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Paradise Recreation Granted Funds for Park Addition

Paradise, CA, Date - The Paradise Recreation and Park District (PRPD) announced that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy approved 2 new acquisitions in Paradise for \$220,700 to complete . for adjoining existing park properties.

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is a state agency that leads California's efforts to restore and enhance the extraordinary natural resources and communities of the Sierra Nevada while protecting them from wildfire and a changing climate. Since its inception in 2004, SNC has been faced with the challenge of supporting and enhancing the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the 25-million-acre Sierra Nevada region.

Dan Efseaff District Manager for PRPD observed that "The Oak Creek addition provides front door access to 17 acres already in public ownership and Noble opens up some new opportunities for the developed park slated for next door. The acquisitions gives us opportunities to better manage the land and provide easy public access."

"These property acquisitions adjoin existing District properties and will provide improved access, improve our ability to manage fuels, expand recreational opportunities, and protect forest, watershed, and archeological resources."

The Noble addition (8.91 acres) preserves natural habitat (wetland, year-round creek, oak woodland, and grinding stones) and provides a natural component to the adjoining park property (12 acres of former orchard land).

The Oak Creek addition (2.6 acres) provides "front door" access from a major road (Pearson Road) and opens 17.3 acres of creek-side forest and trails on the Oak Creek Park (the park currently has access only across private property)."

Efseaff added, “These properties are only a first, critical step toward a new Paradise with a park system that meets multiple objectives.”

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Since 1948, the Paradise Recreation and Park District provides recreation facilities and programs to the residents of Paradise, the Butte Creek Canyon area, and the unincorporated communities of Magalia/Paradise Pines and Concow/Yankee Hill. The District serves 50,000 people living in a 170-square mile area and manages nearly 500 acres of park land and facilities.

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