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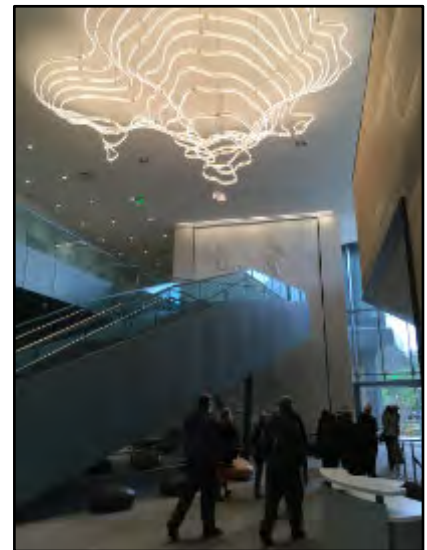
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"State Park experts and professionals advocating for State Parks since 1964."

For the first time in over 2 years, your Board of Directors was able to meet in person in Sacramento. It is always great to get out into a park and Folsom Powerhouse SHP did not disappoint. It was also exciting to see the brand new Resources building downtown. See the President's Message on page 4 for all the details.



Top; Meeting with Deputy Director Kathy Amann. Middle; Board Meeting at Folsom Powerhouse VC. Bottom; Dan Winklemann gives us a tour of the Powerhouse. Above; some of the public art in the new Resources Building. Photos by Janet Carle and B. Cahill



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Preserving the Old Dutch Cleanser Mine

By Mark Faull

One of the most captivating aspects of our endearing California deserts, is our ability to witness and experience firsthand the raw and brute force of powerful geology at our fingertip. Elsewhere in the State, increased moisture adds layers of life that conceal that raw earth beneath our feet. Unveiled in the deserts is the majesty of rock sculpted over the eons by the interplay of tectonic forces and the limited, but consistent, etching of water (sometimes accompanied by wind).

Red Rock Canyon represents one of the most spectacular and dramatic examples of that interplay. It is a unique theater where the drama of desert adapted lifeforms, many of which are endemic locally, gives way to inspiring and expansive geologic vistas. From massive rock monuments, towering several hundred feet high, down to the very intricate, we marvel in awe at the forces which shape our earth. These intricate details both please and puzzle our eyes.

However, this exposure of readily seen and accessible raw earth also avails other opportunities - easier access to minerals. And thus, it is not surprising that many, to most, of our prized desert landscapes now saved in parks for posterity, have in

tandem a rich mining history. Such a circumstance is extremely true for Red Rock Canyon State Park.



Most of that rich mining history has long ceased and now lies protected within the park as one more layer of the cultural history associated with this landscape. However, there do remain a few private inholdings, left over from past successful exploitations, where ever-hopeful owners envision riches to come.

The largest modern inholding involves the remains of the Old Dutch Cleanser mines, where room and pillar underground mining from 1923 to 1947 excavated 120,000 tons of pumicite (under the tradename of "seismotite"). This fine pumicite was used as the abrasive element within the extraordinarily popular and successful scouring powder Old Dutch Cleanser.

Since 1947, when the pre-eminence of Old Dutch Cleanser faded, these mines have sat almost entirely idle. However, the current owner of this 240-acre inholding within Red Rock Canyon State Park, the Matcon Corporation, would like to reverse that fate and return profitability to this acreage. To do so, Matcon is trying to use language from when the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA)

was first implemented in 1976 that exempted preexisting mining from some or much of those new mining regulations, by granting these earlier ventures "vested rights". The original intent was obviously not to assert these rights 46 years later, however, other modern mining ventures have had some recent success convincing County Planning Commissions to ignore their staff recommendations and grant such vested rights (see San Bernardino County in particular).

This is the case with Matcon, who almost convinced the Kern County Planning Commission earlier this year to ignore their staff recommendations to deny vested rights, when Matcon tried to distract the Commissioners by evoking meddlesome "environmentalists". The Commission fortunately postponed their decision to investigate possible legal jeopardy if they did so, until their May 12th meeting.

The facts are that the Kern County has in recent years reviewed Matcon's case in

detail and has stated that their mine meets the legal criteria to be considered both "idle" and "abandoned" under the law and has even suggested that "restoration" of the mine should potentially commence. Thus, Matcon wants to accomplish an end run to avoid these determinations, while simultaneous removing certain environmental restrictions, easing development or potential sale of the property.

