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PROJECT CONCEPT				
PROJECT TITLE		PARK UNIT NAME		
Backcountry Gate Removal		Big Basin Redwoods State Park		
DISTRICT NAME		FACILITY NO.		
Santa Cruz		406		
PROJECT MANAGER	PHONE NO.	EMAIL		
Patrick DeFrain Rosso	831.338.8862	patrick.rosso@parks.ca.gov		
DISTRICT PROJECT MANAGER	PHONE NO.	EMAIL		
Scott Sipes	831.338.8864	Scott.Sipes@parks.ca.gov		
PROJECT BID DATE	CONSTRUCTION START DATE	FUNDING SOURCE		
N/A	N/A	N/A		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Identify the scope of the project in detail, including its purpose, location, and potential impacts. If the ground is to be disturbed, describe the depth and extent of excavation. Describe the existing site conditions, including previous development. Note if work will impact or extend beyond park property. Indicate if work will be done in conjunction with, or as part of, other projects. (Use additional pages if necessary.)

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DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

	
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\boxtimes	Site Map (Required - Scale should show relationship to existing buildings, roads, landscape features, etc.)
\boxtimes	DPR 727 Accessibility Review and Comment Sheet (<i>Required</i> – Attach DPR 727 or emailed project exemption from the Accessibility Section.)
	Sea-level Rise Worksheet (for coastal park units)
	Graphics (Specify - photos, diagrams, drawings, cross-sections, etc.): Photos/maps Other (Specify):

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REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS						
IS AN APPLICATION, PERMIT, OR CONSULTATION REQUIRE Coastal Development Permit DFG Stream Alteration Permit State & Federal Endangered Species Consultation Corps of Engineers 404 Permit RWQCB or NPDES Permit DPR Right to Enter or Temporary Use Permit PRC 5024 Review Stormwater Management Plan Encroachment Permit (Specify Agency): Native American Consultation Other (Specify): COMMENTS:	ED? Y	ÆS	MAYBE		CONTACT	
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DEPARTMENT POLICY COMPLIANCE				YES	NO	
HAS A GENERAL PLAN BEEN APPROVED FOR THE UNIT? If YES, is the project consistent with the GP?						
If NO, what is the project justification?						
Is it a temporary facility? (No permanent resource con Health and Safety?	mmument)					
Is it a Resource Management Project? Is it repairing, replacing, or rehabilitating an existing t	acility?					
IS THE PROJECT WITHIN A CLASSIFIED SUBUNIT?						
Natural Preserve Cultural Preserve						
State Wilderness						
IS THE PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S (RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVES?	CULTURAL					
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YES	MAYBE		 A. EARTH – WILL THE PROJECT: 1. Create unstable soil or geologic conditions? 2. Adversely affect topographic features? 3. Adversely affect any unusual or significant geologic features? 4. Increase wind or water erosion? 5. Adversely affect sand deposition or erosion of a sand beach? 6. Expose people, property, or facilities to geologic hazards or hazardous waste? 7. Adversely affect any paleontological resource?
YES	MAYBE	NO 	 B. AIR – WILL THE PROJECT: 1. Adversely affect general air quality or climatic patterns? 2. Introduce airborne pollutants that may affect plant or animal vigor or viability? 3. Increase levels of dust or smoke? 4. Adversely affect visibility?
YES	MAYBE	NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO	 C. WATER – WILL THE PROJECT: 1. Change or adversely affect movement in marine or fresh waters? 2. Change or adversely affect drainage patterns or sediment transportation rates? 3. Adversely affect the quantity or quality of groundwater? 4. Adversely affect the quantity or quality of surface waters? 5. Expose people or property to flood waters? 6. Adversely affect existing or potential aquatic habitat(s)?
YES	MAYBE		 D. PLANT LIFE – WILL THE PROJECT: 1. Adversely affect any native plant community? 2. Adversely affect any unique, rare, endangered, or protected plant species? 3. Introduce a new species of plant to the area? 4. Adversely affect agricultural production? 5. Adversely affect the vigor or structure of any tree? 6. Encourage the growth or spread of alien (non-native) species? 7. Interfere with established fire management plans or practices?
YES	MAYBE	NO 	 E. ANIMAL LIFE – WILL THE PROJECT: 1. Adversely affect any native or naturalized animal population? 2. Adversely affect any unusual, rare, endangered, or protected species? 3. Adversely affect any animal habitat? 4. Introduce or encourage the proliferation of any non-native species?
YES	MAYBE		 F. CULTURAL RESOURCES – WILL THE PROJECT: 1. Adversely affect a prehistoric or historic archeological site, or tribal cultural resource? 2. Adversely affect a prehistoric or historic building, structure, or object? 3. Cause an adverse physical or aesthetic effect on an eligible or contributing building, structure, object, or cultural landscape? 4. Diminish the informational or research potential of a cultural resource? 5. Increase the potential for vandalism or looting? 6. Disturb any human remains? 7. Restrict access to a sacred site or inhibit the traditional religious practice of a Native American community?

