

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14

ELK CREEK PROJECT COMMENTS

RECREATION AND TRAILS

- 1) I would like to see a connector trail from Corey Jack Campground to the water ditch that leads to the Happy Camp Town Trail.

A potential route has been flagged. It crosses Corey Jack Road near the 1st Gout Residence driveway and follows one long switchback before it crosses the Elk Creek Road. The flagged route heads toward the Town Water Tank, switches back and climbs on an easy grade to connect with the Level Water Ditch. The route changes direction and follows the water ditch going behind the water tank to eventually connect with the town trail near its start.

The start of the connector is in Corey Jack Campground and follows a water ditch around the curve of Corey Jack Road and connects with an existing trail that leads to the Corey Jack Road crossing.

A connector trail of this sort would allow residents or campers a trail to access the Happy Camp

TOWN TRAIL FROM THE CURRY JACK CANYON GROUND
WITHOUT HAVING TO WALK ANY DISTANCE ON EITHER
CURRY JACK ROAD OR ELK CREEK ROAD.

- 2) I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ELK CREEK DITCH TRAIL
MAINTAINED AND TURNED INTO A VIABLE HIKING TRAIL
ON THE PUBLIC LANDS THAT IT ACCESSES AND CROSSES.

AN EXCELLENT SPOT FOR A SOUTHERN TRAILHEAD EXISTS
AND A SHORT CONNECTOR TRAIL ACCESSES THE WATER DITCH
JUST NORTH OF THE WHOOPIN' DEVIL CLIFFS.

THE EXISTING DITCH TRAIL IS IN GOOD SHAPE
AND PROVIDES A NEAT HIKING OPPORTUNITY ALONG ELK CREEK.

POSSIBILITIES FOR THE NORTHERN TRAILHEADS NEED TO BE
EXPLORED FURTHER.

- 3) PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ELK CREEK IS AN ELIGIBLE STUDY
RIVER FOR INCLUSION IN THE NATIONAL WILD & SCENIC
RIVER SYSTEM. CHECK APPENDIX E OF THE FOREST PLAN
FOR INFO. STUDY RIVER OR (OUTSTANDING REMARKABLE)
VALUES MUST BE PROTECTED.

THANKS FOR CONSIDERING MY COMMENTS. Dave Payne