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Holiday Wishes from South Yuba River Park Association

With warmth and gratitude, South Yuba River Park Association wishes you joy this holiday season and always.

As 2018 comes to a close, we are looking forward to the restoration of the historic covered bridge at Bridgeport getting underway early in 2019. The effort to restore the bridge began in 2011. We are sincerely grateful for the efforts of SYRPA members, the Save Our Bridge Committee, our lawmakers in Nevada County and Sacramento and the community to assure that the bridge is restored.

During 2018, SYRPA provided funds to support educational and interpretive activities, including training of volunteers, gold panning, interpretive walks and the Junior Ranger program. We hosted the member and volunteer appreciation dinner in September and the holiday potluck earlier this month. Also, recognizing that the Independence Trail requires some care beyond what is covered by the Sierra Gold Sector budget, SYRPA has provided funds to cover one month's worth of wages and benefits for a State Parks worker with substantial experience in trail maintenance and repair.

At State Parks request, we are working on forming a single cooperating association for the three State Parks in Western Nevada County. Although change is never easy, the new cooperating association will better serve and support State Parks and the volunteers who are so essential to the operation of the three State Parks in Western Nevada County. If and when the new association is established, members of SYRPA will be members of the new association.

There are some changes to the SYRPA Board of Directors. Paul Keasberry, Bill Stamatis and Warren Wittich will be leaving the board at the end of the year. Paul has been a SYRPA director for eight years and recently served as the board's liaison with Friends of North Bloomfield & Malakoff Diggins. Bill has served as the Treasurer for SYRPA and FNB&MD and he will be part of the effort to form the new association. Warren has been the guardian of the Independence Trail both as a State Parks volunteer and SYRPA director. In addition, Doug Moon has agreed to remain on the board for an additional year to see through the restoration of the covered bridge and to ease the transition to the new association. I am especially grateful for the efforts of the SYRPA board members.

Please remember that SYRPA relies on volunteers and the generosity of its members. SYRPA in turn supports the interpretive and educational efforts of State Park volunteers. I encourage all members and volunteers to share their interest in the South Yuba River State Park and Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park and encourage people to join SYRPA and to become a State Park volunteer.

As the year comes to a close, please renew your membership and/or consider making a donation. Renewals and donations may be made either through the website via PayPal, southubariverstatepark.org, or by mailing a check to SYRPA at P.O. Box 1658, Penn Valley, CA 95946.

Best Wishes for this Holiday Season and the Coming Year,
Robert Coats, President