HAPPY 2019!

Historic Bridgeport Covered Bridge Restoration Project Is A Go! Work To Begin!

The longest, historic covered single span wood bridge left in the world, located right here in Nevada County, is about to be fully restored! The Project, located in the South Yuba River State Park, is fully funded, all permits are in place, a qualified contractor (the Spectra Company) has been selected with a signed and approved contract and the Notice To Proceed (NTP) issued. Mike Brown, Project Manager for the Bridge Project, California Department of Parks and Recreation, (DPR), reports: … “that (the) contract has been executed by both DPR and Spectra. This means our agreement is finalized and we can look forward to beginning the submittal process.”

Submittals by the contractor for the materials to be used and the processes to be employed in the restoration will begin, with actual construction work to start in the Spring of 2019, with a completion date set for the end of 2019. There are many factors that may impact this specialized Project, such as weather and river levels, condition of the structure as it is disassembled and the availability of the materials needed to restore the Bridge to its original historic condition.

We have come far, accomplishing much and overcoming many challenges over the past seven years with the support of the whole community. Nevada County District 4 Supervisor Hank Weston comments “I am happy to see all the hard work by everyone will soon be accomplished and I look forward to crossing the covered Bridge as member of the community knowing all the hurdles we had to overcome.” We are indeed excited to finally see this iconic structure restored. We will Save Our Bridge!

Planning is already underway for a multi-day celebration once the Bridge is restored and ready for public access. We look forward to many future generations of visitors experiencing what it was like to cross the wild Yuba River on this unique Bridge, built in 1862, to carry them on their way to the gold and silver fields in California and Nevada.

Submitted: Doug Moon
President’s Message

Winter is a quiet time at our Park. This edition of the newsletter is an opportunity to reflect on the events of this last year and to look forward to the new year.

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 in December. 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 an additional one month’s worth of wages and benefits for a State Parks worker with substantial experience in trail maintenance and repair.

Looking forward, our continuing challenge is the effort to assure that our iconic covered bridge is fully restored and maintained. The restoration of the historic covered bridge will be getting underway in late March. Please see the Save Our Bridge article.

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.

I wish to thank the other Officers and Directors for their efforts this past year and their willingness to serve in the coming year: Carol Berry, Vice President, Ann Wright, Secretary, Margaret Vodicka, Treasurer, John Field, Paul Keasberry (who also served as Vice-Chair of Friends of North Bloomfield & Malakoff Diggins), Doug Moon (who also serves as Chairman of the Save Our Bridge Campaign Committee), Bob Slyker, Bill Stamatis, Bruce Stanton, Rhea Williamson and Warren Wittich. This is a very talented group that worked well together. Paul and Warren left 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. Warren has been the guardian of the Independence Trail both as a State Parks volunteer and SYRPA director. Bill, who served as the Treasurer for SYRPA and FNB&MD, has agreed to remain on the board to ease the transition of the Treasurer’s responsibilities and to be part of the effort to form a new Association. Doug Moon has agreed to remain on the Board for an additional year the see through the restoration of the covered bridge and to ease the transition to the new association. If you have any interest in joining the Board or learning more about the activities of the Association please contact me or any other Board Member. I also wish to thank the members of the Association for their support of the Board – it is much appreciated.

Thanks are also due to the Friends of North Bloomfield & Malakoff Diggins Executive Committee, chaired by Holly Mitten. The Committee continues to work to reinvigorate the role of the Cooperating Association in supporting educational and interpretive activities at Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park. In 2018, the Committee sponsored the Fishing Derby in April, staged the 52nd Humbug Day in June, and held the second edition of the French Connection, in September celebrating the role French miners, engineers and others played in the history of North Bloomfield, the Town of Malakoff and Malakoff Diggins. They also introduced “Discover Malakoff”, a monthly series of interpretive events.

Please let me or any other Board member know if you have ideas or issues that you believe we should address.

Please remember that it is time for us to renew our annual memberships. Membership dues play a large role in our ability to perform our mission of providing interpretive and financial support to our Park. It is also a good time to invite others who enjoy our Park to also join our Association or to volunteer.

