



BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK Facilities Management Plan

What is the BBFMP?

The Big Basin Facilities Management Plan (BBFMP) will assess site opportunities, constraints, environmental considerations, and visitor experiences to plan for new facilities that restore access to the park following the 2020 CZU Fire. The document will provide recommendations for proposed facilities and helps streamline final design and environmental review. The BBFMP will be used by California State Parks management, staff, and park partners. It will include technical studies (utilities, engineering considerations, architectural concepts, natural and cultural resources protection, climate resilience, energy systems, etc.) alongside a set of goals that are consistent with the Big Basin Redwoods State Park General Plan (2013), the Reimagining Big Basin Vision Summary (2022), and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

WHY IS THE PLAN NEEDED?

The CZU Fire in 2020 burned 97% of Big Basin Redwoods State Park. It was a transformative event for Big Basin, and the loss of almost all historic facilities prompted the need to revisit the vision for the future of the park. This created an opportunity to build greater resilience and inclusion into the park's design.

The BBFMP will follow the Guiding Principles established in the Reimagining Big Basin Vision



Prioritize Forest Health



Include Indigenous Perspective



Provide Equitable, Diverse, and Evocative Visitor Experiences



Foster Landscape Connectivity



Diversify Transportation and Access Opportunities



Design with Reverence and Resilience



Practice Land Stewardship



Engage the Park Community and Build Partnerships

What will be included in the BBFMP?

The BBFMP will include general site plans for park facilities and restoration areas. This will include layout and size of structures, camping, day use and parking, and developed facilities, utilities, and road access in these locations:

- **Saddle Mountain** Welcome Area and surrounding properties (including properties owned by Sempervirens Fund)
- **Former Headquarters**, Redwood Loop Trail, North Escape Road, and Gazos Picnic areas
- **Lower and Upper Sky Meadow** and former maintenance yard
- **Upper Lodge Road**
- **Campgrounds:** Jay Camp, Blooms Creek, Sempervirens, Sequoia, Huckleberry, and Wastahi
- **Little Basin**

The BBFMP will NOT include:

- **Trail planning** or changes or additions to pre-fire trail network, backcountry camping and additional trailheads in other parts of the park (to be planned in a future Roads and Trails Management Plan)
- **Forest management** and natural resource stewardship projects (being planned through the Forest Management Strategy)
- **Plans for Waddell Beach and Rancho del Oso**
- **Detailed designs of buildings and facilities** (buildable plans will be developed after the BBFMP and CEQA doc are complete).

KEY AREAS to be addressed in BBFMP

