

Appendix P. Emergency Response Plan

The objective of developing and maintaining an emergency response plan is to provide employees with instructions to help them effectively address an emergency. The plan must be specific to the project yet general to the types of emergencies that may be encountered. The plan should be written and reviewed as part of the project's Injury and Illness Prevention Plan. (See Appendix Q.) It may be appropriate to format the plan so that it can be printed and laminated for employees or kept with the communications equipment on the project. The plan should provide instructions so that all employees know how to respond effectively regardless of who may be on site at the time of the emergency. A copy of the plan should be given to park staff who may respond to an emergency or coordinate the response.

The plan might include operating instructions for communications equipment as well as identifying "dead" zones for radios or cell phones. The project location should be identified on a map and described with written instructions of how to get there, including the correct names for landmarks, trails, and parking areas, and other relevant descriptors such as post mile markers, the township and range, and GPS coordinates (latitude and longitude). Additional information might include the location and coordinates of the nearest helispot or pay phone.

Below are three sample Emergency Response Plans for different areas.

**Emergency Response Plan
RTR Yard/Residence 1 Area
Humboldt Redwoods State Park**

For all emergencies, dial 9-1-1 for Humboldt County Sheriff's Department.

Location Information

Humboldt Redwoods State Park, Residence 1 and RTR Yard Area
Approx 1.5 miles south of Weott on SSR 254
Post Mile 16.88, SSR 254 (Avenue of the Giants)
About ½ mile North of Burlington Campground and Park Headquarters
First Driveway on east side of road, south of Weott

Legal Description: Township 2 South, Range 2 East, Section 12 HM
GPS Coordinates: 040 18' 40.89"N, 123 54' 34.18"W

Emergency Contact Information:

For all emergencies, dial 9-1-1 for Humboldt County Sheriff's Department.

Sam Allsop, Park Maintenance Supervisor Contact Information
Office (707) 555-1212
Shop (707) 555-1213
Radio ID M
Home (707) 555-1214
Cell Phone (707) 555-1215
Alternate Cell Phone (707) 555-1216

Don Beers, Park Maintenance Chief
Office (707) 555-1212 Ext. 18

Emergency Response Plan
CCC Back Country Crew, Johnson Camp Trail
April 24, 2003

Note: this project is in a cell phone “dead” zone.

Radio Instructions (Emergency Only):

- 1) Turn radio on and turn up volume control about halfway.
- 2) Set channel to “3.” Display should read “GRSSHPPR.”
- 3) Key microphone and speak clearly into the speaker: “Dyerville Ranger, CCC Trail Crew, Grasshopper. Priority Traffic.” Repeat at least twice, at 30-second intervals or until you get a response.
- 4) If no response, key microphone and call “Northern, CCC Trail Crew, Grasshopper. Priority Traffic.”
- 5) Upon hearing a response either from a ranger or from Northern Control, tell them the nature of the emergency and the location. Wait for instructions from them on how to proceed.

Location Information:

From the Avenue of the Giants Intersection, drive out Mattole Road approximately four miles to the Tall Trees Parking Area. Cross Bull Creek on the footbridge near the parking lot. Hike east on the trail, toward Burlington, about 1/2 mile. Cross the Squaw Creek Bridge and continue for about 500 feet. Watch for a flagged trail through the brush leading south. Follow the flagged trail up to the new trail alignment. Follow the new trail alignment to the site of the emergency.

Legal Description: Township 1 South, Range 2 East, Section 29 (this may change as we continue the construction line further).

GPS Coordinates (for intersection of flagged trail with Bull Creek Trail)
40 20 52.13 N lat., 123 59 12.62 W long.

Nearest Telephone (Public Pay Phone): Albee Creek Campground

State Park Telephone Contacts:

9-1-1 Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office, all emergencies
(707) 555-1212 Allsop Office/Messages
(707) 555-1212 RTR Shop
(707) 555-1212 RTR Office
(707) 555-1212 Allsop Home
(707) 555-1212 Allsop Cell Phone
(707) 555-1212 Kleinschmidt Home
(707) 555-1212 Ext. 18 Don Beers, Park Maintenance Chief Office

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**Fuller Ridge Trail 2017
Emergency Evacuation Plan**

Emergency Contact Information

Cell signals are very intermittent to non-existent in areas of the backcountry but are somewhat reliable at the peaks overlooking Palm Springs, the Mountain Station and on Deer Springs Trail below 8,500’.

