

STATE of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

DATE: JANUARY 18, 2005

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT
TO ADOPT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(EIR) FOR THE PROPOSED HIGH SIERRA CROSS-
ING MUSEUM PROJECT

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

Project Location:

Donner Memorial State Park
Town of Truckee, Nevada County, California

Description of the Proposed Project:

The Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) proposes to construct new museum/visitor center on the grounds of the Donner Memorial State Park. The following is a summary of the proposed work:

- * Install one building on a permanent foundation, totaling approximately 8,000-10,000 square feet, to serve as a museum, visitor center, and offices for museum staff.
- * Construct a parking lot to accommodate up to 70 vehicles adjacent to the museum; lot would include three handicapped spaces, with one van-accessible, and space for up to three buses. Construct a paved bicycle/pedestrian path parallel to access road. Parking lot, bike path, and access road: approximately 70,000 - 80,000 square feet.
- * Construct an interpretive trail and trail connection to the Pioneer Monument day use area. Trails and walkways would be ADA-compliant.
- * Extend utilities from existing provider facilities along Donner Pass Road. Install a sewage lift station and stormwater collection/treatment system. Services would be undergrounded.
- * Install one access road/driveway, encroaching on Donner Pass Road, for ingress/egress to the facilities.

Public Review Period:

The EIR is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days, beginning January 18, 2005. Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted to the following address:

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All comments must be in writing and may be submitted by regular mail or email to the address indicated above, or by fax at (916) 445-9100; Attn: Susan Wilcox. Submissions must be postmarked or received by fax no later than March 6, 2005. The originals of any faxed document must be received by regular mail within ten working days following the deadline for comments, along with proof of successful fax transmission during the designated comment period. Emailed submissions must include the full name and mailing address. Comments received during the public review period will become part of the public record and will be included in the final EIR. Copies of the EIR may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours:

Sierra District Headquarters
California Department of Parks & Recreation
7360 West Lake Blvd.
Tahoma, California 96142

Donner Memorial State Park
Emigrant Trails Museum
12593 Donner Pass Road
Truckee, California 96161

Nevada County Library - Truckee Branch
10031 Levone Avenue
Truckee, California 96161

Northern Service Center
California Department of Parks & Recreation
One Capital Mall – Suite 410
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California State Parks Internet Site
Northern California/Nevada County/Donner Memorial SP
http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=981
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