

# Cascade Canyon Preserve

Sanctuary for plants, animals and people

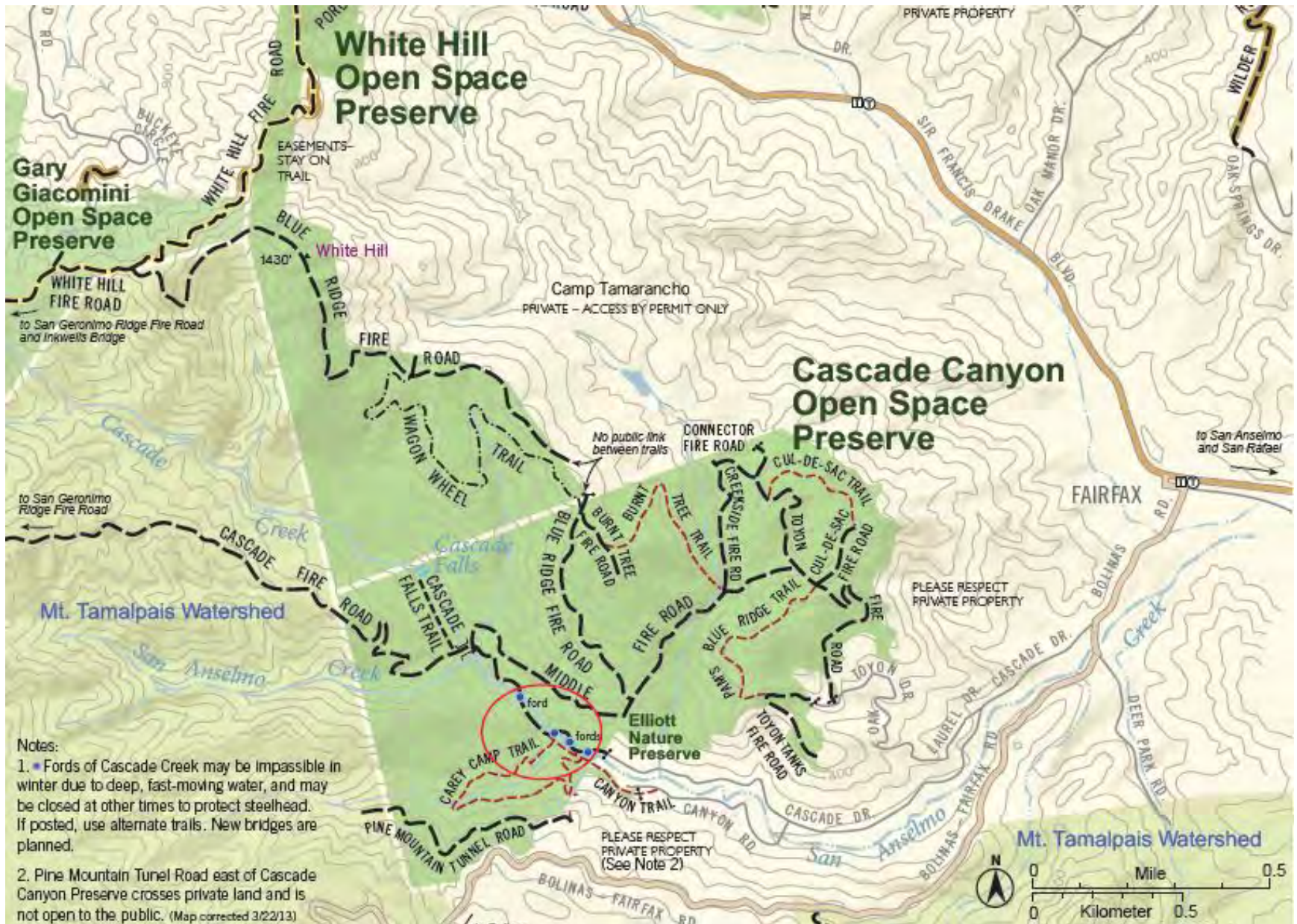
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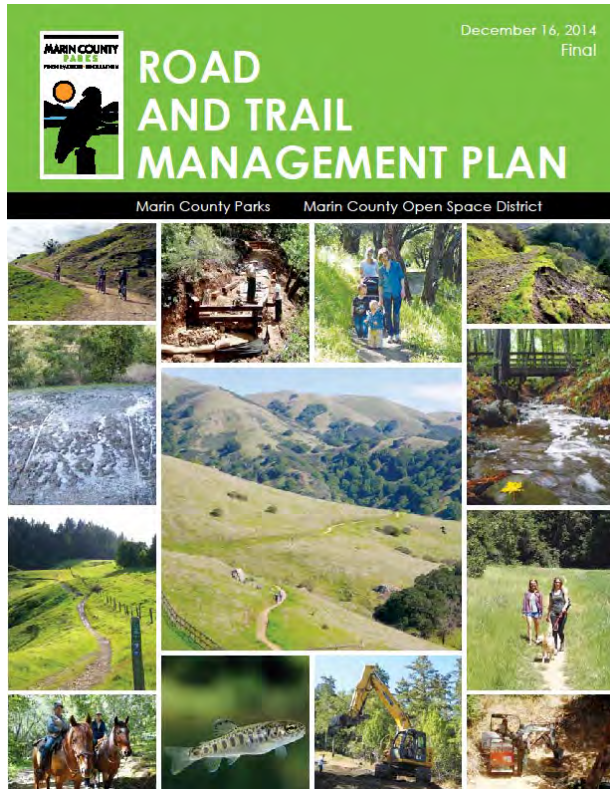
# PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATION



