

Up Your Creek!

The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

Return of the River Free Film Showing This Saturday

This Saturday the Niles Discovery Church will host a free screening of [*Return of the River*](#), an inspiring new documentary film about the largest dam removal project in the history of the United States, on the Elwha River. The film showing will be this Saturday, July 9, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. The film chronicles the extraordinary effort to restore salmon and an ecosystem and set a river free. The event is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Alameda Creek Alliance and Tri-City Ecology Center. Biologist James Starr, who has been documenting the after effects of the dam removal, will lead a post-movie discussion. More information [here](#).

Help Save Tesla Park!

The state's off-road vehicle agency is moving forward with a plan to trash 3,400 acres of valuable public land and wildlife habitat in the southeast corner of Alameda County, much of it in the eastern Alameda Creek watershed. California's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission intends to expand the existing Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area off-road vehicle park along the Tesla-Corral Hollow Road into Tesla Park. They have ignored extensive evidence about Tesla Park's sensitive biologic and cultural resources that will be damaged by off-highway vehicle use.

Unless there is a huge public outcry, Carnegie is on track to approve the expansion this summer. Please appeal to state decision makers to stop further action on the expansion plan and to permanently preserve Tesla by establishing it as a natural and cultural preserve. You can find more information and sample e-mails at the [Save Tesla Park web site](#).

Caltrans Announces Minor Niles Canyon Road Improvements

Caltrans has announced its summer plans for minor, short-term safety improvements in Niles Canyon along Highway 84. None of this work will occur off-pavement and there will be no tree removals. Highway 84 will remain open to traffic during the entire construction period.

The project involves: grinding existing pavement and repaving at several locations; installing roadside and bridge railing delineators; constructing median and shoulder rumble strips; adding optical bars, object markers, and reflective dots; painting bicycle sharrows; and restriping near Palomares Road to provide a left-turn pocket lane for eastbound traffic.

Work is expected to start in early July 2016 and will be completed by December 2016. Visit <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/nilescanyon/> for more information.

Regional Salmon Restoration News

[***The Salmon's Swim for Survival***](#)

New York Times – July 4, 2016

[***Threatened Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Vulnerable In Mill and Deer Creeks***](#)

Chico Enterprise-Record – June 26, 2016

[Judge Invalidates Long-Fought Delta Management Plan](#)

Sacramento Bee – June 24, 2016

[Yurok, Karuk Tribes Threaten Feds with Lawsuit over Klamath Salmon](#)

Eureka Times-Standard - June 24, 2016

[This Man is Hooked on Freeing Western Rivers from Deadbeat Dams](#)

National Geographic – June 22, 2016

This new [National Geographic video](#) highlights the resounding ecosystem success story following the largest dam removal in history on the Elwha River in Washington.

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