



PROGRESS REPORT Third Quarter 2009

Big Grizzly Creek

No new activity. Interpretive signage design and fabrication postponed to 2010.

Beckwourth Crossing

No new activity.

Web Site Completion

The Conservancy web site is up and running on the web. SV Designs (Sharon Verhasselt) completed the architecture and navigation last quarter. Web content continues to be prepared by Lynn Desjardin and Donna Lindquist which will be provided to Sharon as it becomes available. Donna will need conceptual help with the sections titled "Happenings", "Get Involved", "Owners Place", and "Child's Corner" so these items should be discussed during preparation of the 2010 budget. Sharon has enough left in her contract to help with downloading content and preparation of a newsletter. Donna will work with Sharon on these items during the fourth quarter 2009.

Community Outreach Program

The Grizzly Ranch Conservancy hosted the first Outdoor Education Field Day for Portola Carmichael School at Grizzly Ranch on October 22, 2009. Rob Wade, Director for the Plumas County Outdoor Education Program, arrived with a bus load of 55 sixth grade students, three teachers and three environmental specialists to assist in the field day. The group began their day at Big Grizzly Creek where instructors discussed the fishery, water quality, riparian vegetation and the importance of stream insects to the aquatic food chain. Instructors also demonstrated water quality testing and how insect populations are monitored in an aquatic environment. The group then walked the length of the creek and observed local birds and important riparian plants. The next stop was the Lake House where Bill Forward demonstrated fly casting and discussed how to make flies for fishing. Several students were able to try to cast and this activity was enjoyed by all. All of the activities were interactive which was a real hit with the students. I think the participants would agree that the first outdoor education day went very smoothly and the educational activities were well presented. This experience will provide valuable information for the program next year. Donna took photographs which will be available on the web site.

Advisory Committee

No activity this quarter.

Accomplishments Anticipated Next Quarter

- Develop additional content for the web site and submit to SV Design for downloading
- Prepare a draft newsletter for BOD review
- Prepare a draft 2010 budget for BOD review
- Complete the process to obtain the Organizational Clearance Certificate from the Board of Equalization
- Prepare financial documents for Quarter 4