# PROJECT HISTORY

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- 2016** Project proposal from MCBC and FOCMC
  - 2016-19** Stakeholder engagement and project planning
  - 2016** Town of Fairfax approves MOU with MCOSD
  - 2019-20** Prepare draft CEQA and design refinement

# PURPOSE OF PROPOSED PROJECT – IMPLEMENT THE RTMP



- Reduce the environmental impacts of roads and trails on sensitive natural resources
- Improve the visitor experience and safety for all users
- Establish and maintain a sustainable system of roads and trails
- Implement all applicable policies and BMPs

# PROPOSED PROJECT OBJECTIVES



- Reduce the environmental impacts of the existing trail system on San Anselmo Creek
- Remove recreation from creek
- Provide safe, sustainable and equitable access to the Cascade Canyon Preserve



# STUDIES TO INFORM DESIGN AND CEQA ANALYSIS



- Geologic Engineering
- Hydrologic Assessment
- Structural Engineering
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources

# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



- 2013 Initial neighborhood meeting on site
- 2015 Region 2 RTMP designation meeting
- 2016 Community meeting at the Fairfax Womens Club
- 2016 Fairfax Town Council open session public meeting
- 2017 Neighborhood meeting on site with Supervisor Rice
- 2017-2020 Environmental Roundtable(MAS, MCL, CNPS, FOCMC, SC)
- 2016-18 Regulatory agency office presentations and 2 site visits
- 2018 neighborhood meeting regarding FHLYF and bridges
- 2018-2020 Presented at 3 POSC public meetings