The Old Dutch Cleanser mines are situated atop a spectacularly beautiful 400-foot cliff in the Last Chance Canyon portion of Red Rock Canyon State Park.

Whereas, the 24 year operation of the mines in the first half of the Twentieth Century involved subsurface mining that minimally impacted this vista, Matcon's application for modern mining involves open pit access, which necessitates taking off the top of this beautiful cliff to access the desired mineral product.

Convincing the Kern County Planning Commission to lis-

ten to their staff and reject this unwise proposal at their May 12th meeting is the FIRST step needed. One can send concerns to the Commission through the Center for Biological Diversity, by clicking on this [link](#) and joining their chorus of voices. Or communicate more directly with the Commission by sending an email or letter to:

Randall Cates, Planner 3
Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Dept.
2700 "M" Street, Suite 100
Bakersfield, CA 93301
CatesR@kerncounty.com

Alternatively, you can attend the meeting in person on May 12, 2022 at 7PM to be held in the Chamber of the Board of Supervisors, First Floor, Kern Administrative Center, 1115 Truxton Ave, in Bakersfield, California.

However, ultimately the only REAL solution to this recurring issue is to convince the Department and the current Administration to purchase this mine inholding and preserve this landscape for all time. This issue of ill-fated mining arises every couple of years, involving a new scheme or twist. Our community supporters are growing weary of fighting the same battle endlessly. If we cannot achieve the funding necessary to eliminate this perpetual threat during significant budget surpluses, when can we accomplish protection? Matcon is actually a willing seller to ANYONE, including State Parks. It is time we resolve this issue once and for all.



President's Message



Spring arrived and the CSPRA calendar filled with meetings and events. For the first time in more

than 2 years, most of our officers, directors, liaisons and committee folks met in-person at the Folsom Powerhouse SHP Visitor Center on Sunday afternoon, April 3rd. Retired ranger, **Dan Winkelmann**, provided an interpretive tour of the historic Powerhouse. WAVE editor **Brian Cahill** graciously hosted our group at his nearby home for dinner on the deck.

The following morning, we toured the new Natural Resources building in downtown Sacramento (very impressive!) before meeting with Deputy Director for Ops **Kathy Amann**, Ops Chief **Jason DeWall**, and Human Resources Manager **Jennifer Crockett** for an hour, followed by Natural Resources Division Chief **Jay Chamberlin** to wrap up the 2-day meeting marathon.

A key discussion, both days, dealt with the need to fill vacant positions. We offered to work with the Department and Districts to supplement recruitment efforts with a team of CSPRA members and Graybears willing to speak to school classes about careers in the state park system.

Volunteers are needed; please get in touch.

Our Board meeting also dealt with our Association's own recruiting needs, to add state park professionals from all categories to our membership. We are updating the CSPRA membership brochure and will prepare a new video about our organization that can be used during breaks at training classes at Asilomar or elsewhere.

Park Advocacy Day, sponsored by the State Park Foundation, will be May 17 in Sacramento, with a State Parks Fair on the Capitol grounds that morning and a rally about 11 AM. CSPRA will be there. We are also supporting Millerton Reservoir's annual Kids Safety Day on May 21st, along with the Ranger Foundation. Our observance of World Ranger Day will be on July 31st, at the International Cottages in Balboa Park in San Diego, co-sponsored by CSPRA, the Ranger Foundation, and rangers of San Diego. Mexican and Panamanian rangers have been invited to attend, to honor the profession and pay homage to our peers who gave their lives in the line of duty last year. We recently sent a letter to the Mongolian Ranger Federation supporting its membership in the International Ranger Federation.

We have very good news about the Jack London legal

action that began way back in September 2019. On March 30, Judge Chouteau of the Sonoma County Superior Court ruled that our petition for writ of mandate is GRANTED. With this successful outcome, CEQA requirements must be adhered to beginning with 2023 performances in the Old Winery Ruins at Jack London SHP, justifying CSPRA's difficult decision to take these legal steps. I congratulate the 2019 CSPRA officers and Board on this ruling that stood up for park resources. Administrative measures to implement the decision remain to be completed, so the full story about this nearly 3 years of effort will be provided later.

CSPRA continues to monitor and comment upon threats to the Los Angeles SHP from a proposed gondola, and to Red Rock Canyon SP from a mining rights claim.

