



FIRST QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT May 2016

Trail Maintenance

A proposal for trail maintenance was provided by Pedro Benuto for the Big Grizzly Creek and Beckwourth Crossing Trails. Maintenance will take place in June if approved by the Board which includes removing wood debris, tree limbs, pine cones and application of new wood chips to mark the trails.

Fishing Access

A proposal to prune willows and alders in key fishing areas was received and will be considered by the Board. Dense riparian vegetation along Big Grizzly Creek makes it difficult to fish and to access the creek for wading.

Website Revisions

Big Fish Creations, a local web design and marketing firm, provided a proposal to revise and refresh the Conservancy's outdated web site. The new website will be simplified and more user friendly if approved by the Board.

Trailhead Markers

The existing trailhead markers will require resealing this year to protect the wood. The original lettering on the markers has disappeared due to exposure to the elements so use of a metal plate with the trail name is being considered as a low maintenance alternative. Six cedar posts were found at Grizzly Ranch which can be used as new trailhead markers for additional trails which is a cost savings for the Conservancy.

New Signage on the Big Grizzly Creek Trail

Two new billboard signs will be installed at the two entrances to the Big Grizzly Ranch trail. The signs will display a copy of the overall trail map and a smaller more detailed map of the creek trail that shows points of interest, common plants and animals, emergency contacts, rules for use etc. Hardcopies of the trail map will be provided in pockets that attach to the sign.

New Amenities at Big Grizzly Creek

Several "soft" amenities are being considered along the Creek trail. This includes a Frisbee golf course, rope swing, climbing rock, several new picnic benches and a labyrinth. The conceptual plan is being revised to include these new features. New amenities will be installed this summer if approved by the Board.

New Amenities at Beckwourth Crossing

A proposal to install a tipi or yurt at Beckwourth Crossing has been obtained. The addition of a structure at this location would encourage more use of the site and especially the new fire pit. Other possible amenities include horseshoe pits, a Petanque area, and picnic tables.

Bath Tub Springs

Development of this ecologically active site would include a trail from the road, signage, a bench for relaxing or reading by the spring and interpretive signs that describe the birds and other animals that visit this location. The bath tub is leaking so will require some work.

Botanical Guide

Several displays were created by GRI that will include copies of the botanical guide. A suggested donation will be posted with proceeds going to the Grizzly Ranch Conservancy. This will provide an opportunity for the Conservancy to recoup some of the production costs for the book.