CCC Corps members and SWT crew members should **report emergencies through State Parks Dispatch first**. State Park dispatchers are the most experienced at dispatching emergency resources at this park, know the procedures and are available 24/7. Other dispatch centers and the CCC centers may not know the procedures and response delays can occur. Dispatchers may need additional information from those present at the scene in order to dispatch appropriate resources without delay and this is difficult if you circumvent calling State Parks Dispatch directly. Always ensure that State Parks dispatch is notified of all incidents regardless of which responder agency you call first. State Parks dispatch will notify ranger staff who start organizing response resources and coordinate with other assisting agencies.

State Parks Dispatch - ‘SURCOM’

Field Staff EMERGENCY 951-443-2964
SURCOM Public Lines Public Emergency Line 951-443-2964 Public Business Line 951-443-2969

Mount San Jacinto State Park

Idyllwild Public Information 951-659-2607 Idyllwild Business/non-public 951-659-4880
Long Valley Ranger Station LVRS Business/EMERGENCY/non-public 760-327-0631 LVRS Public Information + recording 760-327-0222

Riverside County Sheriff’s Dept.

Dispatch – Non-Emergency 800-950-2444 Dispatch – Cabazon / Hemet Area 951-780-9894
Hemet Station 951-791-3400 Cabazon Station 951-922-7100/7101

Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

Valley Station (Main Line) 760-325-1440/1449 Valley Supervisor (main + x114) Direct 760-969-4369
Mountain Station Turnstile 760-325-1440/1449 x151 Mountain Station First Aide Room x152 Mt Sta. Supervisor (main + x150) Direct 760-969-4368

CalFire

Dispatch
 951-657-2161
 Station 23 Pine Cove
 951-659-2732
 Station 36 N. Palm Springs Skyborne
 760-251-6948

USFS Dispatch

Federal Communication Center
 951-383-5651/5652
 (Fire/Enforcement Dispatch for
 USFS/BLM/Monument)
 USFS Idyllwild
 909-382-2921

Fire Agencies

Idyllwild Fire Protection District
 951-659-2153
 Palm Springs PD/FD Dispatch
 760-327-1441
 Palm Springs FD Sta. 3 (Eng. 441)
 760-323-8181

Other Agencies

Idyllwild Nature Center
 951-659-3850
 BLM Palm Springs
 760-833-7100
 CalTrans HWY Conditions
 800-427-7623

Hospital Emergency Departments

Desert Regional Medical Center ER
 760-323-6251
 Desert Regional Medical Center Non-ER
 760-323-6511
 Eisenhower Medical Center
 760-340-3911

San Geronio Memorial Hospital
 951-845-1121
 Hemet Valley Medical Center
 951- 652-2811

Eisenhower Urgent Care Centers
 760-328-1000

California Highway Patrol

Indio Communications Center 760-
 772-8900 Thermal Air Operations
 760-399-0085
 CHP answers most 911 calls

Radio Frequencies

State Parks Dispatch call sign is “SURCOM”. When calling say “SURCOM” followed by your call sign. Use call sign “Fuller Ridge DPR/CCC Trail Crew” or something similar. Relax, use regular wording, the dispatcher will guide you along and ask you for the information needed. They are there to help.

Two State Park frequencies, PINE COVE and VISTA GRANDE work in the areas of the project on Fuller Ridge and Deer Springs trails and along the supply and evacuation routes. These areas west and south of San Jacinto, Jean, and Marion Mountain peaks down through HWY 243 include Deer Springs, Marion Mountain, Seven Pines, and Fuller Ridge trails and Black Mountain (4S01), Azalea Trails, and Dark Canyon (4S02)

roads. If you call SURCOM on one frequency and they do not acknowledge after about 15 seconds, try the second frequency. There are intermittent frequency dead zones for each of these frequencies in the project areas.