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YES N	MAYBE	NO 	 H. RECREATIONAL RESOURCES – WILL THE PROJECT: 1. Be in a public use area? 2. Have an adverse effect on the quality of the intended visitor experience? 3. Have an adverse effect on the quality or quantity of existing or future recreational opportunities or facilities? 4. Have an adverse effect on the accessibility of recreational facilities (e.g., ADA requirements)? 	
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California Department of Parks and Recreation Historical Review Archaeological Review Both Project Evaluation (P.R.C. 5024, 5024.5 and E.O. W-26-92)

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PARK UNIT: Big Basin Redwoods State Park

DISTRICT: Santa Cruz

Project Manager: Scott Sipes

 Email: scott.sipes@parks.ca.gov

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Source of Funding/Amount:	
CULTURAL RESOURCES: HISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROP POTENTIALLY PRESENT (i.e. potentially buried resources or survey inconclusive APE visited by Cultural Resources Staff Yes No Date:	ERTY (TCP) NONE due to inaccessibility)
Methods of Inventory: Records Review Site History Research Field Survey Subsurvey Explain Findings: The project falls within property that is potentially eligible for eit (NRHP) or the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR). In 2011 the Arcl Cultural Resources Division) contracted with the National Park Service to complete a study is not complete, however, some of the fire roads and trails are most likely a conthe potentially eligible National Historic Landmark as proposed by Matt Bischoff in 2011.	her the National Register of Historic Places haeology, History and Museum Division (now the a Cultural Landscape Study in Big Basin. That attributing elements to the cultural landscape and
The Sunset Trail is shown but unlabeled on a 1925 map prepared by Isaiah Hartman California Redwood Park (Big Basin). The Gazos Creek Road was originally construction date an estimated construction date of 1950 and the Henry Creek Trail has an eare along roads or trails with unknown construction dates, however estimated construction of the earliest.	acted in 1934 by the CCC. The Middle Ridge Fire stimated construction date of 1964. All other gates
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I. EXISTING CONDITIONS/RESOURCE STATUS Attach appropr Resources within APE: [Site Number(s)/Description(s)/Date of Latest Record studies, etc)]: All resources are within a historic district that is eligible for listing as a National Historic Landmark.	ation Form(s)/Additional Documentation (reports,
A. Newly identified resources recorded or updated previous records?: Yes Explain/List:	No 🖂

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Π.	ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION(S) (use continuation page [separate file] for additional resources identified):
A.	Resource Evaluation and Significance (If resource is nominated or listed, do NOT fill out section IIB below. Attach
	appropriate recordation forms to review package. If not, move to section IIB below).
	Resource Name / Site Number: Big Basin National Historic Landmark District
	Resource Type is: Individual Building/Structure Archaeological Site(s) Landscape District
	Historic District Archaeological District TCP National Historic Landmark Cultural Preserve
	Nominated for or Listed on: California Register: Yes No National Register: Yes No
	(If Nominated: Eligibility Concurrence status by OHP: Yes \(\square\) No \(\square\) In process \(\square\))
В.	Site/Structure Eligibility Determination (for newly recorded, non-nominated or listed resources): Not Eligible Explain (include documentation of negative DOE):
	Potentially Eligible C Criteria: A - Events B - People C - Design D - Information Significance Statement: Per Bischoff's NHL Nomination: Pig Pagin State Redwood Park was one of the first proactive public conservation achievements in the country, and a forerunner of

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While Yellowstone, Yosemite, King's Canyon, and Sequoia National Parks predate Big Basin, they are quite different in their origins. They were created from land already owned by the federal government, and could be reserved, granted, or designated as parklands based on federal government decisions, without capital expenditures. Big Basin, however, was privately owned and used, not for the enjoyment of nature, but for the exploitation of its resources. The purchase of this land by state government for the primary purpose of its protection and preservation set a precedent in the nation for the designation of a state park.

In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt, one of the nation's most conservation-minded presidents and visitor to some of California's outstanding natural resources, was quoted regarding the designation of Big Basin as a state park during an address at Stanford University: " ... the interest of California in forest protection was shown ... effectively by the purchase of the Big Basin Redwood Park, a superb forest property, the possession of which should be a source of just pride to all citizens jealous of California's good name."

The Period of Significance for the Big Basin Redwoods State Park NHL district begins with the establishment of the park in 1902, and extends to 1926, a point at which focus shifted to other locations. The park was established by the state with its acquisition of 3,800 acres of parkland in 1902. By 1926, the Sempervirens Club's activities at Big Basin had reached a nadir. Conservation fervor was focused on saving the redwoods in California's north coast. Club activities somewhat revived the next year, and its members sought to acquire adjacent land, build new facilities, and construct better roads. By this time, however, the most significant work of the Sempervirens Club had been.

Trail systems within the original park boundaries are somewhat more complicated, with numerous routes radiating out from the park headquarters area to reach most sections of the park. Several fire trails were constructed following the devastating fire of 1904. These were built along many of the prominent ridges, and soon began to be used as trails. By 1912, there were 22 miles of fire trails in the park (Taylor 191 2:54). Trails were also opened to many scenic points. Most popular hikes in the early years of the park included those to Berry Falls, Woodwardia Falls, Semperviems Falls, Pine Mountain, Maddocks' Cabin, and the Redwood Trail. The Sunset trail was a connecting trail to many of these popular trails from its terminus at Governors Camp situated right off the main state highway. This trail also would be used to connect Park HQ to Sunset Trail Camp and onto Berry Creek Falls.

Integrity Discussion: The trails and roads have undergone standard maintenance and a variety of improvements throughout history as a means of keeping up with park maintenance. Despite these alterations, they retain the aspects of integrity necessary to convey significance as contributors to a potentially eligible National Historic Landmark because the intent of these trails is still intact.

