Lake Gregory Rehabilitation Project Update

Basin Projects Underway at Lake Gregory
Near West Shore and Along San Moritz Channel
Four-month project designed to maintain the lake’s high water quality

Crestline, CA (July 25, 2017) – A project to protect Lake Gregory Regional Park from unwanted sediment runoff and keep lake water clear has begun on the basins located along the western and eastern tributaries leading into the lake. The work will take just over four months to complete.

One of the areas to be improved is the overgrown basin situated on the west side of Lake Gregory Drive, directly in front of the Crestline Library and adjacent to the skate park. The other is along the Houston Creek channel that parallels San Moritz Lodge.

The west Basin Project at the library begins with the removal of the trees and vegetation growing within the basin. The improvements include the construction of a concrete weir that will capture and retain sediment as a method of protection for the lake and remove the need for further lake dredging. Once the basin is cleared, articulated block mats will be placed at the bottom, resting on top of a gravel base.

The work in the west basin will affect access to the parking lot that sits adjacent to the skate park. This parking lot will be closed to the public until the project is completed in November. Visitors to the skate park can park directly behind the facility near the tennis courts off Forest Shade Road.

The Houston Creek channel project is currently underway and is being performed in conjunction with dredge work already started near San Moritz. Channel improvements adjacent to San Moritz involve fortifying the side slopes and creek bottom with rock protection to define the water course. Rock weirs will be established within the channel to capture and retain upstream sediment from entering the lake.

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The construction activity will bring some intermittent truck traffic into the area, but no road closures or lane restrictions are expected. There could be some audible construction equipment noise confined to normal workday hours of 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lake Gregory’s swim beach and other lake activities, as well as operations at San Moritz Lodge, are not impacted, and there is no change to the library or skate park operating hours. All work is confined to the west side of Lake Gregory Drive nearest the library and Houston Creek channel near the San Moritz.

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About the Lake Gregory Dam Rehabilitation Project: The 80-year-old dam at Lake Gregory Regional Park has been deemed a “high hazard dam” by the California Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD). To retrofit the existing dam to meet state earthquake safety standards, a 40-foot earthen buttress will be added to the downstream side of the dam and extend 62 feet beyond the toe of the embankment. The Lake Gregory Dam Rehabilitation project is being overseen by the County of San Bernardino Special Districts department and will be completed in 2019. For more information on the project, visit http://www.specialdistricts.org/LakeGregory.