The Association needs help for events, fund raising and many other activities in support of our goals. Please consider volunteering your time. We will appreciate your commitment and will respect your time. We have a very talented pool of members.

See you in the parks.

Robert
SUPERVISING RANGER REPORT

Happy New Year to our Park Volunteers and Partners! As we start 2019 I am excited to see what this upcoming year has to bring. I am excited to be working with all of you and the Park Staff that works in the Sierra Gold Sector. It’s going to be a pleasant change from the desert for me. As we look forward in the New Year we have some exciting things happening on the State Parks side for the Sierra Gold Sector. We are finally almost back to full staff and actually were able to get a Supervising Ranger position for Empire Mine and Malakoff Diggens. We were also able to get a K9 Ranger position. The position has been vacant since the former K9 handler, Mike Smittle, retired. Lastly, Ranger Greg Sherr retired at the end of December. Will you please join all of us in wishing Greg a happy retirement.

Supervising Ranger Callan McLaughlin

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MEET OUR NEW SUPERVISING RANGER at SOUTH YUBA RIVER STATE PARK; CALLAN McLAUGHLIN

I grew up in Humboldt County in Northern California. Growing up I played basketball, baseball and soccer. After graduating high school I attended College of the Redwoods where I received two AAs. While in high school I began working for State Parks as a Park Aide in the North Coast Redwoods district. I worked for State Parks as a Park Aide and Senior Park Aide for a total of 6 seasons. In 2005 I attended State Parks Ranger Academy at Mott Training Center in Pacific Grove California. After graduating the academy I spent the first 2 years of my career working at Lake Oroville SRA. I got a lot of good experience working at a very busy park. While I was working at Lake Oroville SRA, I worked with Ranger Marc Wetherbee who now works at South Yuba River State Park.

In 2007 I transferred to Del Norte Coast Redwoods. While working at Del Norte Coast Redwoods, I got a lot of good experience working in a traditional Park and working with the National Parks Service. The Park was co-managed by National Parks Service and State Parks. While I was working at Del Norte Coast Redwoods I worked with Ranger James Carey who is now a Ranger at SYRSP.

On January 1st 2010, I transferred down to Ocotillo Wells SVRA in the desert of eastern San Diego County. While working at Ocotillo Wells I met my wife, who is also a Ranger. After 4 plus years at Ocotillo Wells I transferred to Anza Borrego Desert State Park. In 2016 I was promoted to Supervising Ranger at Anza Borrego Desert State Park. In 2017 I took an out of class Superintendent position at OHV Division in downtown Sacramento. At the end of the assignment I went back down to Anza Borrego before transferring to South Yuba River State Park.

In my spare time I enjoy doing projects around the house with my wife. We also like to travel and see new areas. I look forward to working with everyone here at South Yuba River.

Submitted by: Supervising Ranger Callan McLaughlin
Meet Dustin Patterson; the new Supervising Ranger for Empire Mine and Malakoff Diggins State Historic Parks

I grew up in Ventura County to an active outdoor family that loved to camp all over the western states. In high school, I ran cross country and track, and I was fortunate enough to compete on the first national team from California. For college, I attended UC Santa Barbara and graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Zoology. While at UCSB, I hung up my competitive running shoes and instead joined the triathlon team and the surf team. I first started working for the state under UCSB as a beach lifeguard, and later became the head lifeguard of the UCSB aquatics program.

In 2011, I joined California State Parks and attended the academy as a cadet in BVST 36. I graduated from BVST 36 in 2012 and started as a ranger at Carpinteria State Beach. After nearly a year at Carpinteria, I transferred to the Santa Barbara area and primarily worked the state parks of the Gaviota Coast: Refugio State Beach, El Capitan State Beach, and Gaviota State Park. Refugio and El Capitan have popular and busy campgrounds, seeing over a million visitors a year. The next few years I faced and responded to a variety of challenging events at and near the parks, including the 2014 Isla Vista riots and mass shooting, the 2015 Refugio Oil Spill, the 2016 Sherpa Fire, the 2017 El Capitan mudslide, the 2017 Thomas Fire, and the 2018 Montecito mudslide.

