

Recreation and Infrastructure Report

Pahvant Interagency Fuels Reduction Project

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There is one developed campground and five developed picnic areas adjacent to several treatment units. Maple Hollow campground lies about two miles southeast of the Holden Springs treatment unit. Approximately 2.5 miles of Maple Hollow road, which accesses the campground, runs through the southern end of the treatment unit. Copleys Cove, Shinglemill, Buckskin Charley, and Pistol Rock picnic areas are located just outside the eastern boundary of the Horse Hollow treatment unit. Approximately 3 miles of Chalk Creek Canyon road, which access the picnic areas, runs through the Horse Hollow treatment unit. The fifth picnic site is located about ¼ mile outside of the Meadow treatment unit. These are all relatively small, developed recreation sites but they receive heavy use during the summer especially on weekends. (Note: the following is something to keep in mind for project implementation: If holiday weekends are avoided, there would only be minor impacts to recreation. For public safety these sites could be closed for several days. Group reservations can be made at Shingle Mill, Pistol Rock and Maple Hollow. Need to check with the Fillmore Ranger District to avoid conflicts with reservations.)

There are several undeveloped dispersed camping sites within the treatment units. They are used extensively during the fall hunting season in late October, and are used sporadically during early summer months. The Holden Springs unit receives heavy hunting pressure during the late October deer hunt. Treatment during this time period should be avoided. Hunting activities also occur in all other treatment units, but to a much lesser degree. There are many areas to hunt turkeys and only about 10-20 permits are issued each year; however the proposed treatments would result in minimal effects to these hunts.

Chalk Creek Canyon Trail and Sand Rock Ridge Road, which are part of the Paiute ATV trail system, occur in or near the Horse Hollow treatment unit. These trails are heavily used during the two-week long ATV Jamborees. Jamborees occur in late June and early to mid-September. Use of these trails has steadily increased over the past several years. Throughout summer months use is moderate to heavy. Rider use is the heaviest on weekends. (Note: the following is something to keep in mind for project implementation: By avoiding the two jamborees temporary road closures would have minimum effect on recreation activities.) ATV use on trails near other treatment units is sporadic. Use on these trails is heaviest during fall hunting season.

Bureau of Land Management (not much more than what's occurring on NFS lands)

There are several undeveloped dispersed camping sites within the project areas. They are used extensively during the fall hunting seasons, from mid-August through October, and sporadically during the earlier summer months.

Several branches and loops of the Paiute ATV trail system cross through the project areas. They are heavily used during two week long ATV Jamborees; one in late June and one in early to mid-September. Use of these trails has steadily increased over the past several years. Use is moderate to heavy on these trails throughout the summer months. Rider use is the heaviest on weekends.

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Affected Environment – Infrastructure, NFS lands

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Horse Hollow

Fillmore City Water System
Fillmore Irrigation Co. Diversion

Grabalt

BLM Communications site
Forest Service Communications site
Power lines to both communications sites
Major power line on south edge of burn area

Wild Goose

Holden irrigation co. development and pipeline

Holden Springs

None

Frampton Heights/Pioneer

Frampton Heights culinary waterline

Meadow

Meadow town culinary water system development and pipeline
Flood control dam
Irrigation diversion structure