

ASRA GENERAL PLAN COMMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 17

Please submit your comments on the proposed new General Plan for Auburn State Recreation Area by the extended comment deadline of September 17.

PARC endorses the proposed plan, which places equal emphasis on increased resource protection and enhanced recreational facilities and access. While we agree with most of the proposed plan's goals and guidelines, there are some recommendations we disagree with, as noted below.

What follows are the most important points to make in your comments:

- 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 MZ 10.2).
- 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).