

Guard-Rail for Fire Safety Access at Twin Rocks Road & Boulder Road Folsom Lake SRA

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Superintendent Theodore Jackson, Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, has announced that a new guard-rail and new fire-gate will be installed the corner of Twin Rocks Road and Boulder Road in the "Walden Woods" area of Granite Bay. The safety construction will be performed in the Spring of 2011, probably in April 2011, and will cost about \$20,000. In the event of a wildfire in the Granite Bay area, the new fire-gate will increase emergency access for fire-trucks from South Placer Fire District and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. At the current time, a number of private vehicles are blocking the fire-gate, and this creates a latent safety hazard. Hikers and mountain-bikers who want to use Folsom Lake SRA should enter through the main gate of the park at the east end of Douglas Boulevard, and use the paved parking lots located at Granite Bay. Horsemen should use the Granite Bay Equestrian Assembly Area. Park users can purchase an economical "Poppy Pass" for *unlimited annual use* of state parks for \$90 (= about \$1.73 per week). There will be walk-in access for hikers who live in the Walden Woods area, but this corner will no longer be an informal trail-head or parking lot.

On a related matter, the Superintendent has also posted the Pioneer Express Trail with legal signage that bicycles are prohibited on that trail (see attached photograph of trail signage). The Center Trail and the Middle Trail are still multi-use trails.

