



Welcome to your Reimagine San Geronimo Update!

SAVE THE DATE!

On **Tuesday, December 8, 2020, from 6:30 to 8:00pm**, The Trust for Public Land will host a **webinar** to present key elements of its **Vision Framework for the San Geronimo property** (known locally as the San Geronimo Commons).

Join us next Tuesday to hear about our process, learn about future opportunities for the property, and ask questions. Please register in advance for this webinar by clicking [here](#).



IN OTHER NEWS...

It's been an eventful summer and fall at the San Geronimo Commons!

Hosting Firefighters and Supporting Efforts to Keep the Community Safe

The 2020 fire season in California was intense, as many West Marin residents experienced firsthand. The Woodward Fire, which started on August 18 in the Point Reyes National Seashore,

forced many evacuations and road closures in the area, and cast a smoky red hue over local skies. On August 23, the National Park Service moved its Incident Command Post (ICP) - set up to support firefighting efforts - from the Bear Valley Visitor Center to the San Geronimo Commons property. The Northern Rockies Incident Command team from Montana got right to work setting up a small village on the property's clubhouse parcel and erecting tents for firefighters on the San Geronimo Meadow. The property was perfectly suited to this task, and within two weeks the Woodward fire went from 5% to 95% containment thanks to the efforts of the ICP team. Despite the circumstances, team members enjoyed their time at the property and were impressed by the warm welcome and wholehearted support of the San Geronimo community – they said it was one of the best receptions they have experienced anywhere in the country!



We at The Trust for Public Land are so grateful to the community for coming together around this effort, and we thank everyone involved - from the firefighters who beat back the flames, to the neighbors who posted signs of encouragement, to our property manager, Craig Zellers, who worked tirelessly to support the ICP team.



Speaking of local heroes, The Marin County Fire Department continues to use the former clubhouse building for administrative staff, and plans to move a handful of additional staff there

in early 2021 in an ongoing effort to provide safe, socially distanced work space for personnel. As part of their use of the property, the Fire Department is performing fuel management work around the clubhouse and along adjacent roads. They bring such experience and expertise to this task, and are invaluable members of the San Geronimo community.

Not to be outdone, the Nicasio Volunteer Fire Department recently co-hosted a community blood drive at the clubhouse, together with the American Red Cross and the San Geronimo Valley Lions Club. Over 50 participants donated 43 units of blood – according to the Red Cross, this will provide 144 new blood products to the hospitals they serve! The group plans to host a second blood drive at the clubhouse on Saturday, March 27, 2021, from 9am to 2pm. Please follow the Nicasio Volunteer Fire Department's [Facebook page](#) for more information as that date approaches. It was an honor to see so many dedicated people show up and do their part for the community!



Supporting the Roy's Pools Restoration Project

This October saw the completion of the first phase of SPAWN's [Roy's Pools Fish Passage and Floodplain Restoration Project](#) – a collaborative project made possible by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Fisheries Restoration Grant Program, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service Restoration Center, and Turtle Island Restoration Network.

In this first phase, SPAWN removed the concrete and sheet metal dam and fish ladder structures located on San Geronimo Creek (just before it passes under San Geronimo Valley Drive) and

replaced them with a natural, free-flowing stream. A new pedestrian bridge will be installed this December to replace the one removed during construction. The second and final phase of the project will begin next summer and will occur just upstream of the (former) fish ladder area.



By removing the dam and fish ladder, the Roy's Pools project creates and restores approximately five acres of creek habitat with the construction of 0.25-mile long floodplain corridors along the San Geronimo Creek Watershed – one of the most important watersheds for endangered coho salmon. In addition to providing critical habitat for young salmon, the project is designed to create and enhance valuable corridors for terrestrial wildlife movement, and will greatly increase the number of trees available for nesting birds. A larger forest of trees and riparian plants will allow more opportunities for wildlife, including bobcats and deer, to hunt, forage, nest, rest, and find refuge along a naturally-flowing, healthier creek.



Keeping the Property Open and Available to the Public Throughout the Pandemic

The public continues to use and enjoy the San Geronimo Commons. On any given day, the

property welcomes hikers, joggers, dog walkers, families, children on bicycles, elderly residents, and many others into its fold. Throughout the summer and fall, in addition to the above events, the Commons hosted outdoor educational programs, a local roadside art installation project with an important and powerful message, organized bicycle rides, and many spontaneous community gatherings and activities. We are seeing the landscape return to its natural rhythms, with golden summer grasses transitioning to green as the rains fall, and human visitors coexisting with wildlife and important natural habitat.



We look forward to sharing our topline summary of the Vision Framework with you on the evening of December 8. In the meantime, as always, we thank you for your thoughtful use and stewardship of the land. It is our privilege to open up this natural landscape to you all. (As a friendly reminder, to help us maintain the Commons as a place of natural beauty, we ask that you do not post signs on the property without the express permission of The Trust for Public Land.) **Until next time, we wish you much health, happiness, and enjoyment of nature!**



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