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B. If no General PlanC. Is project consisterComments: The propo	with General Plan?: Yes No GP date: 2013 is project scope consistent with current resource use?: Yes No with Cultural Resource Management Directives?: Yes No ed removal of these gates will not impact the potential listing of a National Historic Landmark District. The stalling gates at Little Basin is not a significant visual impact to any potentially eligible resources at Little
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Historic Facility Name Will the proposed proj Describe impacts or no	e): Little Basin ct impact historic resources? Yes No No Impacts and provide Comments:
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Yes 🔲 No 🔲	sistent with Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines in relation to archaeological resources?:
Explain:	

V. TREATMENTS AND MITIGATION
A. Would project redesign lessen resource impacts?: Yes \(\subseteq \) No \(\subseteq \) Explain: The project does not impact any resources as designed
B. Are appropriate treatment measures included within project scope?: Yes No Explain: None needed. The gates are not historic and removing them will not impact Big Basin while adding them to Little Basin will also not impact any potentially eligible historic resources.
C Does treatment involve salvaging historic fabric or excavating archaeological deposits?: Yes No X If yes, has a recordation program or archaeological treatment plan been approved by a senior-level CRS? Yes No Explain:
D. In order to bring the project into compliance with the Secretary of the Interiors Standards, the project should proceed with the following modifications or special provisions (Identify specific treatment measures): None needed.
VI. DETERMINATION
A. Is documentation sufficient for Determination of Effect?: Yes ☑ No ☐ If no, check below: ☐ NO DETERMINATION OF EFFECT CURRENTLY POSSIBLE Explain:
If Yes: the reviewer has sufficient documentation to determine that the Proposed Project will have: No Effect: No Historical Resources Present (See Section No Effect: No Historical Resources Affected No Adverse Effect Adverse Effect on the Historical or Archaeological Resources of the State Park System. Explain: At Big Basin, the gates are not historic and removing them can be seen as meeting the Standards of Rehabilitation since removing a modern element allows the roads to function as they were originally intended. Since the project is not specifically a full restoration, it does not appear that the project meets these higher standards.
At Little Basin, the gates are will blend in with the existing environment. They can be removed easily without impacting any historic buildings or features.
Has a Secondary Review of this DOE been completed by a Cultural Resource Specialist?: Yes No

(APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT IS CONTINGENT ON PROJECT SCOPE NOT BEING CHANGED FROM ABOVE DESCRIPTION. IF SCOPE IS CHANGED, PROJECT MANAGER MUST CONTACT CULTURAL RESOURCE

CEQA No.:

VII. APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION

REVIEWER(S) FOR POTENTIAL REVIEW.)

Log No.:

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Primary Reviews:	
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Title: Environmental Program Manager	
Hours Spent on Evaluation: 3	
Archaeological Review I recommend this project be Approved Explain:	Not Approved
Archaeological Reviewer:	Date:
Title:	Phone #:
Hours Spent on Evaluation:	
Restoration Architect Review I recommend this project be Approved Explain:	Not Approved Approved Conditionally
Architectural Reviewer:	Date:
Title:	Phone #:
Hours Spent on Evaluation:	
Secondary Review: I recommend this project be Approved Explain:	Not Approved Approved Conditionally

Secondary Reviewer:

Title:

Phone #:

Comments:

I understand that this project as proposed or modified may affect historical or archaeological resources. I will insure that all treatment measures necessary for the project to confirm with Historic Preservation standards and professional guidelines will be carried out as specified above. If project scope is changed, I will contact cultural resource reviewer(s) for potential rereview.

Project Manager:

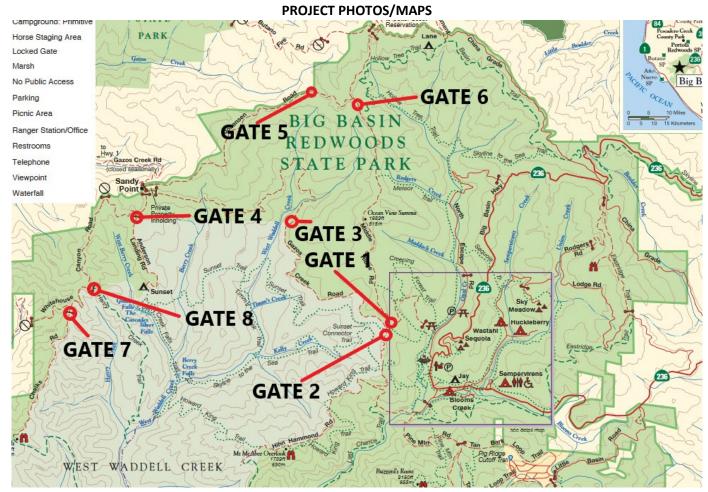
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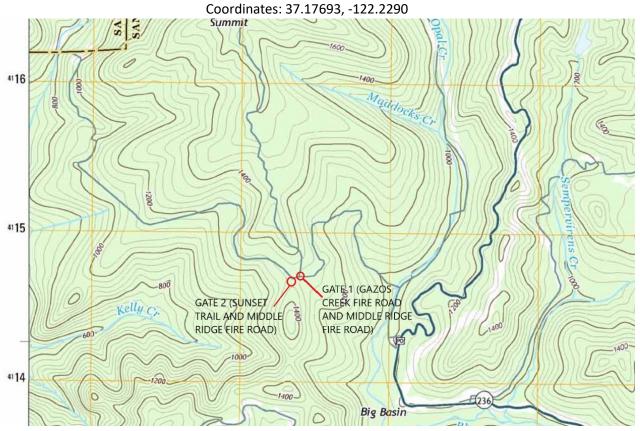
Note: All review packages must include a project map and appropriate documentation. For archaeological surveys, attach DPR 649 (or equivalent) with coverage map and site records. For historic structures, attach DPR 523 or 750. For archaeological sites, attach DPR 523.



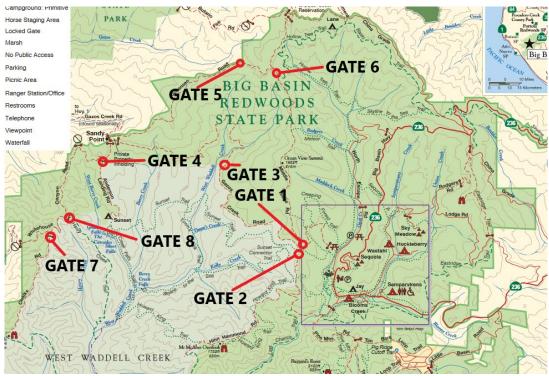
MEDIA: LOCATION OF THE GATES PROPOSED TO BE REMOVED.

