

Muir Woods MOU Update

County of Marin & National Park Service

October 6, 2020



MOU Summary

Goal: Manage peak visitation, reduce traffic congestion, and improve safety

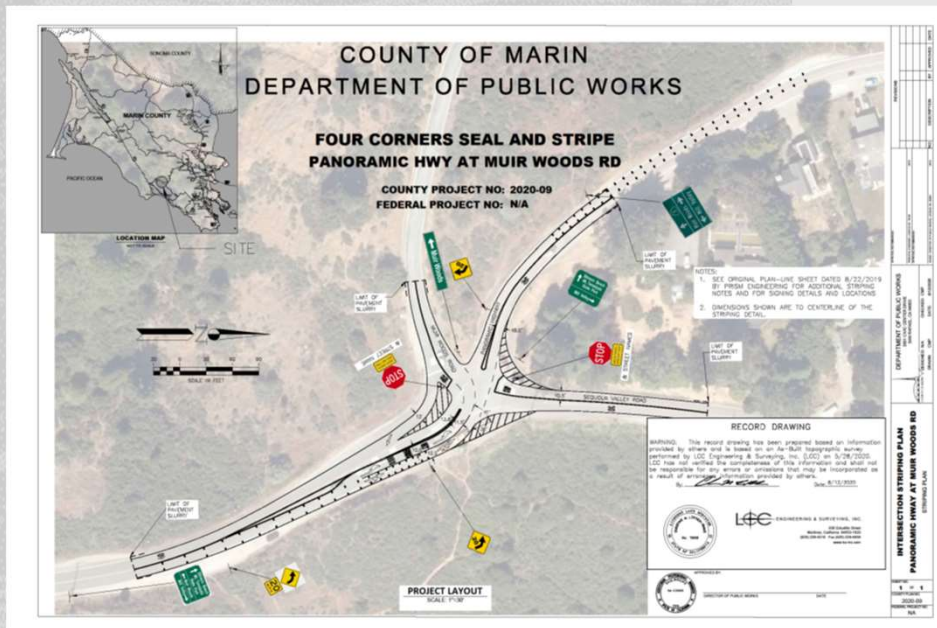
- NPS develops reservation system for private vehicles and commercial carriers; expands shuttle
- County establishes parking management corridor protected by bollards
- Phased parking reduction plan to reduce road shoulder parking to 30 spaces within 7 years
- Parking enforcement authority extended to NPS staff
- Improved public messaging; twice annual public meetings; expanded website

Goal: Protect, preserve, and enhance the health of Redwood Creek watershed

- Redwood Renewal includes a suite of projects to improve conditions in Redwood Creek
- Best management practices guide location and timing of work
- Projects include work in surrounding areas of watershed in Frank Valley corridor and in state park lands

County Roadway Highlights

- **April 2020:** Restriped Four Corners Intersection
- **May 2020:** Emergency Culvert Repair near Santos Meadow.



Muir Woods Parking/Shuttle Reservation System

Muir Woods operations during the pandemic:

- The park was closed on 3/13, and reopened on 6/29.
- Since reopening MUWO, we've been managing visitation by limiting vehicle reservations to 532/day, which is the equivalent of a winter weekday per the EA
- Daily vehicle limits have been capped for 1800 visitors/day (for contrast, maximum peak day visitation in summer set by EA is either 4200 or so)
- Average visitation/day since reopening has been 1263 visitors (in contrast to an average peak day which is mid-high 3000s)
- Reservation system has been a massive benefit to allowing us to reopen MUWO during the pandemic; allows us to manage visitation, and creating safe experience for visitors and staff
- Use of reservation system and parking contractor during short term closures (Air Quality, PSPS outages, etc.) GoMuirWoods and notification by concessioner (Ace) has been huge benefit- visitors reservation gets automatic notification that their reservation has been cancelled and refunded due to closure.
- Marin Transit and Park have been in mutual agreement to not operate the shuttle during the pandemic.



