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Butte Creek Canyon Land Acquisition

Paradise Recreation and Park District Seeks Public Comment on Plans for Property Paradise, CA, August 24, 2026 – Paradise Recreation and Park District (PRPD, District) announces a public engagement process for initiatives in Butte Creek Canyon.

On February 27, 2026, with substantial funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), the District purchased 20 acres in Butte Creek Canyon, and are now seeking public input on park attributes and recreation opportunities during the planning phase. While SNC authorized the funding in 2022, it took several years to develop the project to where it is today. Public access in Butte Creek Canyon has long been a goal of the District and is included in its 2010 Master Plan, reauthorized in 2016 and 2024.

The property, currently called the Butte Creek Canyon Preserve (BCCP), contains a unique section of Butte Creek with little historic public access. The project site includes about 2,000 linear feet of riparian and creek habitat which holds an outstanding opportunity for conservation of sensitive habitat and public education and enjoyment through carefully managed access. While the site lends itself well to a variety of cultural, historical, conservation, recreation, and other educational programs, the District seeks public input to develop optimal benefits and manage ecologically sensitive resources.

Paradise Recreation and Park District's District Manager, Dan Efseaff states, "We look forward to members of the community providing the input to help write the first chapter of protecting a little part of the canyon."

BCCP is currently a Private Residence, and access will be limited until the District develops a long-term management plan for the site. Please respect the family's privacy and await news on upcoming open house dates and community comment meetings. Planned site-tours for organizational partners, Canyon residents, and District community members are set for Spring and Summer of 2027.

The Park Planning Survey is now available on PRPD's website. Over the next year, the District

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will be collecting community survey input and feedback from in-person meetings. This will help support an upcoming Parks Master Plan update and guide initiatives in the Canyon. New information on the BCCP site will be available online and will include timelines, images, partners, and official documentation in the coming months. The District's website may be accessed at www.ParadisePRPD.com.







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Since 1948, the Paradise Recreation and Park District provides recreation facilities and programs to the residents of Paradise, the Butte Creek Canyon area, and the unincorporated communities of Magalia, Paradise Pines, Concow, and Yankee Hill. The District serves 50,000 people living in a 170-square mile area and manages over 1,000 acres of park land and facilities.