We invite your help with a proposed CSPRA outreach campaign during the next fiscal year to finally address the need for adequate, stable, dedicated funding for State Park operations. Here is a brief summary of key points made within a lengthy position paper that was developed by a CSPRA committee and presented to the Board in April:

ISSUE: The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) is concerned about deficiencies currently plaguing the State Park System that have developed

over several decades. As a public good held in trust for Californians, State Parks deserve stable, adequate funding. It is time to finally identify such funding, to fill current vacancies soon and then transition to full mission-based staff levels, to restore the California State Park System to a model of excellence among park operations across the nation.

BACKGROUND:

In February 2022, there were 513.5 vacancies across all permanent job categories in DPR's field operations. Maintenance positions accounted for 145 vacancies; 86 were State Park Peace Officer (Ranger)s positions; 41 Interpreter positions; 31 District Superintendents and 25 SPPO Lifeguards. Others were vacant park scientist, clerical staff, and specialist positions. Recently, the Colorado District (including Anza-Borrego Desert SP) had 38 percent of its positions vacant. The North Coast Redwoods District was down by 30 percent. Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation areas had 25 percent vacancies (14 of 41 positions). Some positions have not been filled in years.

The 2022-23 Governor's Proposed Budget includes Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) funding that is only one quarter of one percent (.000264) of the total State budget. The proposed budget does not resolve staffing vacancies and provides a meager \$20 million toward a \$1 billion maintenance backlog.



Borrego Palm Canyon campground facilities damaged by flood in 2004, still not repaired

The Parks Forward document, (2015), included two-year implementation actions to “Develop a dedicated source of public funding for California parks and protected lands.” And a 10-year plan called for a “Dedicated Funding for the Future” effort.” The 2-year goal has passed; time is running on the 10-year objective.

A scientific Service Based Budgeting (SBB) effort in 2017 compared the staffing levels portrayed in the Department's current organizational charts (including vacancies) with the staffing levels needed to accomplish the Department's mission. SBB identified a gap for the entire field operation that averaged 58%, and suggested a need for over \$400 million/year to achieve adequate service-level funding, significantly beyond recent General Fund levels.

Inadequate funding and staffing bring untenable negative impacts on parks' natural and cultural resources, threaten the public's enjoyment of their

parks, and diminish staff morale. The General Fund, the traditional source for State Park operations, is notoriously variable, fluctuating with economic cycles. Other funds are temporary (such as from bonds) or have limitations that keep them from application to general park operations.

CSPRA seeks a coalition of park supporters and organizations to inform the media, the public, and Legislators about the need for stable, adequate state park system funding, to promptly fill current vacancies, and then work toward mission-based staff levels as identified by SBB. Funds newly dedicated to state park operations could be provided via taxes redirected to support Park operations from several of California's largest revenue producing industries, or an endowment might be established with some of the State's current budget surplus.

Restorative Healing on the North Coast:

How collaboration, partnerships and trust has led to precedent setting accomplishments between California State Parks, the Yurok Tribe and the National Park Service.

By Erin Gates, Acting Deputy Superintendent of Redwood National and State Parks

April 7th marked a significant moment in the history of California State Parks and Redwood National and State Parks. The Yurok Tribe, in partnership with California State Parks, Parks California and Redwood National and State Parks (NPS), celebrated the grand opening of the recently renovated and renamed Chah-pek-w O' Ket'-toh "Stone Lagoon" Visitor Center, the first tribally operated visitor center within State Parks.

As a Yurok lead event, it seems only appropriate that this story is told through a Yurok lens. The below excerpt is from the Yurok Tribe press release.

More than 150 tribal and state park officials as well as state and federal congress members and agency representatives traveled up to Yurok Country to attend the special celebration. Broadcasted by Parks California, the livestreamed part of the event featured commentary from the Tribe and California State Parks as well as Yurok elders who informed viewers about the Tribe's unique relationship to the coastal lagoon.



*Yurok Chairman **Joseph L. James** and California State Parks North Coast Redwoods Superintendent **Victor Bjelajac**.*

"The restoration of our role as the steward of Chah-pek-w O' Ket'-toh represents a significant step toward the healing of our people," said **Joseph L. James**, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. "We are extremely proud to be the first tribe in California to operate a visitor center within the state park system. It is humbling to know this precedent sets the stage for many other tribes to follow suit. I would like to thank the North Coast Redwoods State Park for taking the time to build a reciprocal relationship with the Tribe and taking action to correct

an historic wrong."