Gate 1

Location: Middle Ridge Fire Road and Gazos Creek Fire Road



MEDIA 1A: USGS QUAD SHOWING LOCATION OF GATES AND SURROUNDING AREA



MEDIA 1B: BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK TRAIL MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF GATES AND SURROUNDING AREA

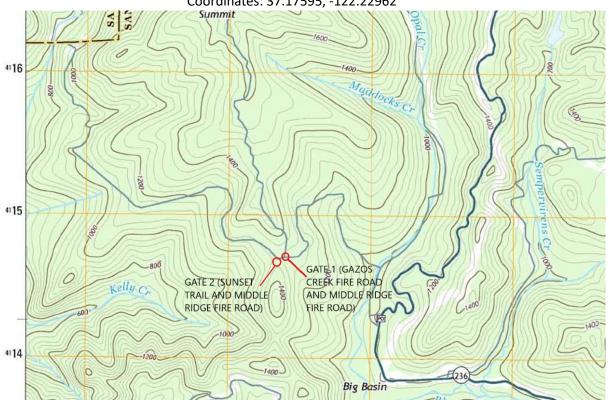


MEDIA 1C: GATE 1 AT MIDDLE RIDGE FIRE ROAD AND GAZOS CREEK FIRE ROAD LOOKING TOWARDS MIDDLE RIDGE FIRE ROAD.

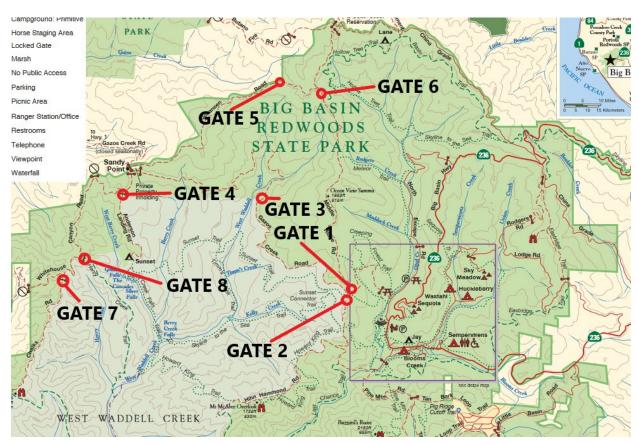


MEDIA 1D: GATE 1 AT MIDDLE RIDGE FIRE ROAD AND GAZOS CREEK FIRE ROAD LOOKING TOWARDS MIDDLE RIDGE FIRE ROAD.

Gate 2
Location: Middle Ridge Fire Road and Sunset Trail
Coordinates: 37.17595, -122.22962



MEDIA 2A: USGS QUAD SHOWING LOCATION OF GATES AND SURROUNDING AREA



MEDIA 2B: BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK TRAIL MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF GATES AND SURROUNDING AREA



MEDIA 2C: GATE 2 AT MIDDLE RIDGE AND SUNSET TRAIL LOOKING TOWARDS SUNSET TRAIL TO BERRY CREEK FALLS.

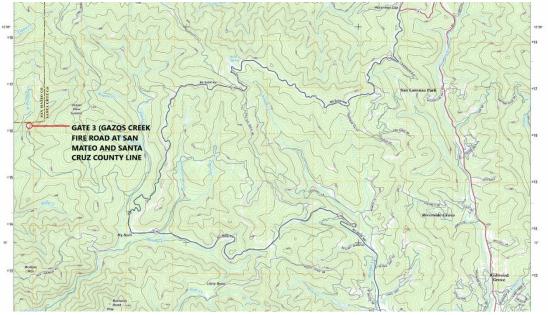


MEDIA 2D: GATE 2 AT MIDDLE RIDGE AND SUNSET TRAIL LOOKING TOWARDS SUNSET TRAIL TO BERRY CREEK FALLS.

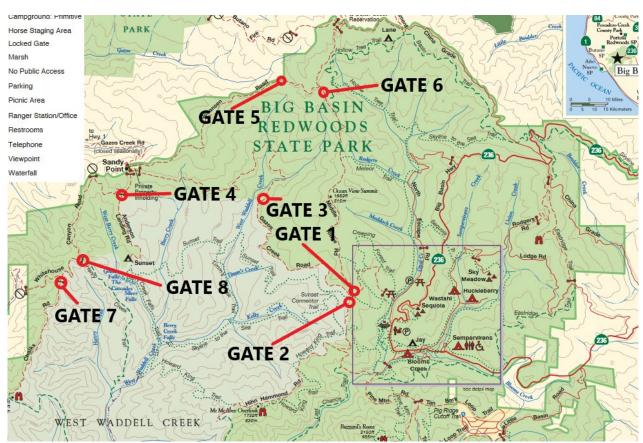


MEDIA 2E: GATE 2 AT MIDDLE RIDGE AND SUNSET TRAIL LOOKING TOWARDS SUNSET TRAIL TO PARK HQ.

Gate 3
Location: Gazos Creek Fire Road at the San Mateo and Santa Cruz County line
Coordinates: 37.18985, -122.24578



MEDIA 3A: USGS QUAD SHOWING LOCATION OF GATE 3 AND SURROUNDING AREA.



MEDIA 3B: BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK TRAIL MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF GATES AND SURROUNDING AREA.



MEDIA 3C: GATE 3 AT GAZOS CREEK ROAD LOOKING TOWARDS PARK HQ.