Salmon Habitat Enhancement at Muir Woods Phase 1 Actions Completed in Fall 2019

Removed 722 LF of Riprap From Banks over
1,500 LF and Buried



Relocated 30 Fallen Trees into Channel; 10 new
LWD jams



Removed 350 LF Asphalt Trail and Off-Hauled

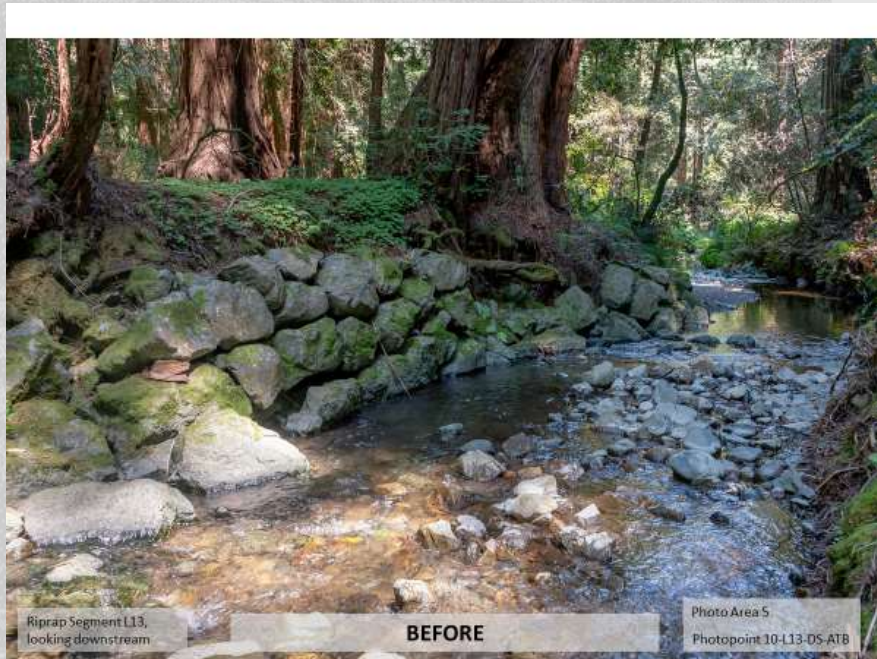


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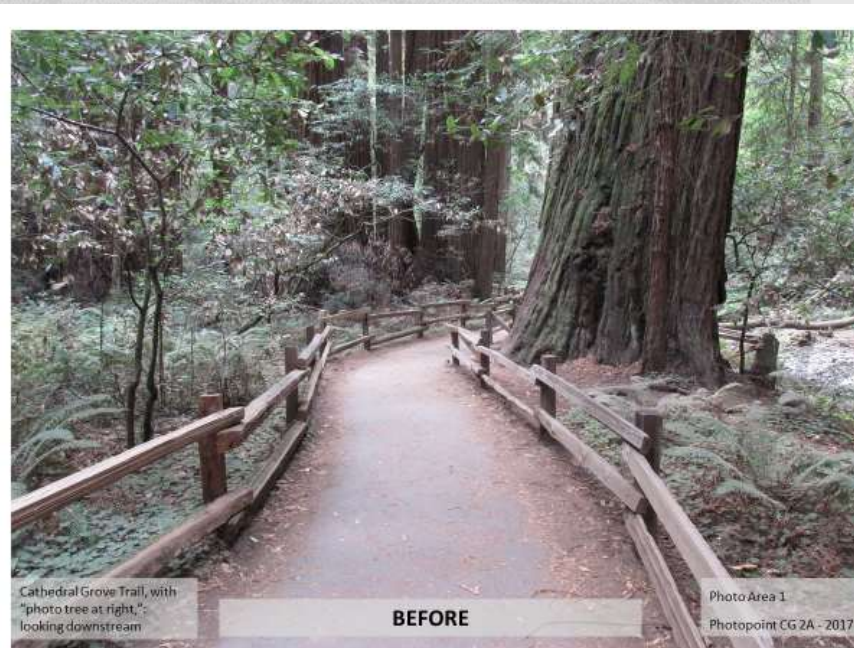


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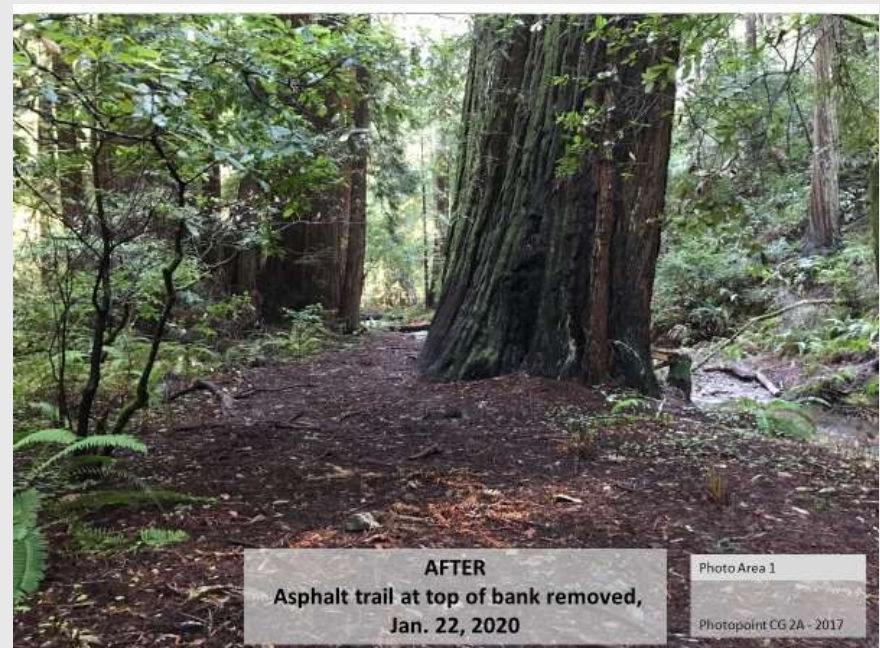


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Before, Asphalt Trail at Top of Bank



After, 2019, Trail Removed



Water and Sewer Line: What's Under This New Road Surface?



Trail Work Underway



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Summary From NPS of Current Pause in Work

