

NEWS AT HORSETOWN-CLEAR CREEK PRESERVE

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At Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve we have been busy getting and keeping trails clear and making improvements on our western trails that were damaged in the Creek Fire. A grant from the Strong Foundation for Environmental Values allowed us to bring the California Conservation Corps (CCC) in to help with this trail work. These young people work hard in our community and gain valuable job training doing so.

More great news – We are very fortunate to have been selected by The McConnell Foundation Fund of the Community Foundation of the North State to receive a grant. It will allow us to install a new solid concrete pit toilet which is handicap accessible. It will also provide new picnic tables and benches at our amphitheater/ picnic / outdoor classroom area. More tables and benches will be placed on different trails for your enjoyment.

And more great news: We received a grant from the Harry Daniell Fund of the Community Foundation of the North State. Dr. Daniell was a friend of Horsetown from its beginning – more than 30 years ago. We are very grateful to receive this wonderful gift and considering best ways to utilize it.

We've been approved to participate in North State Giving Tuesday again this year. The date will be November 30 (the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving), from 6 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The minimum donation is only \$10, all donations are tax deductible and can be made by debit card, credit card or echecks. Donors don't need to create an account, just find our profile on www.northstategives.org. Early giving starts November 16.

We can see that the trails along Clear Creek are getting a lot of use – we're glad you're enjoying them. We've designed new trail markers which will be complete soon and set this fall. They will direct you to newer trails on the west side and insure you know where the trail is that takes you to the overlook above the creek.

We will forego leading hikes and interpretive events one more season – due to unhealthy air quality and the increase in covid cases locally. When the air quality is acceptable for you and your family or friends, remember the Preserve is open so you can enjoy some time in nature. Bring a lunch, enjoy a picnic and a walk, spend some time on the beach.

Our Board with volunteers will do an Adopt-A-Highway clean up this fall and we will participate with the Bureau of Land Management for National Public Lands Day in the Lower Clear Creek Greenway. Although the Salmon Festival will occur at Coleman Fish Hatchery it will not include vendors like Horsetown. See information below on these three events.

September 25, (Sat.) 9 a.m. - **“NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY CLEAN UP”** The Bureau of Land Management, Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve, and Western Shasta Resource Conservation District are sponsoring National Public Lands Day along the Lower Clear Creek Greenway. Volunteers are asked to help clean up and repair damaged areas along the Greenway - including picking up trash, removing graffiti, repairing hiking trails, and removing invasive weeds. Please wear closed toe shoes, long pants, and long-sleeve shirts. Gloves and eye protection will be provided. Volunteers should meet at the HCCP trailhead/amphitheater by 9 a.m. A BBQ will follow the workday at 1 p.m. For more information and to sign up, call BLM at 530 224-2100.

The HCCP parking area is on Clear Creek Road, about seven miles west of highway 273, just west of the Clear Creek Bridge.

October 16 (Sat.) 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. **“RETURN OF THE SALMON FESTIVAL”**
The Coleman National Fish Hatchery will host this event this year, but without vendors such as Horsetown. An educational event for people of all ages. For more information and directions visit <http://www.fws.gov/coleman>.

October 30 (Sat.) 9:00 a.m. – **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP**
Volunteers will clean up a stretch of Clear Creek Road around the Preserve for 2 – 3 hours. We provide vests for visibility, tools to pick up small items and garbage bags. Please bring gloves. Lunch/snacks on us afterwards . . . location to be determined.

Directions: Meet at the HCCP parking area on Clear Creek Road, about seven miles west of highway 273, just west of the Clear Creek Bridge.

HCCP Board of Directors
Cathy Scott, President

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