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Bureau of Reclamation

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Dear Auburn SRA General Plan Administrators,

I/WE endorse the proposed Preliminary Auburn SRA General Plan and Draft Auburn Project Lands Resource Management Plan, which places equal emphasis on increased resource protection and enhanced recreational facilities and access. While I/we agree with most of the proposed plan’s goals and guidelines, there are some recommendations I/we disagree with, as noted below.

I/We:

* Support increased funding of Auburn SRA (Goals OP 6 and 7); increase rather than decrease Reclamation’s cost share contribution.
* Support construction of a trail bridge across the lower North Fork American River near China Bar (Guideline MZ 4.1).
* Support increased vehicle access to China Bar and Oregon Bar through the China Bar entrance station (Guideline MZ 5.1 and MZ 5.2).
* Support public vehicle access from Cool to the east side of the river near China Bar along Knickerbocker and Salt Creek/Rocky Island Bar Roads (Guideline MZ 6.1).
* Oppose proposal for campground in Knickerbocker Management Zone (Guideline MZ 1.1).
* Support creation of a shuttle operation from Auburn to the Confluence

(Guideline MZ10.2).

* Oppose expansion of OHV use at Mammoth Bar to six days a week; instead maintain existing schedule allowing OHV use three to four days a week (Guideline MZ 22.2).
* Support the natural and cultural resource protection goals and guidelines identified in the proposed plan (section 4.3.1).
* Support adding a goal of staffing a full-time interpretive specialist.
* Support expanding access to interpretive information through smart technologies (Guidelines I&E 6.3 and 6.4).
* Support adding a goal of reducing hazards to the public by removing metal debris from the river, especially the collapsed bridge material just downstream of the Confluence.
* Support the proposed wildfire risk reduction goals and guidelines (Goals RES 8 and 9).

Sincerely,