

Roads and Trails- As of Thursday at noon, the dirt road was deeply rutted and in the process of drying out. In this condition, it would be concerning to our students to drive on, but ok for faculty use. If you are going in a large group, high-clearance drivers should offer to carpool. However, the radar loop from Thursday afternoon shows the possibility that high intensity rain fell, so anything is possible. For trails, the Green and White trails have been recently groomed and are easily passable, although new stakes are needed before they can be stand-alone self-guided trails.

Buildings/grounds/equipment- Once again, there has been no district progress on the pavilion roof, the walking bridge, the paved road erosion, the garage roof, or any other long-term neglected maintenance. We are still working towards being able to use the LAVC work request system for our site maintenance. The new weather station transmitter was delayed due to an issue with the vendor, who is approved but is not on the "Master Vendor" list. An updated request was submitted to Sarah Song. The porta potty has not been serviced since December due to the road conditions, but it is still in good shape.



Gold Creek Usage- Our February 23rd Work Party was attended by Vered Mirmovitch, Pavla Hoyer, Dustin Lehren, and myself. We groomed the White and Green trails, making a few alterations to the path of the Green trail to take better advantage of current conditions.

Abiota- Gold Creek is running swift and clear, its sound permeating the canyons and upland spaces at the Reserve. Center Creek, Spring Creek, and the drainage that crosses the paved road at the culvert all have some surface flow in them. The manual rain gauge near the parking area captured 5.41" of rainfall since our last meeting, bringing our Water Year total above average (exceeding 17").

Biota- Almost the entire site appears green, with few exceptions. Mallow is sending out lots of leaves, Black Sage is in bloom, and a variety of fungi are found throughout the site. Unfortunately, there has also been an explosion of annual invasive grasses. Good time for the restoration crews to weed our site??? I did see two mule deer onsite recently, the first I have seen in a while. Although there are no leaves that I have noticed on it, I'm fairly certain that the White Trail is the source of my post-Work Party poison oak.

