



**United States Department of the Interior
California Department of Parks and Recreation**

Redwood National and State Parks
1111 Second Street
Crescent City, California 95531



L7617 (NFLMC bridge)

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Dear Friend of the Parks:

The National Park Service welcomes your comments on the enclosed environmental assessment for a project to remove failing undersized culverts and replace them with a bridge on a former logging road that is part of the Lost Man Creek-Holter Ridge hike-bike trail in Redwood National Park north of Orick. The road is also used for administrative vehicle access to watershed and forest restoration project sites. Replacing the culverts with a bridge would improve habitat for threatened fish species by removing an obstacle to fish passage to spawning areas upstream. Unstable road sections adjacent to the bridge would also be removed to prevent future damage to fish habitat. This project, if approved, will be accomplished by a grant from the California Department of Fish and Game Fisheries Restoration Grant Program for restoration of salmonid habitat in California streams.

The Lost Man Creek-Holter Ridge hike-bike trail is part of the former Geneva Road, and runs between the Lost Man Creek picnic area and Holter Ridge Road on the eastern boundary of the national park. The project area is located on the North Fork of Lost Man Creek about 600 upstream from the confluence with Lost Man Creek and about one mile upstream from the Lost Man Creek picnic area. The Lost Man Creek segment of the hike-bike trail would be closed for about one month beginning September 16, 2009 while the work is underway.

The environmental assessment is also available for review at local libraries and park offices, and on the park website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> and selecting Redwood NP from the dropdown menu.

We will be accepting written comments on the plan through August 24, 2009. Please send written comments to
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If you have any questions about the project, please contact Mike Sanders at (707) 465-7742 or via e-mail at michael_sanders@nps.gov.

We appreciate your interest in protecting the anadromous fish and the other significant natural resources of the parks.

Sincerely,

Steve W. Chaney
National Park Superintendent

Enclosure