In 2013, I married my fellow BVST 36 graduate, Leigh Collins. Leigh and I moved to a state residence at El Capitan in 2014 and welcomed our daughter, Arietta (now 4 years old), to our family. Leigh worked as a ranger in Malibu until she switched classifications in 2015. Leigh now works as an environmental scientist for California State Parks OHV. In 2017, our family grew with the arrival of our son, Brennen (now 21 months old).

In my personal time, I enjoy being with my family, hunting (turkey and deer), raising chickens, and gardening/botany. Leigh and I are avid runners and we are excited at the prospect of new trails to explore. Our family loved Santa Barbara, but we are excited to join the Sierra foothill community and we are happily shopping for a home to make our own. We are thankful to be welcomed into the State Park family in the Sierra District and cannot wait to live and work in such a beautiful area and for such a fine community.

Dustin Patterson; Supervising Ranger
MEET THE NEW K9 RANGER TEAM:
MARTIN GILBERTSON AND MIRO

I grew up on the Central Coast of California in Santa Maria, where I graduated from Righetti High School in 1986. After earning an A.S. degree in Architectural Drafting from Allan Hancock College, I started an engineering career, doing survey and design work in the construction of commercial irrigation systems.

After working extensively in the Santa Ynez Valley, I became familiar with Cachuma Lake Recreation Area, and accepted a position as a Santa Barbara County Park Ranger in early 2000. After five years of boat patrol and patrolling a 550 site campground, I moved on to the City of Santa Maria in 2004, where I assisted in creating a city ranger program, as a Supervising Park Ranger.

In January 2007, I accepted a position with State Parks. I graduated from BVST 30 and was assigned to the Malibu Sector, where I remained for over 11 years. In Malibu, I was a Field Training Officer, weapons inspector, and a member of a multi-agency marijuana eradication team. In March 2016, I was certified as a K9 handler, and have been paired up with my K9 partner, Miro Z. Lijavy, since then. Miro was born in the Czech Republic, and is trained in handler protection, search, tracking, and narcotics detection.

I have been married to Kelly for 22 amazing years, and we have two children. My son Joseph played high school lacrosse and is an avid surfer, will be completing Marine Corps Boot Camp in January, and hopes to one day follow me as a Park Ranger. My daughter Jessica just graduated from High School and will be moving with us, and attending community college, and hopes to continue playing roller hockey, as a goalie.

Malibu was a dynamic and fast paced work location, but Kelly and I have long realized it will never be “home”. For some time now, we have been looking for a work location and associated community that would provide all the challenges and rewards of a State Park Ranger career, in a place we could call home. We have made several trips to the area and have been impressed with the State Park family, and the strong sense of community. When the opportunity came about to transfer to the Sierra District, it was an easy decision to go.

I look forward to working with all the volunteers and parks employees in such a magnificent place.

Martin Gilbertson, Ranger
OH! WHAT A NIGHT!
SYRPA’S ANNUAL HOLIDAY POT LUCK DINNER DECEMBER 4th

... was an evening of fun, laughter, music, generosity, reminiscing, good natured banter and the most delicious food imaginable.

The Pot Luck planning committee did another fantastic job coordinating an enjoyable night for SYRPA and FNB/MD members, volunteers, and State Park staff. The decoration team (Ann Wright, Margaret Vodicka) had the tables festive with holiday color and décor, and to the surprise of the guests, someone at each table won the decoration to take home and enjoy. The greeters, (Ardie Obert, Bev Morgan-Fuller and Carol Berry) had a holiday smile and name tag for everyone, along with a free raffle ticket for a chance to win one of the fun prizes at the end of the evening. (Thank you, Kathy, for wrapping the prizes!)

