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North Yreka Creek Trail Project

Construction on the North Yreka Creek Trail Project is scheduled to begin in July according to the Yreka Department of Public Works. The project will create a trailhead and picnic area for the Yreka Creek Greenway at Deer Creek Way (north of Montague Road/Highway 3) and will widen the creek corridor to improve flood passage.

The Yreka Creek Greenway Visitor Center (located behind the Siskiyou County Museum at 910 South Main Street) will get a new outdoor seating area, including a freeway sound barrier, an interpretive/events station and revised landscaping. Siskiyou County and the US Forest Service have authorized this work on their properties to update the Visitor Center near the footbridge. The improvements in these two areas of the Yreka Creek Greenway will substantially benefit the security of visitors by providing better visibility and access for law enforcement.

Marrone Construction, Inc. of Mt. Shasta, CA is the primary contractor and will be using several Yreka subcontractors during the construction.

Many other local partners who have contributed to this project are looking forward to its completion this fall. A local Eagle Scout constructed bird and bat nest boxes and the Siskiyou County Arboretum is supplying all of the drought-tolerant native plants that will be used. Volunteers from the Yreka Creek Committee of Siskiyou Gardens, Parks, and Greenway Association (SGPGA) and the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD) prepared the primary grant proposal for the City in 2006. “SGPGA and the RCD did an excellent job coordinating the grant proposal with multiple partners and helping to develop the plans. We truly appreciate all of the volunteers working behind the scenes on the City’s behalf.” said Steve Neill, Yreka’s Director of Public Works.

The \$1.6 million dollar project has been funded by River Parkways Program under Proposition 50 (approved by voters in 2002), the US Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife program, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

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