MEDIA 3D: GATE 3 AT GAZOS CREEK ROAD LOOKING TOWARDS PARK HQ.

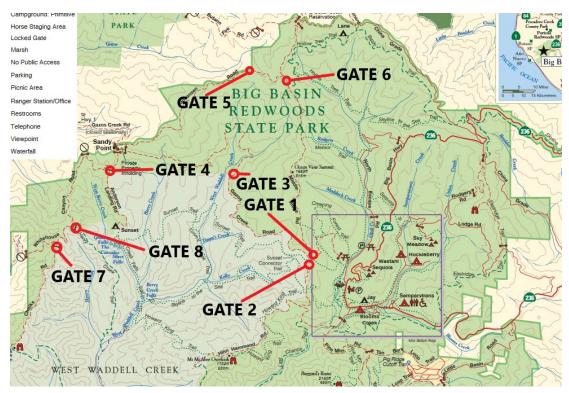


MEDIA 3E: GATE 3 AT GAZOS CREEK ROAD LOOKING TOWARDS PARK HQ.

Gate 4
Location: Whitehouse Canyon Fire Road and Anderson Landing Fire Road
Coordinates: 37.19022, -122.27185



MEDIA 4A: USGS QUAD SHOWING LOCATION OF GATE 4 AND SURROUNDING AREA

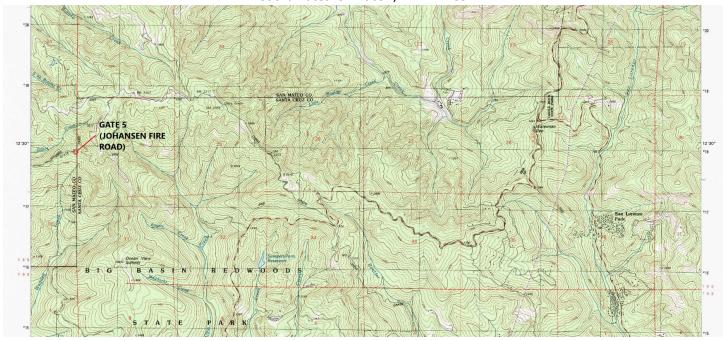


MEDIA 4B: BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK TRAIL MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF GATE AND SURROUNDING AREA

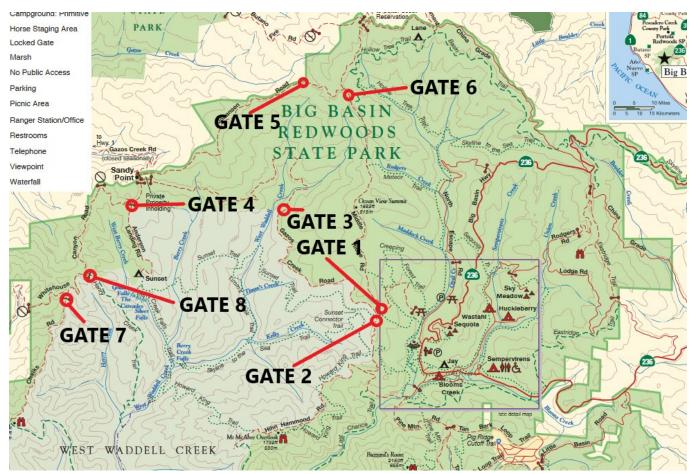


MEDIA 4C: GATE 4 AT WHITEHOUSE CANYON FIRE ROAD AND ANDERSON LANDING FIRE ROAD LOOKING TOWARDS ANDERSON LANDING FIRE ROAD.

Gate 5
Location: Johansen Fire Road
Coordinates: 37.20691, -122.24289



MEDIA 5A: USGS QUAD SHOWING LOCATION OF GATE 5 AND SURROUNDING AREA



MEDIA 5B: BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK TRAIL MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF GATE AND SURROUNDING AREA



PHOTO 5C: GATE 5 AT JOHANSEN FIRE ROAD LOOKING TOWARDS SANDY POINT.

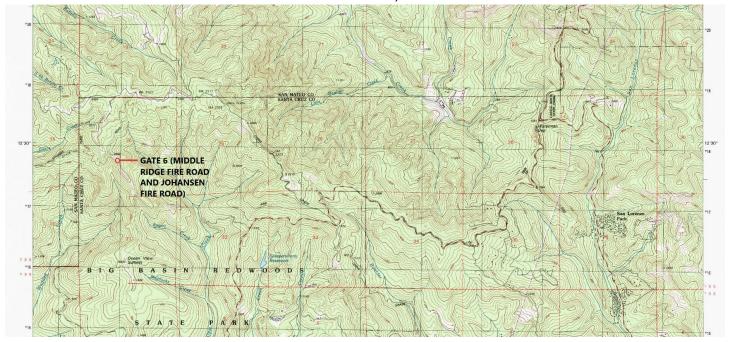


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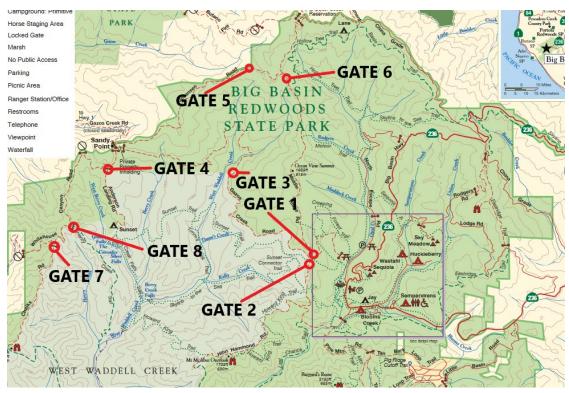


PHOTO 5E: GATE 5 AT JOHANSEN FIRE ROAD LOOKING TOWARDS BUTANO STATE PARK.

