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REGION 3 TO HOST MINI GEC AND BOARD MEETING Donner Memorial State Park

Region 3 invites all members to the September 16th and 17th Board of Directors meeting and Mini GEC at Donner Memorial State Park. The weekend will focus on the future of Tahoe and our Tahoe State Parks.

Besides the regular meeting, a guest speaker from the U.S. Forest Service Tahoe Management Unit will **OK** and answer questions on federal planning for the Lake Tahoe area. We may also have a speaker, or at least the information, on Resource Secretary Huey Johnson's "National Scenic **OK**" plan.

The guest speaker(s) will be followed by an all-you-can-eat spaghetti feed including salad and french bread (BYOB). Dinner should be early enough to allow for personal socializing or to catch a late show in Reno or Tahoe.

Sunday morning's schedule will conclude the Board of Directors meeting. See the schedule of events for approximate times.

We would like everyone who plans or hopes to attend to fill out the enclosed mailer, so we can get an idea of how much to cook, etc.

Besides CSPRA business, there is the incomparable Tahoe, the call of Nevada style fun (losing money to the casinos) and big name entertainment.

BULLETIN

President Verardo had a meeting with Director Cabill just prior to publication of this Reporter issue. Input on CSPRA's views on training, park land give-aways, re-organization, weapons, and interpretation was received by the Director. More details of the meeting will be given to the Board of Directors at their September meeting. The Director was open and responsive to CSPRA's concerns and input. Verardo noted it is a pleasure to talk with a Director who keeps a close personal contact with field concerns.

DEPARTMENT DROPS INTAKE AREA TRAINING CONCEPT

Calling Intake Areas an unneeded luxury, the Department of Parks and Recreation has decided to phase them out when Trainee Group S graduates in April 1979. Instead, Director Cabill has approved hiring into vacant position locations.

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We will have a selection of promotional gaming material and freebies for those who are interested.

Hope to see you there!

Mike Lyncch, Director Region 3
Steve Moore, Alternate Director
Region 3



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Denzil R. Verardo, President

PRESIDENT'S MAILBOX

Following are excerpts from recent communications between CSP RA President Verardo and Director Cahill.

Verardo:

Several C.S.P.R.A. items for your attention came up at our June 4 & 5, 1978 Board of Director's meeting.

The first concerns our "enforcement profile". For a period of time a high visibility swivel holster was issued to Rangers. It projects the image of what we have been trying to avoid - - the swaggering "sheriff" in the worst use of the term. C.S.P.R.A. requests all such holsters be replaced with the high ride holster currently in use.

Cahill:

The swivel holster that was originally issued to Rangers is being phased out. This equipment is being replaced with a low profile, high ride holster.

Verardo:

The Railroad Museum as a topic came up at the meeting, also. We hope rangers will be doing the public interpretation at the museum and not

the interpreter class. The Interpreter I is higher paid than the Ranger I and no more qualified to perform the interpretive duties at the museum. I realize this is perhaps a pre-mature suggestion, but we feel strongly about interpretation as a major ranger function.

Cahill:

The formal interpretive program at the Railroad Museum will be conducted primarily by Historical Guides and Docents under the direction and program supervision of an Interpretive Specialist. The Ranger staff will have general interpretive responsibilities as they do in most units.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The inevitable has occurred. As of October 1978, management of Jed Smith, Del Norte, and Prairie Creek Redwoods State Parks will pass to the National Parks Service. The NPS has gained in stature; the State Park System has diminished. It is difficult to argue that a single governmental agency should not run the area. It is also difficult, if not impossible, to dispute the "National" significance of the Redwoods. And, when compared with the DPR, the NPS has virtual unlimited financial resources to sink into the area. Therefore, rather than disputing an unalterable decision, I will instead discuss some ideas concerning park land transfers which I feel should be aired.

First, it is pathetic that the employees in the affected areas had to learn about the transfer in the local newspapers rather than through official channels. It is that lack of sensitivity which gives "bureaucracy" a native connotation.

Secondly, it is equally sad that the reason given by the State to the media for the turnover was monetary savings necessitated by Prop 13 - that is blatantly false. With all of the real reasons given during the past few years for the Redwoods to be turned over to the NPS, the politicians instead conveniently used Proposition 13. It seems that Prop 13 is now the excuse for every governmental action taken. It is easier to blame an initiative than it is to face the realities of the situation and their consequences. There is no doubt in my mind that the northern Redwood State Parks would have been transferred even if there had been no Jarvis-Gann Initiative.