"I hope public land managers from all over California and the entire US use the partnership between the state park and the tribe as a blueprint to build solid working relationships with sovereign tribal nations in their regions," added California State Parks North Coast Redwoods Superintendent **Victor Bjelajac**. "Our partnership on the visitor center, renaming of Sue-meg State Park and condor restoration projects are only the beginning. I know we will embark on many more

equally exciting endeavors in the not so distant future.”

Managed by Yurok Cultural Resources Director and Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer, **Rosie Clayburn**, the Chah-pek-w O’ Ket’-toh “Stone Lagoon” Visitor Center now contains a multitude of digital and conventional displays that reflect the Tribe’s longstanding cultural connection to the lagoon. The Tribe and Park hired Yurok interpreters to share Tribe’s history from pre-contact to contemporary times.

“Visitors have an opportunity to learn about the Tribe from Yurok citizens,” Clayburn said. For countless generations, Yurok families occupied multiple villages, such as Chah-pek-w and Cho-chk-wee, near the coastal lagoon. The residents of the villages lived in relative peace until the California Gold Rush, when European settlers attempted a genocide against the Tribe and neighboring indigenous nations. The Tribe endured several devastating atrocities during this tumultuous time period, but the Yurok people were never removed from the region.

In fact, many contemporary Yurok citizens are descendants of the Chah-pek-w and Cho-k-wee villagers who survived the Native American holocaust. One of the descendants, Yurok Tribal Council Member **Sherri Provolt**, assisted in the formation of the agreement that paved the

way for the Tribe to operate the Chah-pek-w O’ Ket’-toh Visitor Center.

“It feels really good to regain our rightful place as the primary caretaker of Chah-pek-w O’ Ket’-toh,” said Tribal Council Member Provolt. “I know our ancestors would be proud that we are making positive change for future generations of Yurok people and natives throughout the state.”

In addition to celebrating the Visitor Center, the event was also a celebration of the soon-to-be realized reintroduction of Prey-go-neesh (the California condor). Later this month, the Yurok Tribe and Redwood National Park plan to release the first four condors to take flight in the region since the late 1800s. The Northern California Condor Restoration Program, comprised of biologists and technicians from Tribe and Redwood National Park, will be managing the new flock.

In the Yurok worldview, Prey-go-neesh (condor) is one of the most sacred species. The bird is featured prominently in the Tribe’s creation story and performs an essential function in the White Deerskin Dance and Jump Dance.

“The purpose of the Jump Dance and White Deerskin Dance is to bring balance to the world. Our condor restoration work is a representation of this sacred obligation. Through condor reintroduction, we are fixing an imbalance in the natural world and restoring a

critical part of our culture,” concluded Chairman James.

“The National Park Service is honored to partner with the Yurok Tribe, California State Parks, US Fish and Wildlife Service and many others to bring back the condor, re-invent Chah-pek-w O’ Ket’-toh “Stone Lagoon” Visitor Center and restore this landscape to its previous majestic splendor while starting to heal our relationship to the earth and each other.

These projects are standing as a model for the National Park Service, California State Parks and all government to reinvent and reimagine our relationships with indigenous peoples. We are demonstrating here that if we trust each other, and work towards common goals, we can do anything” remarked Superintendent Steve Mietz at the celebration event hosted by the Yurok Tribe.

As dignitaries and government officials stood next to tribal members, gazing out at the waters of Stone Lagoon, it was apparent to all that this was more than just a celebration. This was a moment where a stone was being cast out, resulting in a ripple that can inspire change, not only in California, but for the rest of our country. Change that can only come from true collaboration; stepping aside so that others can join us as we collectively work towards solutions for the significant environmental and social challenges that we face.

DPR Roadside Rest Areas

*By Jeff Ohlfs
CSPRA Benefactor*

A friend shared with me a California State Park produced postcard (#54 57597-B) which pictured a roadside rest area on Route 66. The caption read “located along Route 66, between Barstow and Needles, this roadside rest is one of four along this highway being provided for safety and comfort of the desert traveler. It was developed and is maintained by the California Division of Beaches and Parks.”