The bartenders (Bill Stamatis and Robert Coats) did their usual fantastic job of taking care of everyone’s drink requests. The successful organization of RSVPS and publicity of this grand event were thanks to Kathy and John Field. The “behind the scene” work to set up the event, in the kitchen, and quick clean up went without a hitch thanks to all of the Committee members and Allyssa Borich. Doug Moon was the MC and Robert Coats, as SYRPA President, supervised the entire event.

The guests all arrived with a variety of mouth-watering delicious food for everyone to share. Mike Smittle, retired Ranger, brought his ever-famous Elk Stew, and everyone gathered around to get a look and taste of Marji Kerhart’s fantastic Holiday cake.

Special recognition was given to an extraordinary individual; SYRPA Member and Board Director, Warren Wittich. (See page 7 for more on Warren). We heard from our Supervising Ranger, Ryan Randar, Robert Coats and Acting Sector Superintendent Matt Green. Great accomplishments, many changes on the horizon, and much to look forward to in 2019.

The evening was also filled with lovely music from guitarist Heather MacAdam, and the guests were, as always, generous in their donations to the Toys for Tots program. Once again, we thank the Lake Wildwood Association for the use of the Lake Room at the Community Center and the colorful and festive holiday decorations provided.
THANK YOU, WARREN!

During the SYPRA Holiday Pot Luck, a very special SYPRA Board member, Warren Wittich, was honored for his hard work and commitment to SYRPA and especially the Independence Trail. Due to a variety of reasons, Warren is retiring from the SYRPA Board, and will no longer be heading up work parties for the Independence Trail. Warren has worked tirelessly to maintain the Trail and we all gave him a huge Thank You. He was presented with a plaque from SYPRA for his service and a lifetime SYRPA Membership. Mary Coleman also presented him with a photo album of pictures taken during many of the Independence Trail work parties he led.

South Yuba River Park Association recognizes the invaluable contributions of Warren Wittich to the preservation, protection and loving care of the Independence Trail and his service as a member of the board of South Yuba River Park Association. His generosity of spirit, energy and doggedness in sharing with us his experience, counsel and wisdom as part of the efforts to maintain and restore the Independence Trail are greatly appreciated. The care of the Independence Trail is clearly a work in progress and is the responsibility of this and future generations. Warren has set an example for us all.

In recognition of his contributions, South Yuba River Park Association awards Warren a Family Life Membership

Presented this 4th day of December, 2018.
JOIN US FOR SPRING BIRD WALKS AT SOUTH YUBA RIVER STATE PARK (SYRSP)

Spring at SYRSP is the time of the year when a large number of birds arrive to nest and raise their young or, in some cases to just rest and then continue their migration. Some of the more notable arrivals include: Bullock's Oriole, Yellow-breasted Chat, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Black-headed Grosbeak, Nashville Warbler and several varieties of Swallows. Resident Western Bluebirds, Spotted Towhee, California Quail, and several species of Woodpeckers are also often seen this time of year. It may also be possible to see the elusive American Dipper, John Muir's favorite bird.

Bird walks with park docents are offered at SYRSP's Bridgeport location the second Saturday of each month (March 9, April 13, May 11 and June 8) and the following Fridays (March 22, April 26, May 3, and June 21). Typically, we see 20 to 30 bird species. All of the walks will begin at 8 AM except for those in June which begin at 7:30 AM. The walks last about two hours over mostly flat terrain. Meet at the Bridgeport north parking lot (where the Buttermilk Bend trail starts). Bring binoculars and good walking shoes.

For more information, contact South Yuba River State Park at (530) 432-2546

Please note added dates of Friday, March 22nd, April 26th & June 21st.
GEOLOGY WALK AT SOUTH YUBA RIVER STATE PARK

The South Yuba River has cut across the Sierra Foothills topographic surface to expose the inner anatomy of the Sierra Nevada. Millions of years of Earth's geologic history are exposed, but unlike the Grand Canyon, the rocks are complexly faulted and folded. A new program in the park this year is a guided walk along the Buttermilk Bend trail that points out the interesting geology of the South Yuba River State Park. Prior to the walk participants will receive a brochure about the local geology as well as hear a short presentation about the four major tectonic belts (assemblage of rocks that have been folded or mixed together) present within the state park boundaries. Also discussed in the presentation will be some of the plate tectonics concepts used by geologists to interpret the complex geology of the area.