PINE COVE (AKA San Jac Bone Tone 2) – This is usually the best frequency in areas south of Marion Mountain trail and on Deer Springs trail below 9,000', and along Highway 243 between Black Mountain Road and Highway 74, including Idyllwild. This repeater is located in Pine Cove off of Marion Ridge Drive near the CalFire station.

VISTA GRANDE (AKA San Jac Bone Tone 3) – Usually best in northern and western facing areas, areas above 9,000', low areas on Marion Mountain trail, and most of Fuller Ridge and Seven Pines trails. This repeater is located west of the USFS Vista Grande Fire Station.

SAN JACINTO (AKA TRAM or San Jac Bone Tone 1) –The repeater is located at the tram Mountain Station building and transmits across Long and Round Valleys up to Hidden and Wellman Divides, up to Jean and San Jacinto peaks, and covers much of the Coachella Valley.

Fire Evacuation

Consider factors such as present fire location, present and predicted wind direction, topography, weather and distance to safe zones when choosing an evacuation route. Fire rises up slope many times faster than it spreads down or across a slope. Crews should stay below the fire when possible. Look for and evaluate escape routes and safety zones constantly. Look for safe zones such as boulder fields free of excess trees/vegetation, leeward sides of ridges, etc. Carry a grubbing tool with you to use for expanding and improving safe zones in the event evacuation is not possible.

Primary Evacuation Routes

1. Fuller Ridge Trail to Marion Mountain Trail to Azalea Trail Road to HWY 243 – *Accessible to Emergency vehicles at Marion Mountain Campground.*
2. Fuller Ridge to Deer Springs Trail to HWY 243.
3. Fuller Ridge Trail to Black Mountain Road to HWY 243 – *Accessible to Emergency Vehicles at Black Mountain/PCT-Fuller Ridge Trail Junction.*

Possible Landing Zone / Helicopter Hoist Areas

Meadow just southwest of Marion Mountain
Trail/Deer Trail Junction
Fuller Ridge Trailhead Parking area at Black Mountain Road
Little Round Valley Meadow

Injured Person Evacuation

Precautions must be taken to avoid further aggravating a person's injuries. Trail Crew members should not attempt to move persons with considerable injuries that affect the head, neck, back, torso, extremity fractures, or that are in considerable pain and discomfort without direction from a trained wilderness first responder such as Long Valley Ranger Station staff, Riverside Sheriff's rescue teams, and Fire agencies. Only slight movement to ensure that a person has an open airway may be permissible prior to arrival of a first responder. Provide comfort to the seriously injured and keep them warm. In the case of extremity fracture, the injured person may be assisted into a position of comfort. Emergency moves should be avoided unless a person is in grave danger.

Minor injuries such as cuts, abrasions, sprains, etc. may be treated with first aid measures to control bleeding and dress the wounds. Persons with injuries of this nature may be evacuated under escort if they are able to walk without difficulty and are not exhibiting any signs of shock.

Medical Conditions

Persons experiencing signs and symptoms of medical conditions should be monitored very closely and treated as an emergency (call for help). Symptoms can worsen very rapidly and unexpectedly. Some of these conditions may include the obvious, such as chest pains, difficulty breathing, etc. to the less obvious such as slow reactions to allergies, slow onset of low blood sugar, altitude sickness and venom reactions. Call for help and get instructions from dispatch on whether or not to move the affected person. In some of these cases you may be asked to begin evacuating a person prior to arrival of a first responder.

Emergency Rooms

Desert Regional Medical Center 1150 N Indian Canyon Drive Palm Springs, CA 92262 760-323-6511
Eisenhower Medical Center 39000 Bob Hope Drive Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 760-340-3911
San Geronio Memorial Hospital (ER & Rapid Care) 600 North Highland Springs Avenue Banning, California 92220 951-845-1121
Hemet Valley Medical Center 1117 E. Devonshire Ave. Hemet, CA 92543 951- 652-2811

Eisenhower Urgent Care Centers

Eisenhower Health Center 151 South Sunrise Way Palm Springs, CA 92262 760-969-7780
Rancho Mirage Medical Center 72780 Country Club Drive, Building B, Suite 203 Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 760-834-7900
Eisenhower George and Julia Argyros Health Center 45280 Seeley Drive La Quinta, CA 92253 760-610-7200