The National Park Service, as part of Roosevelt’s programs, established and administered thirteen “waysides” in Virginia and South Carolina from 1936 to 1944. I was unfamiliar with California State Parks administering roadside rest areas. Transportation agencies established roadside rest areas as places where motorists could “take a break”. Michigan was the first state to develop a roadside rest area in 1929. California started considering this “as early as 1928 in a report to the State Park Commission prepared by Frederick Law Olmstead ‘to provide for temporary stopping places, in the form of turnouts’ (p. 31) were recommended in the ultimate development of a comprehensive State Park System” (State Park Roadside Rests document, no date).



A resolution of the State Legislature (1931 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 34), the Division of Highways, with State Park approval and US Bureau of Public Roads input, created the earliest report on the “development of small roadside parking and recreational areas” in the 1932 California Highway Roadside Beautification Survey. A 1937 New York Times article reported rest areas rapidly gaining popularity among the states as “Oases along busy highways” (June 2, p 23).

It was not until 1951 that the State Legislature (Assembly Concurrent Resolution 91) specifically “asked the Division of Highways and the Division of Beaches and Parks to examine and report on the practicality of establishing a system of rest areas along California’s state highways.” The “Roadside Rests and Parks Along California State Highways” report was

completed on January 15, 1953. The Division of Beaches and Parks released a Five-Year Master Plan on March 1, 1956. The plan states “best possibilities for roadside rest locations” were examined and called for the establishment of 175 roadside rest areas in the state for an estimated cost of \$2.6 million over the plan’s five-year period.

Subsequently, the statewide Rest Area program (AB 494) authored by Assemblywoman **Pauline L. Davis** (D-Portola) in 1957 (San Bernardino Sun March 6, 1958, p. 9) and signed into legislation (Chapter 2113) by Governor **Goodwin Knight**, on July 8, 1957. This legislation also authorized the use of State Park lands for roadside rest areas (Section 5086). Selection was “based on the amount of traffic on the highways, lack of picnic facilities, the hazard of driver fatigue, plus problems of maintenance once the rests are

established” (San Bernardino Sun, October 13, 1956, p. 21).

Ten (some sources say eleven) roadside rest areas were built and operated by the Division of Beaches and Parks between 1957 and 1962 (California Department of Public Works Master Plan & Estimate for a System of Roadside Rests in California, October 1962, p. 3). Eight of these were built in Northern California at a cost ranging from \$1,049 to \$5,699.

The three roadside rest areas in Southern California were built in the desert on Route 66. They cost an average of \$10,141 each (State Parks Summary of Capital Outlay for Construction 1945 to 1963, p. 92). In a 1961 letter to the California State Highway Engineer, State Parks Director Charles A. DeTurk stated “as early as March 1958, the State Legislature curtailed use of funds that were at that time appropriated for the Division’s use in a roadside rest program and since that time a minimum of \$12,500 annually has been made available only for the maintenance of ten roadside rests.”

On November 16, 1962, the State Park Commission unanimously passed a resolution that said roadside rest areas are “not properly a function of the State Park System”. On June 19, 1963, Governor Pat Brown signed Safety Roadside Rest legislation (S.B. 173, Chapter 992) which



transferred all roadside rest areas outside of State Park units to Caltrans and prohibited the development of Roadside Rest Areas in units of the State Park System (California Streets & Highways Code Section 218). In September 1963, Caltrans took over management of the rest areas from the State Parks (San Bernardino Sun, September 10, 1963, p. 17). By the 1970’s many roadside rest areas were disappearing due to budget cuts, lack of use, and lack of maintenance. Later, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 contributed to their further decline due to the lack of budgets to upgrade the facilities to be in compliance.

As for the four along Route 66, where were they? With the assistance of the Caltrans Library, I was able to find documentation which

identified three of them and the mileage between them. A road trip along Route 66 was in order.

The fourth roadside rest area proved most elusive. In addition to the postcard, the San Bernardino Sun (January 15, 1957, p. 25) stated three would be constructed between Barstow and Essex. Two were.

Initially, my only resource was AAA and gas company highway maps from the era. They show rest areas. The maps depicted (inaccurately) three additional roadside rest area locations along Route 66 between Barstow and Needles at Newberry, Essex, and South Pass. However, two documents ultimately answered the question. The 1962 Division of Highways Master Plan’s Roadside Rests map does not have the fourth roadside rest area. It shows the three known Route 66 roadside rest areas. The State Parks Summary of Capital Outlay for Construction 1945 to 1963 (p. 92) shows the fourth roadside rest area was never funded prior to the transfer to Caltrans. In conclusion, the fourth Route 66 roadside rest area was never built. The postcard was wrong.

