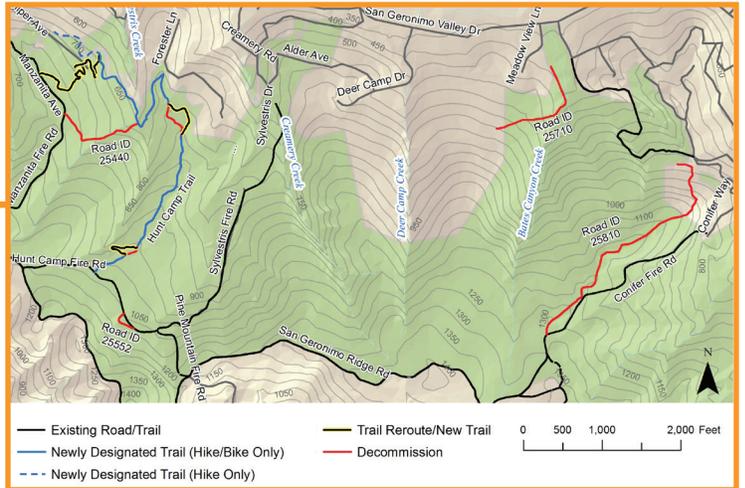
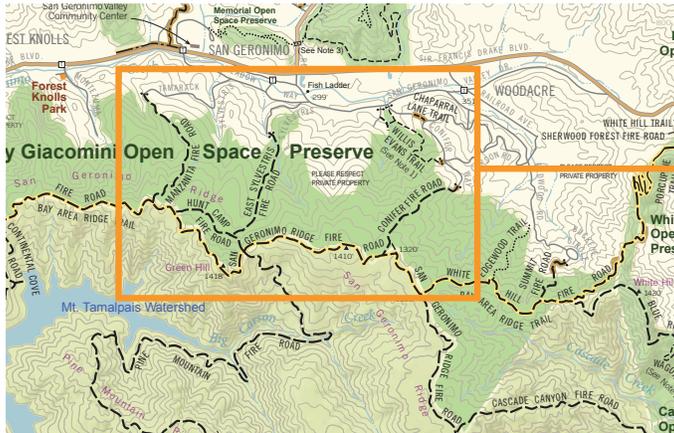




ROAD AND TRAIL MANAGEMENT

RESTORING HABITAT AND IMPROVING TRAILS

Trail Decommission and Adoption Gary Giacomini Preserve



Marin County Parks, which oversees management of parks and Marin County Open Space District (MCOSD) lands, is reducing the environmental impact of the roads and trails in Gary Giacomini preserve while improving visitor experiences and safety. During the road and trail management planning process, many in the community shared their desire for a more user-friendly road and trail system, and for a reduction in the environmental impact of our roads and trails. This project was identified as a priority project in the 2015 road and trail designation process and has been included in the Fiscal Year 2016–2017 budget. The existing network of unsanctioned trails in this location is comprised of poorly aligned historic logging roads and unsanctioned trails that cause environmental impacts in their current condition.

The MCOSD road and trail crew would restore habitat and adopt portions of a network of previously unsanctioned trails in the Gary Giacomini Preserve. The proposal is to adopt the historic Hunt Camp Trail as a hiking and bicycling accessible trail. This plan proposes key improvements to minimize environmental impacts while maximizing visitor safety. Furthermore, the proposal couples the trail adoption with decommissioning and restoration of over 6,000 linear feet of undesigned and unmaintained trail.

Project Timeline

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| Project Identified | 2015 |
| Project Planning | 2016–2017 |
| MCOSD Administrative Public Comment | April 13–May 15, 2017 |
| CEQA Process | May/June 2017 |
| Project Determination | June 2017 |

Project Objectives

- Restore over 18,000 square feet of chaparral, redwood forest, and grass-land habitat
- Establish a trail system that is less fragmented for wildlife and improve the sustainability of the visitor experience.
- Reduce sedimentation entering the watershed caused by poorly performing unsanctioned trails and historic logging roads.

More Information

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The proposed project will help sustain the wild nature of 1500-acre Gary Giacomini Open Space Preserve.

Hunt Camp Trail is an informal 2-3' wide unimproved rocky ridge top trail connecting San Geronimo Ridge to the valley via the East and West Sylvestris Drive neighborhoods. In 2015, MCOSD provisionally designated Hunt Camp Trail for hikers and bicycle use pending environmental review and the implementation of needed improvements.

The project would maintain the primitive nature of 5,000 linear feet of existing trail. Key realignments would reduce steep erosive grades to less than 10% and move the trail out of sensitive habitat when possible. These realignments would improve sightlines, safety, and erosion. Improvements to creek crossings include rock armoring and building two small bridges to reduce sedimentation into the watershed.

The project would continue to provide a neighborhood connection by designating a small portion of existing Hunt Camp Trail connecting to Juniper Avenue as hiker only. To respect private property rights and reduce social trail use through sensitive habitat, the project proposes a connector trail for hikers and cyclists from Lower Hunt Camp Trail to Manzanita Fire Road.

The project would use best management practices to maximize resource protection and would not remove any trees larger than 8" diameter at breast height.

