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Lakeridge Park Site Visit on National Trails Day

Magalia, CA, Saturday, June 4, 2022 – The Paradise Recreation and Park District (PRPD, District) welcomes the public to the kickoff site visit for the upcoming Lakeridge Park and the Magalia Paradise Lake Loop Trail.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Lakeridge Park planning team will be on site to talk with residents from the community about planned design themes and amenities, with opportunities to do a walk of the planned park site.

The idea planning for a park in Magalia originally began in 2006, followed with the search for an adequate piece of land for park use. Although many youth and adult programs and classes were(are) held at various sites in Magalia, the District noticed a public desire and need for a Magalia park site. In 2010, the District was presented with the idea of using Paradise Irrigation District land off Lakeridge Circle. An Ad-hoc committee was formed to discuss needs and wants for the surrounding community of Magalia, and the costs needed to move forward.

In December of 2021 after many previous attempts to secure funding, PRPD was awarded a \$5.2 million grant from the State Parks Program and a \$507,000 grant from the Recreational Trails and Greenways Grant Program from the California State Parks for the adjacent 15-mile Lake Loop Trail between Lakeridge Park and Paradise Lake. The District also receives technical support from the National Park Service. The North Valley Community Foundation/Butte Strong Fund recently announced support for key aspects of the Trails component.

District Manager Dan Efseaff noted, “We are grateful for the support from the community and funders to move forward with some amazing new amenities that fundamentally improve life on the ridge.”

Outreach and input for the Lakeridge Park site began with the original ad-hoc committees decades ago and has been added to more recently with a series of input meetings between 2019-2021 with the public and schools. This outreach online and at in-person meetings has given the District direction and perspective to the community’s changing needs for the future of Magalia and the Ridge.

Citizens may learn more about the park and trail development efforts in a relaxed setting. In addition, the District, in cooperation with the National Park Service, announced the Magalia Paradise Lake Loop Trail project website (<https://nps.mysocialpinpoint.com/magalia-paradise-lake-loop-trail>). Citizens are encouraged to participate in the Loop Trail planning and development process and can provide feedback on the interactive map and online survey.

Efseaff added, “We are exploring new tools for input and excited to see citizen input and their review of the tools, which are new to our area.”

Features of the new Lakeridge Park will include:

- Adventure play ropes, zip line, and rock climbing features
- Botanical gardens and nature trail
- Bike trail and skills course
- Interactive play water features
- Amphitheater and stage
- Group picnic area with covered shade structure
- Multi-use play fields
- Multi-purpose community center building
- Scenic overlook
- Playgrounds for older kids and preschoolers

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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 over 1,000 acres of park land and facilities.

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