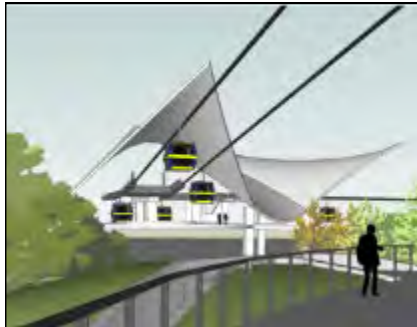
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Los Angeles SHP Kite Festival

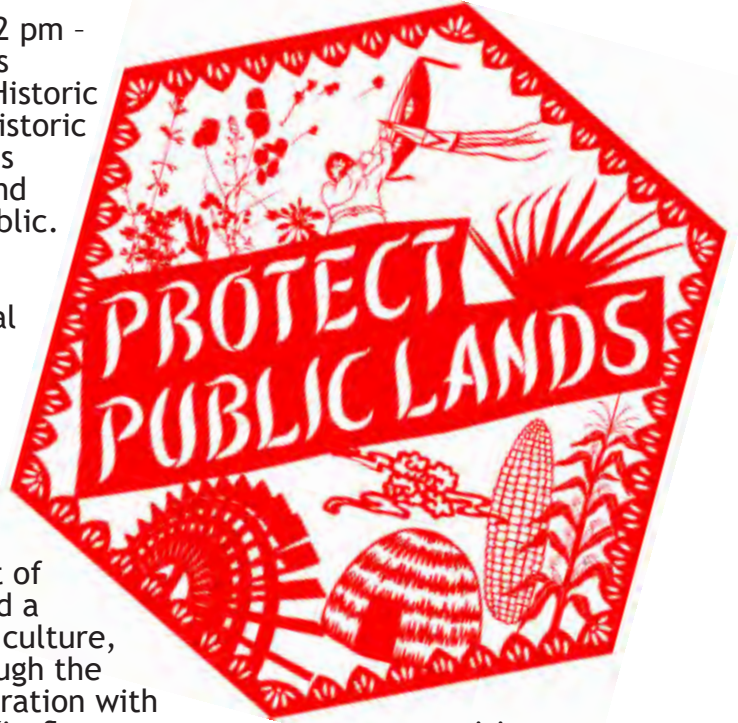
CSPRA passed a resolution last year opposing a proposal to build an aerial gondola over Los Angeles State Historic Park, connecting Union Station with Dodger Stadium. As discussion on the proposed gondola continues, a kite festival will celebrate the still open airspace above the park.

Clockshop and California State Parks are hosting Community & Unity, our second annual People's Kite Festival, on Saturday, May



21, 2022 from 2 pm - 6pm, at the Los Angeles State Historic Park, next to historic Chinatown. This event is free and open to the public.

This family-friendly cultural festival will serve as an opportunity to bring together diverse communities in Los Angeles through the art of kite making and a day full of joy, culture, and uplift through the arts. In collaboration with the American Kiteflyers Association it will feature a “gallery in the sky,” including master flying demonstrations. This event is designed as a community celebration honoring the



communities surrounding LASHP that fought for and stewarded this public park land, recognizing their resilience, cultural histories, and aspirations.

Ranger's Stetson

Never left the house, without my Stetson wearing
Nowadays they wear ball caps, that loses all the bearing
What if I were naked, wearing my old Stetson
To those of you who care, herein lies the lesson
Folks would say hey, there goes a naked Ranger
The naked guy with a ball cap, is nothing but a stranger

Bill Krumbein
Ret. #331



“Rangeroon” ©1980 Keith Hoofnagle

Remembering Ted Jackson

Long-time State Parks employee and manager Ted Jackson will be remembered by family, colleagues and friends Sept 17, 2022 with a bench dedication at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park. A 30 year career with State Parks saw Ted wear many hats starting in 1981 as a ranger cadet. He spent 10 years in the southern California region, including 4 years in the Angeles District. He transferred to Folsom Lake SRA in 1990. In 1995, he transferred to Sacramento headquarters and worked in the Human Rights Office and later as liaison to the Park and Recreation Commission.

