

Hidden Valley Flood

- Happened on Sunday, July 21st
- Debris laden flood – 200-year event
- Drone footage was taken to show the extent of the damage in the park.
- Frank Torres and Jen Conlan-Thomson did a rapid assessment of damage and the park was closed to the public based on the amount of damage.
- Roads crews and Park staff were working simultaneously to re-establish ditches and stormwater infrastructure in the park.
- Mia Vista entrance re-opened on Friday, August 15, 2024.
- We chose to do a phased approach of re-opening, focusing our attention on the roads (making them passable), removing debris from the road, tennis courts, pavilion and parking area to re-established recreation areas.
- We re-opened to the public on Tuesday, September 3 with a portion of the park open, to include the playground, picnic area, tennis/pickleball courts, restroom, LPDP, and parking areas associated with those recreational amenities.
- We still have the horse arena, parking lots and a portion of the eastern loop road closed until all of that infrastructure is re-established. This includes drainages, culverts, roadways, and parking lots in addition the horse arena itself.
- We had 2 volunteer wild horse groups help with temporary fencing to keep wild horses out and hired a fencing contractor to assist with gated access for vehicles and pedestrians.
- Trails are open, but several sections along the Highland Loop area are use at your own risk due to washouts. We will be building a bridge over the main stormwater flat bottom ditch due to access having changed to the trail system.

Davis Fire updates

- Fire started on Saturday, September 7, just south of the amphitheater & headed north and east.
- Parks lost 5 structures (residence house, residence garage, fee booth, old park office, and storage shed), fencing, signage, tools, and equipment. The power and water infrastructure for the park burned and will need to be re-established.
- A complete assessment is in the process of taking place. We then need a plan to demolish & make safe all burned areas with structures. At that time, we can begin to re-establish utilities. We may be able to partially re-open but don't have a timeframe yet.
- Davis Creek Park - 182 acres (3 parcels) with 107.3 acres burned – 58.79%. Mostly on the east side of the park. Fire crews did remove several hazard trees along trails and the roads. There are still some that will need to be removed.
- Galena Creek Park – 350 acres (3 parcels) 32.4 acres burned – 9.25%. Forested portion along the far southeast portion of the park. No structures, trails, or infrastructure that we are aware of has been damaged.
- B.A.E.R. team (led by USFS) is established after the fire is mostly contained. They do a full assessment of the natural resources affected by the fire and come up with a plan. This assessment does not include funding for revegetation.
- Based on the fire, we will be keeping Davis Creek Park closed until utilities are re-established and it is safe for the public. Brown's Creek Trailhead and trail is closed for access due to fire weakened trees and tree stump holes. Per a Forest Order, USFS is keeping the entire forest perimeter of the fire within USFS property closed, the USFS roads within the perimeter closed, and the Ophir Creek Trail closed.
- We have been posting these updates and closures on social media, mainly FB, and on our website.