

# Cache Creek Coordinate Resource Management Plan

## Public Review Meetings Comments

The following pages contain notes taken during public review meetings held October 11, 2002 through October 16, 2002 to discuss the draft Cache Creek CRMP.

Lakeport, CA  
October 11, 2002

BLM Staff attending: Rich Burns, Field Manager; Gregg Mangan, Cache Creek Natural Area Manager; Jonna Hildenbrand, Outdoor Recreation Planner; Larry Ames, Interpretive Specialist.

### Comments

- Should sign Davis Street gate with explanation.
- Would vote for proposed action.
- What is water situation at Blue Ridge Ranch House. Need potable water.
- Get cattle in early spring for star thistle control.
- Substantial area not accessible during irrigation releases. Suggest building bridges over creek crossings.
- Zone B: map looks like it touches highway (public access).
- Cache Creek plan is not multiple-use friendly.
- If wilderness bill is overturned, consider making OHV corridors.
- Needs to be a place for motorized recreation. Some wilderness, some multiple use.
- Will need roads for fire control access.
- Endorse alternative #4. Protect what undisturbed areas are left.
- Are we doing anything to manage for diseases common to Elk (brucellosis, etc.)
- Ask for data from Fish and Game
- Endorse alternative #3. Provides for most multiple use.
- Grazing is good for the land.
- Develop Cowboy Camp to allow for bigger rigs.
- Omit recreation aspect for zones C and F for expansion and/or continued level of use. Eliminate or forget the Twin Sisters trail. Trespass issues on private land. Focus money for improvement to other trails near Blue Ridge, etc.
- Regarding private property (personal) liabilities and rights: will boundaries be posted and signed?
- Grazing: experiment with a variety of techniques and time of year.
- Recreation: recognizing more users in the area.
- Biological: Is tamarisk dominant noxious species? What are other species?
- Improve trees on Upper Cache Creek and portions of Payne Ranch. Fisheries will improve too.
- Of the 70,000 acres none is identified for OHV use. Will any be identified for OHV?
- Hunting has pretty much been eliminated from the Perkins Creek Ridge area due to vehicle restrictions.
- Indian Valley uses for OHV: will use change if suggested as wilderness?
- Endorse alternative #4.

- Will need emergency road access (search and rescue, fire, ambulance, etc.)
- Prescribed burns: mosaic burn patterns effective.
- Would like surveys of other large animals than elk.
- Endorse alternative #3
- If there is a place suitable for OHV, it should be in a location as not to impact wildlife (noise, sensitive habitat, etc.)
- Would like to preserve some land the way it was for future generations. Access is necessary to be viewed and appreciated by future generations.
- Concepts of wilderness not realistic.
- Plan keeps in tune with Boxer bill.
- Will Cowboy Camp access remain open? Concerns about soil compaction near oaks. Favor barriers to prevent.
- Would like notes from all meetings posted on Internet.

Woodland, CA  
October 15, 2002

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### Comments

- Would like plan to include a comparison table of all alternatives
- Mountain bikes and water developments are questionable (per wilderness values)
- Adequate law enforcement is important
- Use environmental factors to establish grazing plan, not a date (i.e. 2003)
- Mountain bikes don't belong in Cache Creek on trails. Restrict to gravel roads.
- Allow overnight camping in Zone A
- Best management practice for grazing should include exclosures near water courses and gullies.
- Wildlife issues: include California RedLegged Frog.
- Geologic Values: Folded formations and eroded areas provide interpretive opportunities.
- Support alternative #4. Prescribed burning in the Fall.
- Look at Henry Coe State Park for plan examples
- Coe Park is different geologically and vegetation.
- Was wind energy omitted intentionally? Consider in CRMP for scenic changes.
- Support control burns and grazing to control invasive weeds.
- Fence ponds and install remote water sites for livestock. (BLM should fund)
- Grazing needs to be practical for lessee.
- Consider microplot approach to weed control studies. (control burns, grazing, etc.)
- Don't allow mountain bikes in WSA prior to designation decision.
- Consider methods other than grazing for weed control (prefer no grazing)
- Keep options open by maximum protection now.
- Dislike seeing "entitled" people (inholders, administrative access) driving into areas that are closed to public vehicles.
- Would like dispersed car camping to be available.
- Address minimum water flow levels in plan.
- What did the Cache Creek area originally look like (vegetation, etc.)
- Why is camping in Zone A restricted ½ from parking lot (Fish and Game rule)
- Off highway vehicles: Trails should be closed unless signed open.

- Prohibition of non-hunting shooting is OK
- Initiate a suitability study for wild and scenic designation to include water flows to protect wildlife.
- In favor of barrier installation in Zone F. Identify some ponds for grazing and some for recreation (keep them separate)
- Cache Creek qualifies as a significant component to wilderness. Interim management as wilderness – other areas for recreation uses.
- Support a hybrid of alternative #1. Support multi-use. Support noxious weed eradication by burns and grazing.
- Support alternative #4
- Keep mountain bikes out of WSA.
- Would like plan to mention other areas that offer recreational opportunities elsewhere (specifically OHV, mountain biking and target shooting)
- Regional approach to recreational opportunities (Yolo County parks, etc.)
- Projects/Planning for Tule elk: look at expanding range as opposed to intensive non-native seedings and plantings.

Colusa, CA  
October 16, 2002

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### **Comments**

- Evaluate livestock grazing based on a longer period of time– not just the last two years.
- Livestock grazing: possible exchange of services for grazing (i.e. fencing)
- Include list of partners and contributors in plan.
- Page 81 of plan – under benefits A and B – most concern with B. It may or may not be true.
- Need to understand demand for use based on increased use being seen now.
- May be increased need for mountain bike use in future. Needs to be addressed in plan, esp. Payne Ranch.
- Manage for mountain bike use where elk aren't. (Zone management)
- Monitoring plan is invasive. Nothing in plan for sediment monitoring.