

BIDWELL PARK TRAIL REPORT – FALL 2007

Trail maintenance projects completed this season, listed below, were the result of over 1125 hours of park staff labor. Additionally, Lise Smith-Peters organized 190 hours of public volunteer participation. Trail season began on October 2nd and ended on December 8th.

- **Parking lot E**

64 feet of new split rail fence was added in an effort to encourage park users to stay on trail and to discourage the continuing access of Horseshoe Lake via the containment cell slope.

Vegetation restoration to repair damage to containment cell slope included the transplanting of 380 square feet of native grass plugs, cultivation of compacted soil and planting of 3 pounds of native grass seed in all areas that showed signs of off trail use.

Performed maintenance of the crusher dust ADA trails that included the addition of 3 yards of crusher dust

- **Maidu Trail**

130 feet of existing fall line trail was redesigned and shaped to incorporate nearby grade changes and undulations in an effort to take advantage of naturally occurring opportunities to get water off the trail tread. As a result a number of ineffective and abrupt water bars were eliminated from this trail section. Abandoned trail sections were restored with native vegetation by transplanting of native grass plugs.

Additional maintenance of other trail sections included: Cleaning, repair, and hardening of 15 existing rolling water bars, 2 trail switch backs rebuilt for improved drainage, and 1543 feet of trail was cleaned of small round stones commonly referred to as “marbles”.

- **Middle Trail (West of Maidu Trail Head)**

833 feet of trail was cleaned of small round stones commonly referred to as “marbles”.

- **Middle Trail (East of Parking Lot “B”)**

451 feet of trail was rerouted 4 to 8 feet up hill of existing trail. Reroute was designed and shaped to incorporate grade changes and undulations in an effort to take advantage of naturally occurring opportunities to get water off the trail tread. Abandoned trail sections were restored with the addition of native soil, transplanting of native grass plugs, and sowing of native grass seed.

Additional maintenance of other trail sections included cleaning of 4 rolling water bars, building of 1 half rolling water bar, 50 feet of trenched trail filled and crowned

- **Blue Oak Trail**

7 water bars cleaned, 1 trail switch back rebuilt for improved drainage, 367 feet of trail was cleaned of small round stones commonly referred to as “marbles”, 363 feet of trail cleared of encroaching Star Thistle.

Parking Lot “E” Completed Fence and re-vegetation Project



Maidu Trail Completed redesigned trail section



Middle Trail Reroute East of Parking Area "B" Line indicates old trail route