Gate 6
Location: Middle Ridge Fire Road and Johansen Fire Road
Coordinates: 37.20576, -122.23549



MEDIA 6A: USGS QUAD SHOWING LOCATION OF GATE 6 AND SURROUNDING AREA



MEDIA 6B: BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK TRAIL MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF GATE AND SURROUNDING AREA



MEDIA 6C: GATE 6 AT MIDDLE RIDGE FIRE ROAD LOOKING TOWARDS HOLLOW TREE TRAIL.

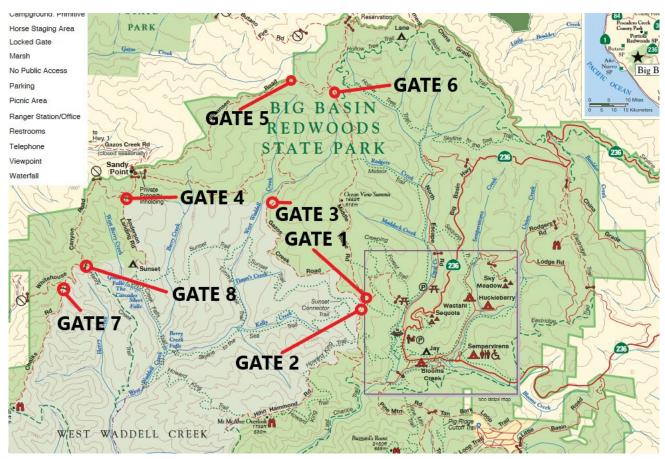


MEDIA 6D: GATE 6 AT MIDDLE RIDGE FIRE ROAD LOOKING TOWARDS HOLLOW TREE TRAIL.

Gate 7
Location: Chalks Fire Road and Whitehouse Fire Road
Coordinates: 37.177837, -122.282563



MEDIA 7A: USGS QUAD SHOWING LOCATION OF GATE 7 AND SURROUNDING AREA



MEDIA 7B: BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK TRAIL MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF GATE AND SURROUNDING AREA

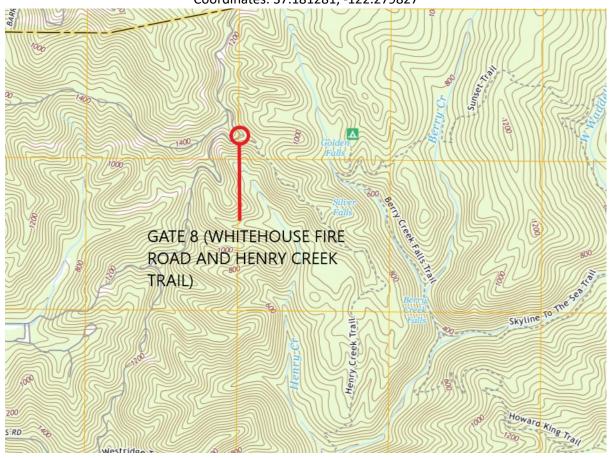


MEDIA 7C: LOOKING AT GATE 7 FROM CHALKS FIRE ROAD TOWARDS WHITEHOUSE CANYON FIRE ROAD.

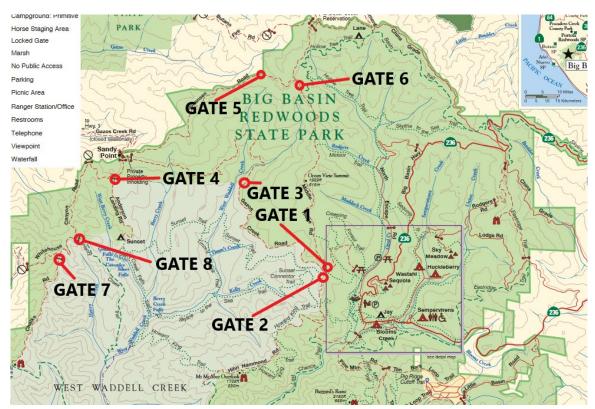
Gate 8

Location: Henry Creek Trail and Whitehouse Fire Road

Coordinates: 37.181281, -122.279827



MEDIA 8A: USGS QUAD SHOWING LOCATION OF GATE 8 AND SURROUNDING AREA.



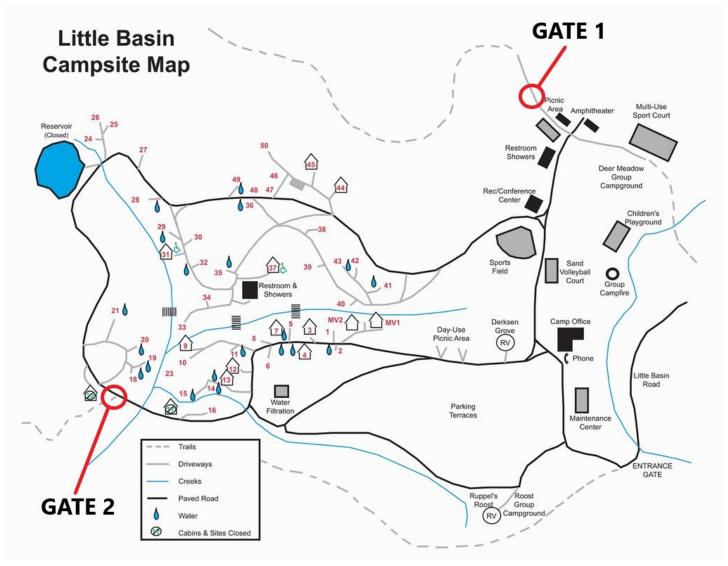
MEDIA 8B: BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK TRAIL MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF GATE AND SURROUNDING AREA.