To further reduce environmental impacts in the Preserve, the Hunt Camp Trail designation would be coupled with decommissioning of over 6,000 linear feet of previously undesignated and unmaintained trails through sensitive habitat.

CEQA Process

The 2014 RTMP EIR is a certified programmatic EIR evaluating environmental impacts from MCOSD trail projects. The appropriate CEQA path for the project will be determined after close of the MCOSD administrative public comment period in May. MCOSD will prepare a checklist for the proposed project, in compliance with CEQA Section 15162, to determine if the project requires additional environmental review.

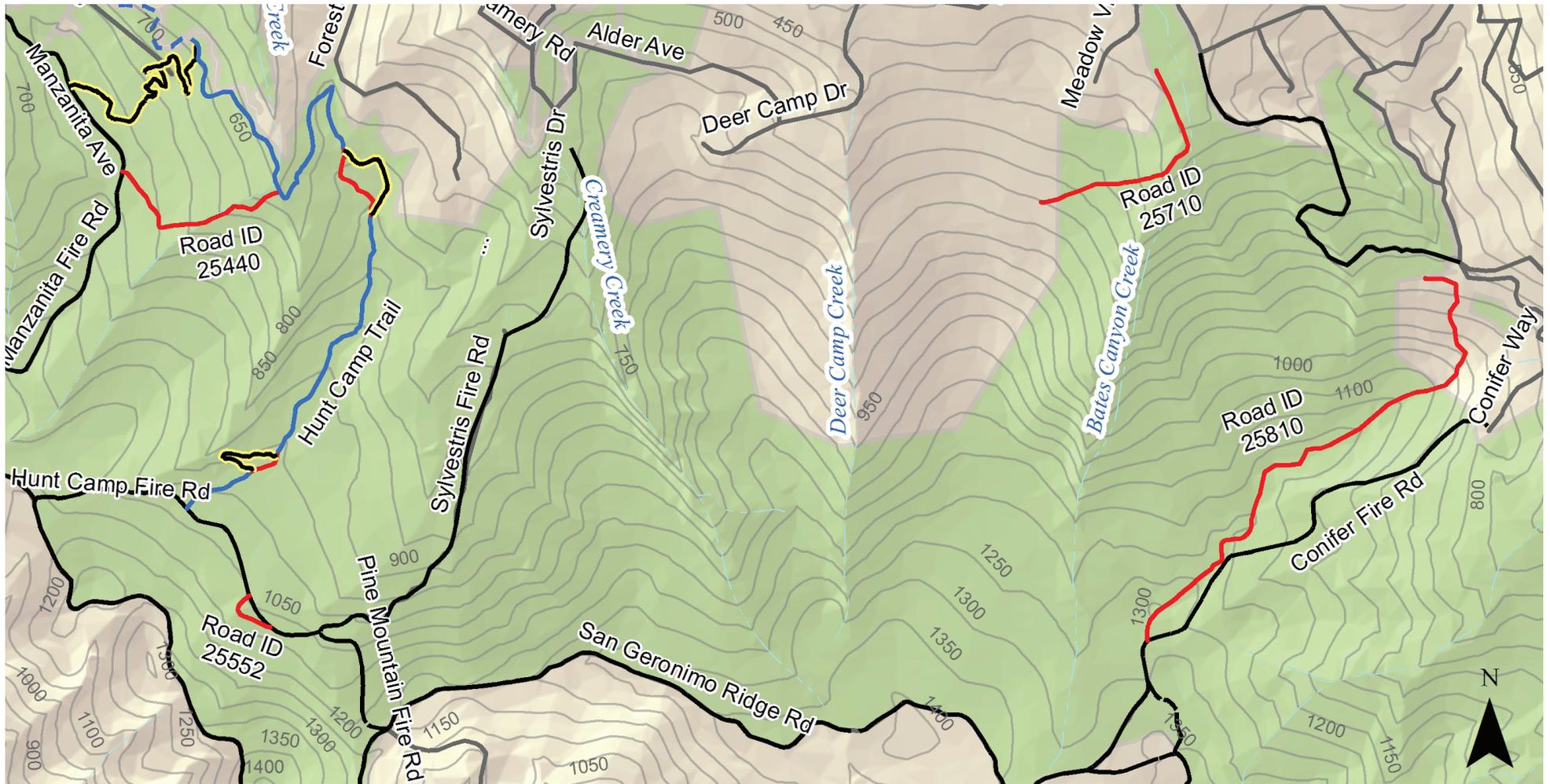
If the checklist determines that analysis and mitigations are required, MCOSD will prepare a Mitigated Negative Declaration that will be circulated for an additional 30 day comment period. If the checklist determines that the RTMP EIR adequately addresses the project, a Notice of Determination will be filed with the County Clerk, completing the CEQA process.



Hunt Camp Trail improvements will be built by hand.

The Marin County Open Space District (MCOSD) is a special district pursuant to the California Public Resources Code. Marin County Parks oversees the management of the county parks system and provides public information on behalf of MCOSD.

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- Existing Road/Trail
- Trail Reroute/New Trail
- Newly Designated Trail (Hike/Bike Only)
- - - Newly Designated Trail (Hike Only)

- Trail Reroute/New Trail
- Decommission



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