

PUBLIC NOTICE



THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER CONFLUENCE WITH CATTLE CANYON IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

CHANGES ARE PROPOSED

The **San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Improvements Project** seeks to enhance the access to the East Fork San Gabriel River (EFSGR). The Angeles National Forest [ANF] San Gabriel Mountains National Monument [SGMNM] in partnership with the Watershed Conservation Authority [WCA] have jointly prepared the environmental document and we respectfully request your comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR).

Members of the public are invited to comment on any aspect of the Project but should focus on the sufficiency of the Draft EIS/EIR regarding the identification of environmental impacts and measures to avoid or mitigate impacts.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project site is located approximately 14 miles north of the city of Azusa on federal land managed by the ANF SGMNM. The project site includes an approximately 2-mile long portion of the East Fork of the San Gabriel River (EFSGR), located along the East Fork Road and Camp Bonita Prairie Fork Road and includes the Oaks Picnic Area and Coyote Flats overlook.

PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED

Recreational use is highly concentrated within areas of the project site. This heavy use combined with the lack of facilities has resulted in degraded conditions. In response, the Project has been proposed to better manage the recreation use and balance the needs for resource protection.

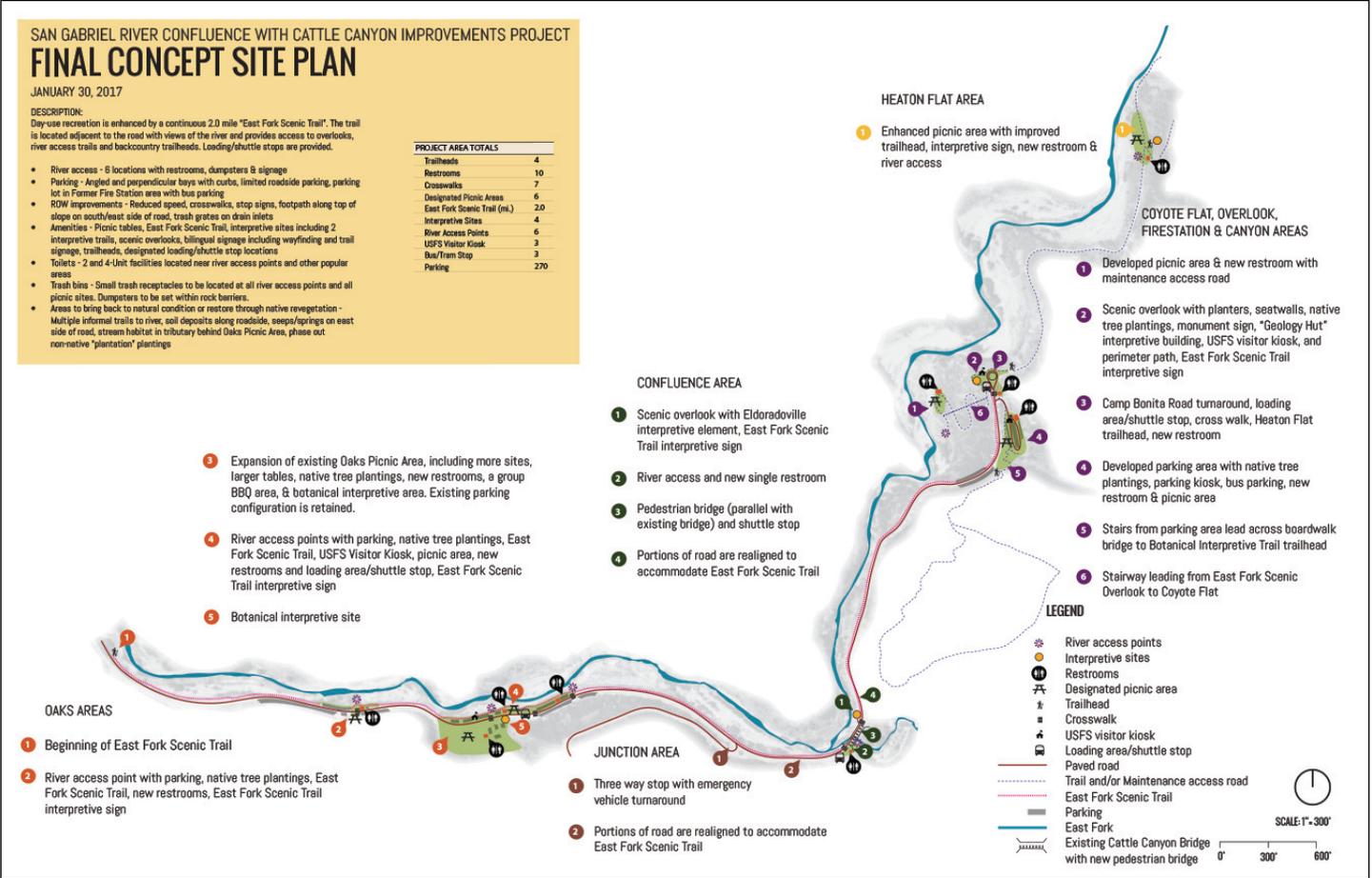
The purpose and need of the project:

- Provide recreation facilities and infrastructure that are high quality, well-maintained, safe, and accessible to visitors.
- Shift and concentrate recreational use to certain areas in order to minimize adverse effects over a broader area.
- Promote stewardship of public land by providing quality and sustainable recreation opportunities that result in increased visitor satisfaction.
- Allow for better management of the recreation resources on the forest.
- Improve riparian habitat conditions in certain areas and make progress toward enhancing stream habitat conditions by restoring vegetation, minimizing invasive plants and noxious weed presence, and developing management strategies to regulate access.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION

The proposed action is to protect and restore the multi-use areas for future public enjoyment. Enhancements are depicted on the Final Concept Site Plan [see below] and includes establishment of parking spaces, development of new picnic areas, trails, river access points and upgrades to existing facilities, improvements to paved and unpaved roadways, and restoration of riparian and upland vegetation communities.

The full description of the proposed action is available on the following websites:
www.fs.usda.gov/projects/angeles/landmanagement/projects or www.wca.ca.gov/cattle_canyon



PUBLIC MEETINGS

Two public meetings are being held to provide you with an opportunity to learn more about the proposed action and to express comments on the Draft EIS/EIR. The meetings will be held at the following times and locations.

Saturday, November 18, 2017
 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Azusa River Wilderness Park
 100 Old San Gabriel Canyon Rd.
 Azusa, California 91702

Tuesday, December 5, 2017
 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Angeles National Forest Headquarters
 701 N Santa Anita Ave,
 Arcadia, California 91006

PLEASE SUBMIT COMMENTS TO:

EFSGR/Cattle Canyon Improvements Project
 110 N. Wabash Ave.
 Glendora, California 91741

Written comments will also be accepted via email at EFSGR@wca.ca.gov, or via facsimile (fax) to (626) 574-5233. Please submit comments by **December 26, 2017**.