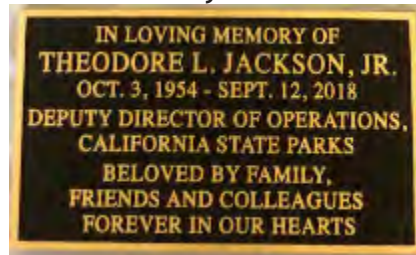
Ted also worked as a manager for the Department of Consumer Affairs for 2 years. From there Ted then returned as Southern Division Chief from 2002-2004 and then promoted to serve as Deputy Director of State Park Operations 2004-2009. Ted loved interacting with park visitors and staff and so he returned to field operations and finished the last 2 years of his career as Folsom Lake District Superintendent before retiring.

For those who knew Ted you probably remembered him



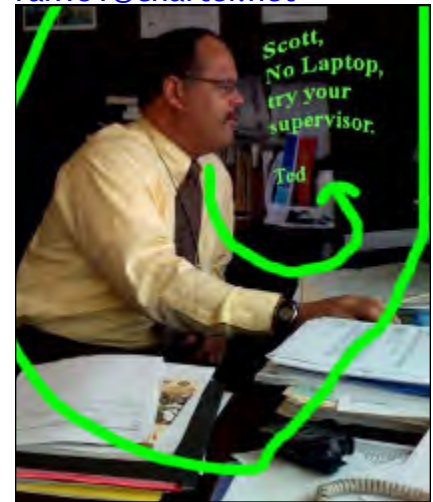
at some point in time talking about the beautiful and majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains. He was very intrigued with them and visited often by backpacking and climbing several peaks over the years. Ted passed away suddenly doing what he loved while on a Sierra backpacking trip September 2018. His ashes are spread below the majestic University Peak west of Independence, California.

Ted's family also decided to recognize him with a Memorial Bench located in a State Park which speaks to his dedication he had for Parks. The family choice: the "Remembrance Grove" at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park where park staff has assisted greatly in planning this event. The Jackson family would like to



welcome everyone to attend a full day of remembrance with the bench and plaque dedication, camping, food, drink, plus stories and many reminiscing of how special Ted was.

Contact Ron Krueper for information and RVSP. 909 838 8249 or rak131@charter.net



A "go fund me" page has been developed to off-set memorial bench costs with all excess funds to be donated to the "Friends of Colonel Allensworth SHP"; a 501(c) 3 non-profit. Theodore "Ted" Jackson Memorial dedication.



Photos of Ted by Mike Lynch

Wave Goodbye

Bob Young Phil Carey



Bob Young, retired State Park Senior Photographer, died recently at age 80. Bob loved taking

pictures and using his photos to tell stories. He traveled all over the state photographing parks and many of his images are still in use today. He was a frequent instructor at the Mott Training Center teaching photography and related skills to generations of rangers and interpreters.

Bob also loved woodworking. Though self-trained, he was quite an accomplished maker of fine furniture for his own home and for his many friends. He was a real asset at the department's Office of Interpretive Services as they designed and constructed exhibits and displays for parks throughout the system.

Bob was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2005. After surgery the doctors gave him 2 years to live. But thanks to a medical miracle he enjoyed another 16.

Bob loved going to Dillon Beach where he had a permanent trailer and he enjoyed fishing there as both a sport and commercial fisherman. According to his wife Donna, "Whatever he wanted to do, he taught himself."



Philip Carey –artist, musician, adventurer, friend— passed away peacefully after a brief

illness. He loved life and packed as much living and observing and creating as humanly possible into his 79 years, turning nature, medical challenges, even everyday trash into raw material for his art, and documenting his dialysis, kidney transplant, and even the isolation and frustration of the pandemic through mail art, collages, and sculptures. (See [art](#) here)

Over his career he spent time with the Gregg Smith Singers (where he recorded with Stravinsky & won a Grammy), the U.S. Navy (where he typed & designed the ship newsletter), and the California Parks Dept. (where he designed beautiful exhibits at places like Big Basin and the Coloma gold discovery site), before reinventing himself once again in retirement as a full-time artist (and passionate succulent gardener) in his adopted hometown of Morro Bay.

He published three books of dream drawings, as well as a book of envelope art which he created during five years of dialysis treatments prior to receiving a kidney transplant in 2015.

Jerry Henderson



Jerry Eugene Henderson was born on April 12, 1942. He loved the outdoors and nature,

becoming a Boy Scout leader and Eagle Scout. He received a BS from Long Beach State, and a Master's in Environmental Administration from UC Riverside. He was a First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps in the Vietnam War and received the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V". He was later promoted to Captain.