MEDIA 8C: LOOKING AT THE HENRY CREEK TRAIL GATE FROM WHITEHOUSE CANYON.

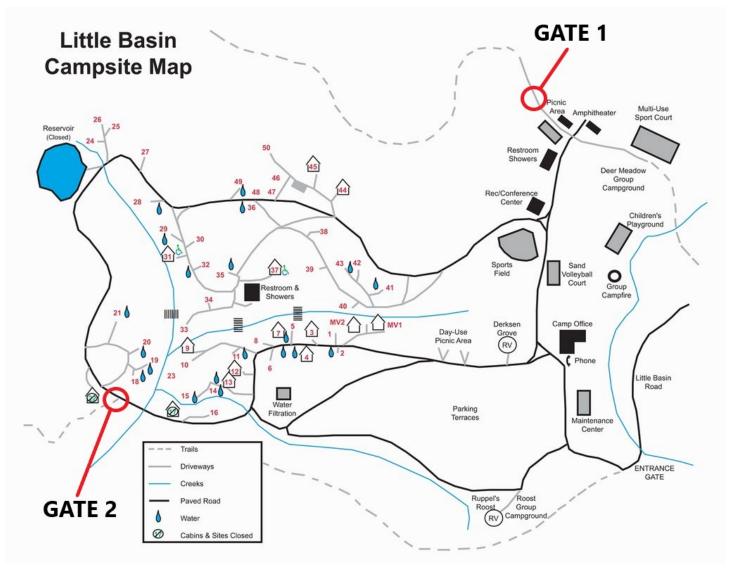


MEDIA 8D: LOOKING AT THE HENRY CREEK TRAIL GATE FROM HENRY CREEK TRAIL.

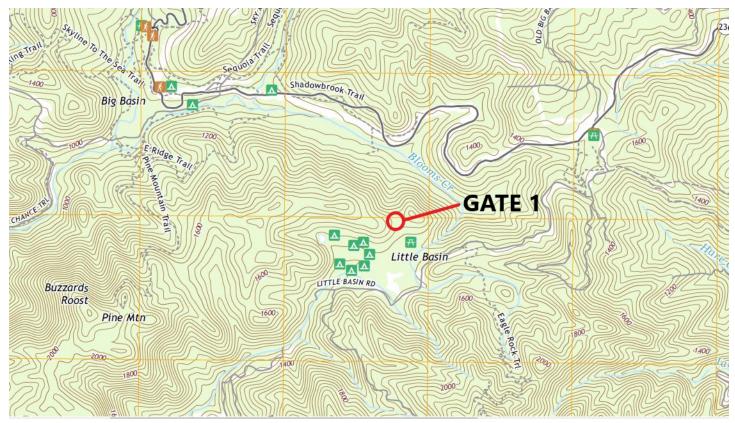


MEDIA 9A: PROPOSED GATES TO BE PLACED AND SURROUNDING AREA.

Gate 1
Location: Little Basin Campground and Tanbark Loop Trail
Coordinates: 37.159858, -122.202061



MEDIA 10A: LITTLE BASIN STATE PARK CAMPGROUND MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF PROPOSED GATE AND SURROUNDING AREA.



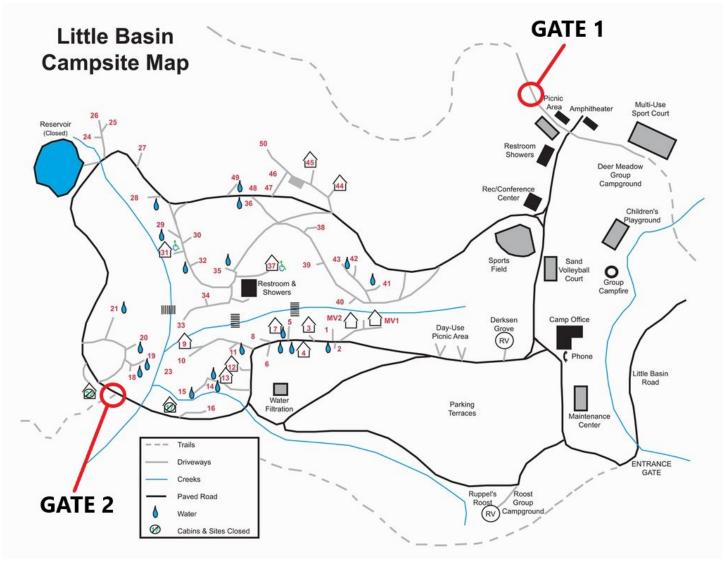
MEDIA 10b: USGS QUAD SHOWING PROPOSED LOCATION OF GATE 1 AND SURROUNDING AREA.



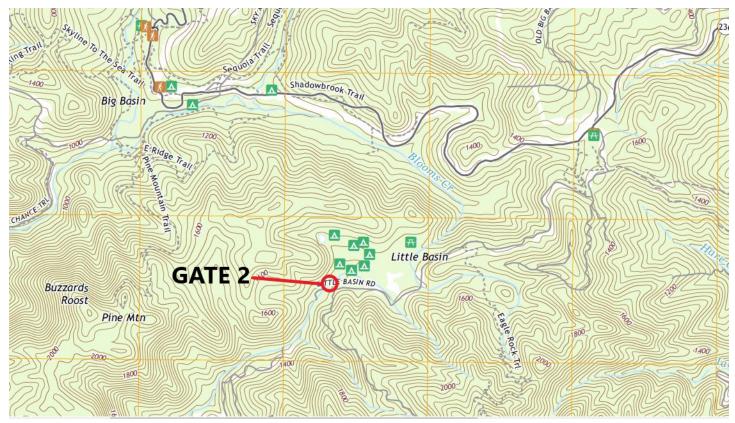
MEDIA 10C: THE LOCATION FOR THE PROPOSED GATE. APPROX. 12FT WIDE.



