



**CITY OF MONROVIA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: February 8, 2022

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Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2022.

OBJECTIVE: To provide an update on incidents, maintenance, and public comments related to Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) recorded for the month of January 2022.

BACKGROUND: For over a century, Canyon Park has been used as a recreational park by visitors and Monrovia residents. Services in Canyon Park include special events; Naturalist led night hikes, interpretive tours, a Nature Center, trails, a waterfall, and views of the San Gabriel Valley. In addition, Naturalists and volunteers maintain the trail systems and facilities.

In 2016, the City opened over 4.5 miles of HWP trails providing passive recreational opportunities for the community. Park Naturalists patrol the HWP and urban parks two times a day by vehicle, utility terrain vehicle and foot. Park Naturalists also respond to calls related to Monrovia's Smoking Ban Ordinance.

In September 2020, the Bobcat Fire forced the closure of Canyon Park and HWP for an extended period of time, as the areas were unsafe and significant repairs were needed.

Due to minimal damage in HWP following the Bobcat Fire, the trail systems reopened on November 16, 2020. Limited hiking opportunities in San Gabriel Valley such as Canyon Park, Sturdevant Falls, Hwy 39, and Eaton Canyon has increased amount of daily visitors to HWP, primarily in Ridgeside and Cloverleaf access points.

Staff worked diligently to repair trails and remove hazards in an effort to open Canyon Park as soon as possible. On August 30, 2021 Canyon Park was reopened to the public through a reservation system to ease visitors back into the Park. Staff continue to work on remediating potential hazards and improve trail conditions for Park users. Future wind and rain events may temporarily close the Park as needed to improve safety conditions for Park users.

In addition, following the Fire, the Burn Emergency Area Response (BEAR) report from the US Forest Service Department showed potential rainfalls could create heavy mud and debris flows in Canyon Park and HWP. Staff is prepared to handle each incident on a case by case basis and will assess damages and coordinate repairs as needed.

The first significant rain event following the Bobcat Fire occurred on December 13, 2021. This strong storm event brought heavy rain to the LA County area on the evening of Monday, December 13 and continued through Tuesday, December 14. LA County Department of Public Works issued a Phase 2 Debris and Mudflow Forecast. The National Weather Service reported that the event accumulated over

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5 inches of rain which caused significant damage to Canyon Park. Monrovia Canyon Park will remain closed indefinitely for a period of time. During the duration of the closure, photos, aerial footage, and much more information will be shared with the community.

ANALYSIS: During the month of January 2022, Canyon Park Volunteers and Park Naturalists completed 83 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park which included clearing debris off the hiking trails to prevent trail erosion, cutting up and clearing fallen trees from trails, and maintaining waterbars on hiking trails to prevent trail erosion.

During the month of January, Management Career Solutions (MCS) assisted with post fire recovery in Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP). Recovery efforts include ash and debris removal that fell on the trail, and erosion mitigations. Staff is continuing to monitor the progress of work as they assist in Canyon Park and HWP’s post fire rehabilitation.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2022.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED: If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to: Receive and file CC-2 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2022.

January 2022 CANYON PARK ACTIVITY LOG	
Canyon Park 83 hours of maintenance in January 2022	
January 12	Overlook trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail.
January 14	Overlook trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail.
January 17	Overlook trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail.
January 19	Overlook trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail.
January 21	Bill Cull trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail and installed edge barrier so prevent future erosion on the trail.
January 24	Bill Cull trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail and installed edge barrier so prevent future erosion on the trail.
January 25	Nature Center – Park Naturalist and Canyon Park Volunteers worked on cutting up several fallen trees from the recent wind storms.
January 26	Fireman’s Flat Campground - Canyon Park Volunteers worked on cutting up several fallen trees from the recent wind storms.
January 27	Cloverleaf – Park Naturalist installed water bars along the trail to prevent trail erosion.
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January 31	Fireman’s Flat Campground - Canyon Park Volunteers worked on cutting up several fallen trees from the recent wind storms.

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PATROLS			ACTIVITY																				
	# of staff patrols 2021	# of staff patrols 2022	Pedestrians 2021	Pedestrians 2022	Vehicles 2021	Vehicles 2022	Cyclists 2021	Cyclists 2022	Pets 2021	Pets 2022	Public Service Calls 2021	Public Service Calls 2022	Smoking Ban Calls 2021	Smoking Ban Calls 2022	Wildlife Sightings 2021	Wildlife Sightings 2022	Unsecured Gate 2021	Unsecured Gate 2022	Citations 2021	Citations 2022	Activity Totals 2021	Activity Totals 2022	
Sleepy Hollow																							
January 1-7	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	=	60	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeside																							
January 1-7	12	14	102	89	1	0	13	16	10	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	111	
January 8-14	14	14	98	111	0	0	13	14	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	129	
January 15-20	14	14	138	88	0	0	16	5	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	163	100	
January 21-28	14	14	37	116	0	0	5	11	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	138	
January 29-31	6	6	29	25	0	0	3	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	31	
Total	=	60	62	404	429	1	0	50	51	33	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	488	509	
Cloverleaf																							
January 1-7	12	14	32	50	0	0	17	20	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	75	
January 8-14	14	14	42	51	0	0	36	22	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	74	
January 15-20	14	14	79	57	1	0	12	8	12	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	73	
January 21-28	14	14	53	48	0	0	16	14	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	62	
January 29-31	6	6	22	18	0	0	0	6	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	25	
Total	=	60	62	228	224	1	0	81	70	48	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	358	309	
Highland																							
January 1-7	12	14	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	
January 8-14	14	14	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	
January 15-20	14	14	15	3	0	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	3	
January 21-28	14	14	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	
January 29-31	6	6	4	4	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	
Total	=	60	62	29	21	0	0	2	0	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	24	
Grand Total	=	240	248	661	674	2	0	133	121	93	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	889	842	
*January 2021 Canyon Park was closed due to the Bobcat Fire																							
*January 2022 Canyon Park was closed due to the December 2021 Rainstorms																							