Finally, I have said in two pre-

vious Reporter articles, that the Director and equivalent NPS officials should assess exactly which lands in California should be National Park and which should be State Park. The first time this suggestion was made was when we "lost" Historic Ships, Stinson Beach and Marin Headlands State Park. The second time warned that the Redwoods and Santa Monica Mountains would be next. Regardless of promises, the next time, and there will be a next time if long-term assessment does not take place, the California State Park system may be relegated to a second-rate stature. The State Park system has enough parks which could be deemed "of national significance" that there will be a constant threat of dismemberment. Ultimately, the California taxpayers may again revolt when they discover that they are being asked to purchase and develop park lands, at considerable expense, and then to turn the "burden of management" over to the Federal government.

There is no need for a give-away. The NPS has parks such as Lassen, Pinnacles and Muir Woods that are certainly no longer of "national" significance. Let the State manage these units. In the future, only with exchanges rather than give-aways will the California State Park System remain a leader in the nation. Now, before any more land-grabs occur, I urge the Department to start planning; to start cooperating with the NPS instead of being co-opted. Let's not have our 50th anniversary mark the turning point. The California Department of Parks must maintain its integrity as a system if we hope to survive to celebrate our centennial.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Two current Federal Bills deserve our focused attention. First of these is the National Park and Recreation Act of 1978, HR 12536. This omnibus park bill is given an excellent chance of passage. The bill, sometimes referred to as the "Park Barrel" bill, has something for everyone. Among other things, the bill would do the following for California:

- establish the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and authorize the federal government to acquire 45,000 acres of land to be administered by the National Park Service.
- add Mineral King to Sequoia National Park.
- authorize a study of the Irvine Coast-Laguna area in order to consider preserving the natural condition by inclusion into the National Park System.
- provide for a study of the area in and around Big Sur to determine the most feasible means of preserving its ecological, scenic, and recreational values.
- add the North Fork of the American River to the Wild

and Scenic Rivers System.

- designate for study and possible inclusion to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, the North Fork of the Kern River.

The second Federal Bill of interest is HR 39, Alaska National Interest Conservation Act. Passed by the House of Representatives, the companion Senate Bill (S. 1500) is now up for consideration. Billed by conservationists as "The Last Great First Chance" this legislation might be the most important park legislation ever. Basically it would set aside nearly 100 million acres for parks and refuges in Alaska (on land already owned by the federal government). Without going into details (see any of the recent issues of Sierra Club, Audubon, National Parks and Conservation, or similar publications), the Alaskan measure needs the help of all park and conservation supporters. You can help by writing both California Senators, urging a strong Alaska Park Bill.

More information can be obtained from the Alaska Coalition, 620 C Street, S.E., Washington, D. C. 20003 or by calling the Coalition's 24-hour hotline, 202-547-5550.

Mike Lynch, Chairman
Governmental Affairs Committee



MINI GEC AGENDA

Saturday, September 16th:

0900: Call to order
 Roll Call
 Consideration of June minutes
 Communications
 Reports of Officers
 Committee Reports

1200: Lunch

1300: Old Business
 AB3007 - Native American
 Heritage - Lynch
 Dues Reduction Impact -
 Bryce
 G. E. C. - All
 Audubon Camp/Other op-
 portunities - Kolb
 CSPRA Bloodbank - Kahn
 Park Give-aways - All

1500: Adjourn Board Meeting

1500 - USFS Guest speaker "Federal
 1730: Planning for Lake Tahoe"
 and other possible speakers.

1730: Spaghetti feed, \$2.00 adults &
 \$1.00 kids BYOB or drink.

Sunday, September 17th:

0900: Resume Board Meeting
 New Business
 Low Profile Weapons-Lynch
 Ranger Trainee Program -
 Verardo / All
 Re-organization - Verardo/
 All
 SB1011 - Verardo
 Next Meeting (Fresno) -
 Verardo

HOW TO GET TO TRUCKEE

There is a rail and bus service to Truckee and air service to Reno.

The number one bet is to check the Sunday travel section of any larger newspaper. There are usually several different kinds of promotional travel deals listed. These range from refunds on your gas, to supercut rate prices for a week-end and air travel to Reno. It is possible to find some very good deals. Most of these promotional prices are, of course, to Nevada locations.

For those who end up in Reno we will be working out several pick-up times for transportation to Truckee. If you plan to stay in Reno and need a ride or can give a ride, contact Steve Moore (916-587-3789 or 916-587-2438 home).

Quite a few people will be leaving from or passing through Sacramento. Another ideas for those who are flying, is to fly to Sacramento and catch a ride to the Truckee area. Make your own arrangements or contact Mike Lynch (916-885-4527 or home 916-885-9420).

Don't forget the train. Amtrack runs from Sacramento and stops in Truckee. It is a beautiful ride!



WHERE TO STAY

CAMPING: Donner Memorial State Park. Contact Steve Moore at the Park.

SEASONAL HOUSING:

A limited number of small duplexes may be available. Contact Steve Moore (916-587-3789), after Sept. 1st. First-come first-served.