On the walking tour, participants will learn about the rock types along this portion of the South Yuba River as well as observe first hand some of the geologic features associate with the area's complex geology. The guided walking tour and short presentation are expected to last from two to two and a half hours over mostly flat terrain.

There are three Geology Walk programs scheduled at the park this year: Saturday, March 16 at 10AM; Friday, June 7 at 9AM; and, Saturday, October 26 at 10AM. Participants will meet at the Bridgeport north parking lot (where the Buttermilk Bend trail starts). Interested? To make a reservation please contact Karen Synowiec or Bob Slyker at SYubaRiverGeology@gmail.com. For more information contact South Yuba River State Park at (530) 432-2546.

Bob Slyker, SYRPA Board Director
WHY IS THERE A BEAR THERE?

Our Stuffed Bears – A Story for the History Books

Prepare yourself when you enter the Visitor Center at Bridgeport. If you need or take heart medication- take a pill before you enter. Don’t enter when the Visitor Center is dark. Turn the lights on when you enter- but most of all – prepare yourself. As you enter slowly look to your right, don’t be afraid, it’s real- but not alive. You will be looking at a 1,200 pound Kodiak Brown Bear that is looking right at you with his mouth open and teeth showing. He is about 5 feet tall standing on all four legs. Something many people, maybe including yourself, will never have the chance to see in the wild. This is only one of two bears that was donated to State Parks. The other is a Grizzly Bear, 9 feet tall, standing on its hind legs! It is so tall that it would not fit into the Bridgeport Visitor Center. Since Malakoff Diggins has a tall ceiling the Grizzly Bear is now in the Malakoff Diggins Visitor Center.

I know, your next question is, “Where in the heck did we get two large taxidermy bears?” Do you want the long story or the short story? OK the short story- During the Nevada County Fair the manager from Bank of the West in Grass Valley came to our State Park booth and saw the taxidermy animals in the booth. She asked the Park Aid working in the booth who she would talk to about donating two bears that were being displayed in her bank. The Park Aid gave her my phone number at Bridgeport. She contacted me and told me that the bank had recently had a complaint sent to the president of the company regarding the bears and the president told her to find a home for them. She told me that she had hundreds of positive comments about the bears but one complaint came in and she now had to get rid of the bears. I told her that State Parks would be interested in receiving them. I put the paperwork together and then the fun started! Ranger Wayne Deese and I went to the bank in Wayne’s Ford pickup and loaded the Kodiak Bear in the back of his pickup and started driving to Bridgeport! We were only able to drive 20-30 miles per hour. Boy did we cause a traffic jam on Hwy 49 and 20! We even had one car follow us all the way to Bridgeport just to see the bear! A couple days later we took the Ford Flat bed and picked up the Standing 9 foot bear, laid it down on it’s back and took it to Malakoff.

I know your next question is, “What are the details on the bears?” I was able to contact the person who hunted both of these bears. His name is Dave Edwards. Dave was a Docent at Empire Mine SHP and a valuable member of the “Over the Hill Gang”. He is definitely missed by his friends and co-workers at Empire Mine. He moved to Tulare Calif. That’s another interesting twist to this story. Dave used to be an avid hunter and traveled all over the world to hunt big game including Africa. I was able to contact Dave and asked him some questions about the bears. (Boy does he have some stories about his hunting trips including crashing in a small plane 2 times in Alaska and being Jumped over by a wounded Cape Buffalo!) He told me that the Kodiak Brown Bear was taken on the King Salmon River in Alaska in May 1972. The bear is a male weighing 1,200 pounds and the Fish and Game estimated the age at 22 years old. The male Grizzly Bear was taken in British Columbia in May 1976. It weighed 875 pounds and the age was estimated at 16 years old. Dave Edwards was very excited that the bears will be enjoyed by many park visitors.