MEDIA 10D: THE LOCATION FOR THE PROPOSED GATE WITH RENDERING OF THE GATE.



MEDIA 11A: LITTLE BASIN STATE PARK CAMPGROUND MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF PROPOSED GATES AND SURROUNDING AREA.



MEDIA 11B: USGS QUAD SHOWING LOCATION OF PROPOSED GATE 2 AND SURROUNDING AREA.





MEDIA 11D: THE LOCATION FOR THE PROPOSED GATE WITH RENDERING OF THE GATE.

State of California – Natural Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

ACCESSIBILITY DIVISION

REVIEW SHEET £ COMMENT Project: Backcountry Gate Removal Design Entity: Santa Cruz District Location: Big Basin Redwoods State Park Project Manager: Patrick DeFrain Russo Review Date: 5/5/20 Reviewer: Peter Oliver, CASp-818 Project Phase: PFF Phone: 916-445-8769

This review and comment does not authorize any omissions or deviations from applicable regulations. The intent of this review is for general conformance with applicable parts of Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design (ADASAD), California Code of Regulations Title 24 - access compliance, and the Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines (CSPAG). Plans were reviewed solely on the items submitted to the Accessibility Section as it relates to standards in design and construction of accessibility features for individuals with disabilities. All construction must comply with the Latest Editions of the California Building Code (CBC), California Mechanical Code (CMC), California Plumbing Code (CPC), California Electrical code (CEC), California Fire Code (CFC), current editions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and all other prevailing state and federal regulations.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Accessibility Section has completed review of this PEF, determined that there are no accessibility requirements, and the project is exempt for accessibility compliance. Unless the scope of work changes, no further review is required.

END OF COMMENTS

DPR 727 Page 1 of 1

Project ID No.

PROJECT EVALUATION (PEF)

ARCHEOLOGIST COMMENTS AND SIGNATURE (REQUIRED FOR ALL FINDINGS)					
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EVALUATION AND COMMENTS				
Big Basin Gate Removal Project				
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW To Be Completed by Qualified Specialist(s) ONLY. Attach additional reviews or continuation pages, as necessary.				
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Reviewer is Designated District/Service Center/Division Tribal Liaison or Designee NAHC Listed Tribe(s) contacted (attach correspondence record for contact and findings)				
Findings: Project action does not have potential to affect "tribal cultural" resources (explain) Check more than one box if tribes provide differing responses, and describe all consultations below. Tribe(s) did not respond Tribe(s) approved project as written Tribe(s) approved project with treatments or conditions Tribe(s) and DPR unable to reach mutual agreement on project treatments or conditions				
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This project does not involve concerns for our Tribal Partners. No consultations performed.				
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My comments are: I have concerns with removing outer gates. These gates where installed due to the public off roading and dumping. If aesthetics are the issue then why install them in another location?

Park Maintenance Chief Santa Cruz District/Mt Sector 831-335-6311



Rosso, Patrick@Parks Thu 5/14/2020 12:08 PM



Rohlf, Scott@Parks; Arias, Rachel@Parks ⊗

Currently the gates are redundant. It's my understanding they were installed when Gazos Creek was a public thru road, which it no longer is. There are gates outside of that area that control access. The gates are an ascetic impact to that area, but could be reused in other areas where there are no gates, which was mentioned in the PEF.

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Rohlf, Scott@Parks Thu 5/14/2020 12:26 PM Rosso, Patrick@Parks ⊗



I'm just clarifying that while these are considered an aesthetic impact, you'd still like to use them in the same park? I believe it is causing a bit of confusion is all.

Scott Rohlf Staff Services Analyst - Planning California State Parks - Santa Cruz District office: (831) 335-8346 mobile: (831) 809-0172 Monday-Friday



Rosso, Patrick@Parks Thu 5/14/2020 12:30 PM



Yes. All gates are ascetically unpleasant, but sometimes they are needed. The gates I want to take out are not needed in their current location and thus an unnecessary ascetic impact. Although they would be not ascetically pleasing in their new location, they would be necessary.

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Patrick D. Rosso



Arias, Rachel@Parks Thu 5/14/2020 12:52 PM



Rohlf, Scott@Parks; Rosso, Patrick@Parks \otimes

Is there an option to keep the gates in place just not locked in case there is ever a need for them? This is quite the workload to remove these gates.

Rachel Arias Park Maintenance Chief Santa Cruz District/Mt Sector 831-335-6311



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Arias, Rachel@Parks; Rohlf, Scott@Parks \otimes

While that would work, it does not solve the ascetic issue, which is supported in the General Plan for Big Basin (2-83 General Plan). As for future needs, I don't see how there could be a future need to close off the interior of the park since those spaces are surrounded by state property and Gazos Creek will not reopen to vehicles. There are already existing gates that control the roads leading in. I understand this is quite a substantial project and I don't expect it to get done overnight, but I wanted to get the ball rolling so when time is found to undertake it all the pieces will be in place.

Thanks

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Arias, Rachel@Parks

Fri 5/15/2020 7:23 AM

Rosso, Patrick@Parks; Rohlf, Scott@Parks \otimes

Yes I understand thanks for the response!

Rachel Arias Park Maintenance Chief Santa Cruz District/Mt Sector 831-335-6311

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Kerbavaz, Joanne@Parks

Mon 6/8/2020 1:55 PM

To: Rohlf, Scott@Parks



I signed this one, but could not figure out how to add comments.

Work in old growth Redwood forest areas should not occur during March-Sept. MAMU nesting season. Work should also avoid unnecessary impacts on adjacent vegetation.

Joanne