Jerry was a State Park Ranger in the 1970s. His favorite assignments were Big Basin Redwoods State Park and Mount San Jacinto Wilderness State Park. At the latter, he could hike or ski many miles each day helping people, some who were lost, or blazing new trails for others to enjoy. He set the standard for state park wilderness management. His sign still stands by the ranger station: "May the peace of the wilderness be with you."

Jerry loved riding and had won many awards over the years racing in the National Mountain Bike Series. He was also active in the Nordic Skiers of Nevada County and was downhill skiing and cross-country skiing up to the age of 76.

Elsie King Gillespie



Elsie was born in Yreka, on November 20, 1938, becoming a member of the Karuk Tribe of

California, and the youngest of eight siblings. Elsie was brought from the hospital in Yreka to her family's home in Orleans, where she was raised and spent her life along the river until the age of nineteen when she married Wayne King I and became a Navy wife, starting her first big life adventure, moving for the first time in her life to Los Angeles.

Elsie began school at UC Davis to earn her bachelors degree in Native American Studies. She accomplished her goal in 1978 while also being a single parent to three teenagers.

After graduation Elsie went to work as a Park Interpretive Specialist for the California State Indian Museum. Elsie spent the next sixteen years educating the public and sharing her cultural knowledge.

In 1995 Elsie decided to leave the city life behind and embark on her life's next adventure, moving with her now adult children and grandchildren back to her childhood hometown of Orleans.

Curt Itogawa



Curtis Isao Itogawa passed away from a heart attack, two weeks shy of his 75th birthday. He

was born in a farm labor camp in Walla Walla, WA. Curt is survived by his wife Laura (also a ranger), children Sara, and David.

Curt grew up in Sacramento where he enjoyed fishing and boating. During the Vietnam War, Curt enlisted in the US Navy. As a Medical Corpsman, he was assigned to warships and was also stationed at the Naval Hospital in Yokosuka, Japan. After the war, he attended Sacramento State College until he started his 25-year career with the California Department of Parks and Recreation. He was a State Park Ranger at Folsom Lake and Big Sur, a Supervising Ranger at Lake Perris, and finished his last 16 years as the Superintendent of Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area.

Curt was a talented and accomplished gourmet cook. He and Laura annually hosted huge dinners for family and friends for most of the yearly holidays. Curt loved golfing, camping, and inland fishing, but his greatest passion was deep sea fishing using rods he made himself. His personal best was a 148# blue fin tuna and a 150# Marlin.



Mixed Metaphors & Malaprops

by Jeff Price,
Seriously Retired

Mixed Metaphor: A combination of thoughts that when strung together produce a ridiculously funny effect of melded clichés. Send along any overheard slips of the tongue to jeff@cspra.com.

Ride ‘em cowboy!

Cruz seems to be saddling up to Trump once again.

A cheap banjo maybe?

Russia is playing us like a 5-string quartet.

Signals crossed.

If you are going to be good at politics, you must be able to read the smoke from the tea leaves.

Inevitability!

All it takes is one fatal mistake and people will die.

National pride, however apparent low SAT Scores.

. . . but the USA already has the toughest gun laws in the country.



That signals an involuntary response!

There will be various Ranger ID patches available at the auction and some are even reflexive.

Unbuckled restraints.

If you thought those Tweets were bad, hold on to your seat belts for these. . .

Comparative Statistics

I checked with the statisticians at the Comptroller’s office, and this the largest 7.5% increase that we’ve ever seen.

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The Park Rangers Association of California is a professional organization for park Rangers and other employees of municipal, county, special district, state and federal agencies.



The International Ranger Federation supporting the critical work that the world’s park rangers do in conserving our natural and cultural heritage.



Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs Promotion of the Proper Use, Enjoyment and Protection of America’s Scenic Wilderness and Outdoor Resources.



Association of National Park Rangers communicating for, about and with National Park Service employees of all disciplines and providing a forum for professional enrichment



California Park Hospitality Association representing companies and individuals who provide hospitality services under contract with the California State Parks.



California League of Park Associations supporting the Non-profits that are partners with State Parks.



Ranger Foundation — Rangers Helping Rangers. Our 501(c)3 charitable organization helps rangers worldwide. Over 20 grants have been made to families of Latin American rangers who died of Covid-19. More information about how you can help [HERE](#).





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Public art at the new state Resources Building – See page 4 for why we were there

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