct a Visitor Use Management study to be completed by the end of 2023.
- ❑ District Staff have continued to develop and refine the scope for a Facilities Management Plan that will outline redevelopment at specific site-planning level.
- ❑ Planning is working with PG&E coordinating power restoration to prior park facilities.
- ❑ Staff have begun working on the scope for a Hydrologic Restoration Study that will inform redevelopment strategies.

BUTANO FIRE RECOVERY

- ❑ Cesar Chavez Environmental Corps, Butano Volunteer Trail Crew, and District Trail Crew have finished repairs and Doe Ridge Trail and it opened to public access in October. Lumber for the planked walkways was milled from a redwood tree that fell during the fire.
- ❑ Butano Crews have now shifted efforts to working on the Candelabra Trail with the goal of finishing by late December.



Crew Reconstructing Trail



Finished Planked Walkway

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