MOTELS/HOTELS:

There are a great number of motels and hotels in the greater Reno area, about 30 miles away. There are several motels in the Truckee area, a selection is listed below.

Reno Area Motels/Hotels:

The new MGM Grand, Harrah's, Holiday Inn, Motel 6 and on and on. One idea is:

"Four Lanes to Reno"
Greater Reno Chamber of Commerce
TOLL FREE - 800-648-5450

\$11.50 per person, includes lodging, discounts, free food, cocktails and gaming coupons.

<u>Truckee Motels: (Zip 95734)</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Gateway 916-587-3183 Box 175	18	20 - 25	No credit cards
Alpine Village 916-587-3801 Box 730	20	24	next to park
Truckee Hotel 916-587-4444 Box 884	16	18 - 28	old style hotel recently refinished

RANGERS WANT IT TO STAY THE WAY IT IS

EXCEPT

The results of the Interpretive Needs Committee questionnaire have been tallied showing that 66% would not like to see our duties split (having enforcement rangers and interpretive rangers). But if such a split did come about, 16% said they would prefer to remain a ranger to do enforcement duties and 17% said they would prefer to switch and become full-time interpreters.

We had an excellent return of questionnaires, with 151 people responding. Those classes represented include:

Technician/Trainee/Ranger I . . .	70
Ranger II	24
Ranger III/IV	6
Manager I/II/III/IV	23
Maint. Super. I/II	5
Retired	2
Other Classes	8

Rangers prefer interpretive duties over enforcement duties by more than a 2:1 margin: but to perform both duties as part of one's job is clearly preferred.

Approximately 60% said that they felt that our Department was trending toward law enforcement activities with the majority not approving of this. Only 5 said the Department was leaning toward interpretation. Thirteen said we have a balanced approach to things. There were many other single responses.

At what trend or direction would

you like to see our Department go? Again, we had many different areas mentioned with the top ones being developed (44 responses), interpretation (35), acquisition (28), balanced approach (15), growth (15), and developing and upgrading existing facilities (13).

Sixty-nine percent of those responding said that yes, for the most part they were getting what they need as far as interpretive equipment and supplies. Those who felt they were not receiving enough (30%) said that the district level was the main area where requests were denied, followed by the area manager, chief ranger, then Sacramento headquarters "budget constraints".

Thirty-seven people said they had not heard of this committee.

At least now we have some concrete evidence on how Rangers feel about interpretation. For your additional information, we have sent each CSPRA Regional Director the full tally of results as we do not have enough space here in the Reporter. We have refrained from philosophizing about these results and will let you do that.

We thank you for your responses.

Submitted by,
Bill Krumbein, Chairman
Steve Moore
Interpretive Needs Committee

Mailbox

Mr. Denzil R. Verardo
President - CSPRA

Dear Denzil:

This is in response to CSPRA's resolution requesting Park Maintenance Assistant examination be given only on an open basis. I agree with part of the resolution that only the most qualified people should be employed by the State, however, I can find no substantiation that the open examination process provides the best qualified candidates. I am concerned that we bring good people into the Maintenance series, but fail to see that this is not now being accomplished through promotional examinations. If your claim concerning open examinations is correct, then perhaps we should explore the possibility of eliminating promotional examinations and fill all our vacancies from open examinations. I fail to see why Park Maintenance Assistants should be singled out as the only classification where this is appropriate.

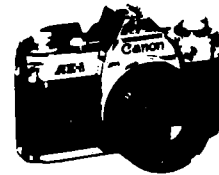
The Park Maintenance Assistant open examination was scheduled to be given, but was cancelled as the result of the "Hiring Freeze".

We will continue with a dual system of open and promotional examinations for entry into the Maintenance series until it is proven that this system does not provide us with quality candidates.

Sincerely,
Russell W. Cahill
Director

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MAIL TODAY

MINI GEC

September 16 - 17, 1978
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Donner Memorial State Park

I and _____ others plan to attend:

- ☐ Board of Directors meeting (9:00 to 3:00, 9/16)
- ☐ Guest speaker from the USFS on the Federal plan for Lake Tahoe.
(3:00 p.m., 9/16)
- ☐ Spaghetti feed and get-together featuring Salad, french bread and spaghetti for \$2.00/\$1.00 (5:30 p.m. Sat. 9/16).



Send to Mike Lynch,
218 Mulberry Lane
Auburn, Ca 95603

name

address

**CSPRA
SCHOLARSHIP POLICY**

1. CSPRA members only.
2. Applicants must have applied to Department first.
3. Must be for job or career related training.
4. Recipient must make a report to the Committee.
5. Committee will meet 4 times per year or more often if necessary to review applications.
6. Applications may be submitted after training.
7. Committee will consider requests for all or part of all training expenses.
8. Audobon scholarships may be carried over one year if recipient cannot attend through no fault of his own.



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