The reason that we have the bears is because we used to have California Grizzly Bears in California. The Grizzly Bear and the Kodiak Brown Bear are related and the Grizzly Bear is a subspecies of the Brown Bear. The California Grizzly Bear is part of the Gold Rush History. The California Grizzly Bear became extinct 75 years after the discovery of Gold in California. The downfall of the California Grizzly Bear is that it would not back down to the settlers coming into California following the Gold Rush. The bears would eat the settler’s livestock and terrorize the settlers. The settlers were intent on killing all the California Grizzly Bears, which they did. Now back to the other story about Dave Edwards’s new home in Tulare, California. The last California Grizzly Bear was killed in Horse Corral Meadow in; yes, you guessed it, Tulare California!

Submitted by Ranger Marc Wetherbee; Original date and author unknown
HAPPY NEW YEAR! Here’s a great idea for all of your purchases in 2019!

If you, like many of the other residents of our area, shop on Amazon, you need to be aware of Amazon Smile. Amazon Smile is an offering by Amazon that allows purchasers to donate a percentage of their purchases to charities of their choice. The donation goes directly SYRPA from Amazon and does not impact the cost of your purchase at all.

It’s so easy! Just search or enter in your browser www.smile.amazon.com. At the top of the Amazon Smile website, just below the search area, you can select a charity of your choice to receive a donation based on your purchases. We would hope that you will select South Yuba River Park Association.

Once on the smile.amazon website you will find that the site looks just like your existing Amazon.com site. Smile.amazon.com will show your existing shopping cart, your purchase history, account information etc. Following your use of smile.amazon.com, the site will show your donations to date.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Yuba River Park Association!

Bill Stamatis, SYRPA Board Director

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Speaking of shopping........

There’s some new items at the Bridgeport Visitor Center! Check out the fun Nature-themed playing cards for only $6 each! Fun ideas for gifts and game nights!
MEET YOUR SYRPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Below is a list of the current South Yuba River Park Association Board of Directors. If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of your Board Members. This is a highly dedicated group of volunteers who put in many hours each month to preserve, protect, support and promote the South Yuba River State Park and Malakoff Diggins Historical State Park. They can always use more help. Please consider becoming more active in Park activities, helping staff events and the Visitor Centers. New Coordinators are needed for programs such as Gold Panning, Wildflower Walks, and Beautification of Park grounds. Please contact any Board member or Park Interpretive Specialist Allyssa Borich 530-432-2546, email Allyssa.Borich@parks.ca.gov to volunteer.

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TIME TO RENEW YOUR SYRPA MEMBERSHIP!

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Penn Valley, CA 95946

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Go to the SYRPA website: www.southyubariverstatepark.org
and click on “Become a Member”

THANK YOU
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
WINTER/SPRING 2019
South Yuba River and
Malakoff Diggins Historic State Parks

◊ BIRD WALKS: Saturday, January 12; Saturday, February 9; Saturday, March 9; Friday March 22;
   Saturday, April 13; Friday, April 26; Friday, May 3; Saturday, May 11; Saturday, June; Friday, June 21;
   Saturday, July 13; Saturday, September 14; Saturday, October 12 and Saturday, December 7 ～ 8:00am
   (except June: walks begin at 7:30am) ~Meet at the Bridgeport North parking lot.
◊ VC Appreciation Tea: Wednesday, February 13th~ 10:00am – Noon~ Bridgeport VC
◊ GEOLOGY WALKS: Saturday, March 16; 10am, Friday, June 7; 9am, Saturday, October 26
   10am ~ Bridgeport North Parking lot

Reoccurring events
◊ VISITOR CENTER Open Thursday - Sunday~ 11:00am-3:00pm
◊ SYRPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month; 9:00am~ Bridgeport
◊ FNB/MD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Meetings: First Friday of each month

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**For more information on any of these events,
please visit the SYRPA webpage at www.southyubariverstatepark.org
Or call the Visitor Center: 530-432-2546
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For information regarding Malakoff Diggins and Friends of North Bloomfield,
please visit: http://malakoffdigginsstatepark.org/

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