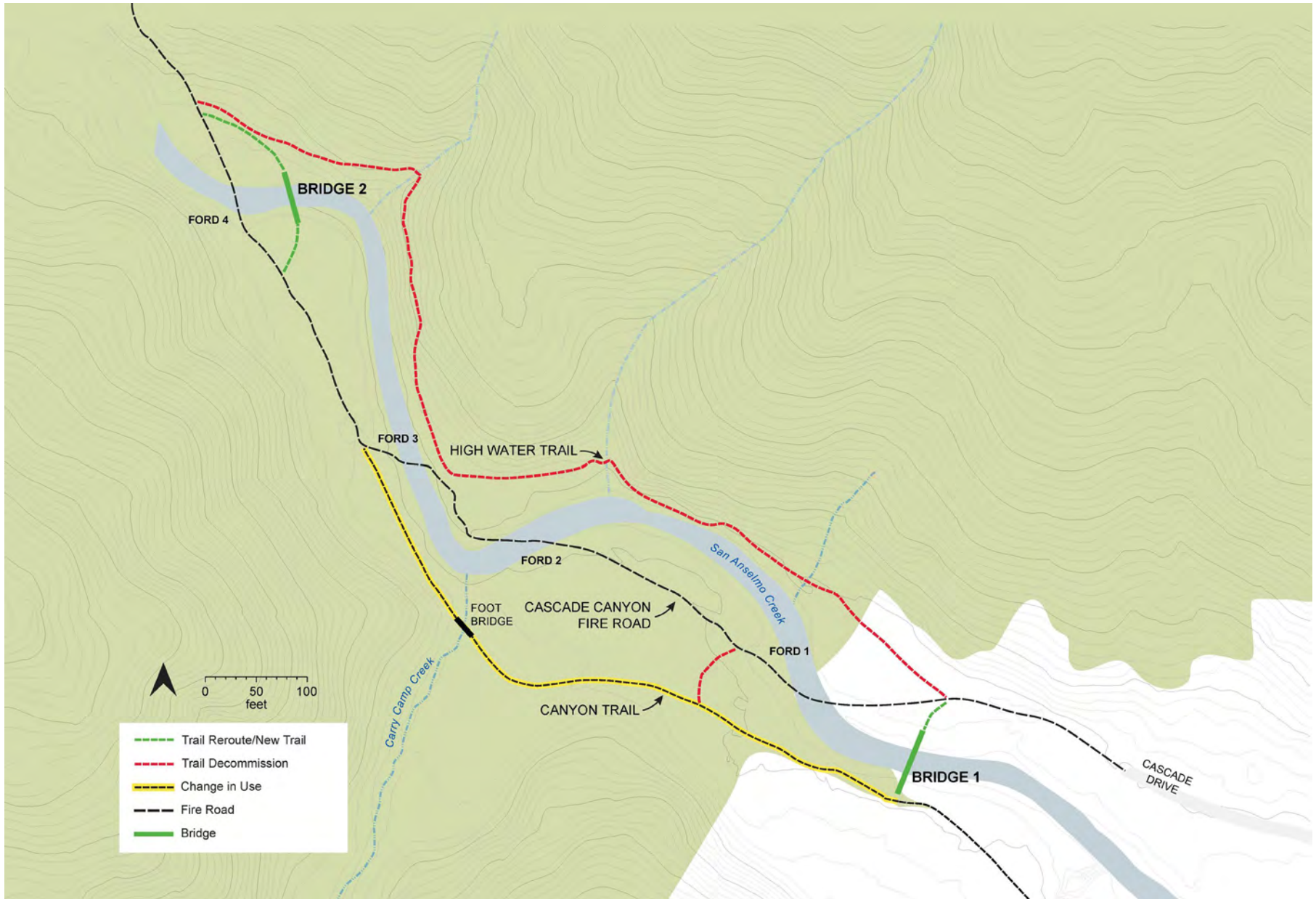
# DEVELOPMENT OF SHARED GOALS



- Remove recreation from the creek
- Reduce erosion and sedimentation into the watershed
- Provide year-round safe and sustainable visitor access for all trail users
- Enhance habitat protection for sensitive wildlife species
- Decommission the High Water Trail



# PROPOSED PROJECT COMPONENTS



# HIGH WATER TRAIL - PROPOSED FOR DECOMMISSIONING



**BRIDGE SITE #1**



BRIDGE SITE #1 90' X 6'



CONCEPTUAL FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY

CANYON TRAIL - CHANGE IN USE



# CANYON TRAIL – CHICANES



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## BRIDGE SITE #2



BRIDGE SITE #2 60' X 6'



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# GRASSLAND RESTORATION AND FENCING



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# BICYCLE RACK



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# IMPLEMENTATION



- Cost estimate \$480,000
- No established timeline for implementation, if approved
- Construction access uses existing public roads
- Communicate with neighborhood regarding construction access
- IAP compliant

**BULLFROG CREEK BRIDGE 80' X 6'**



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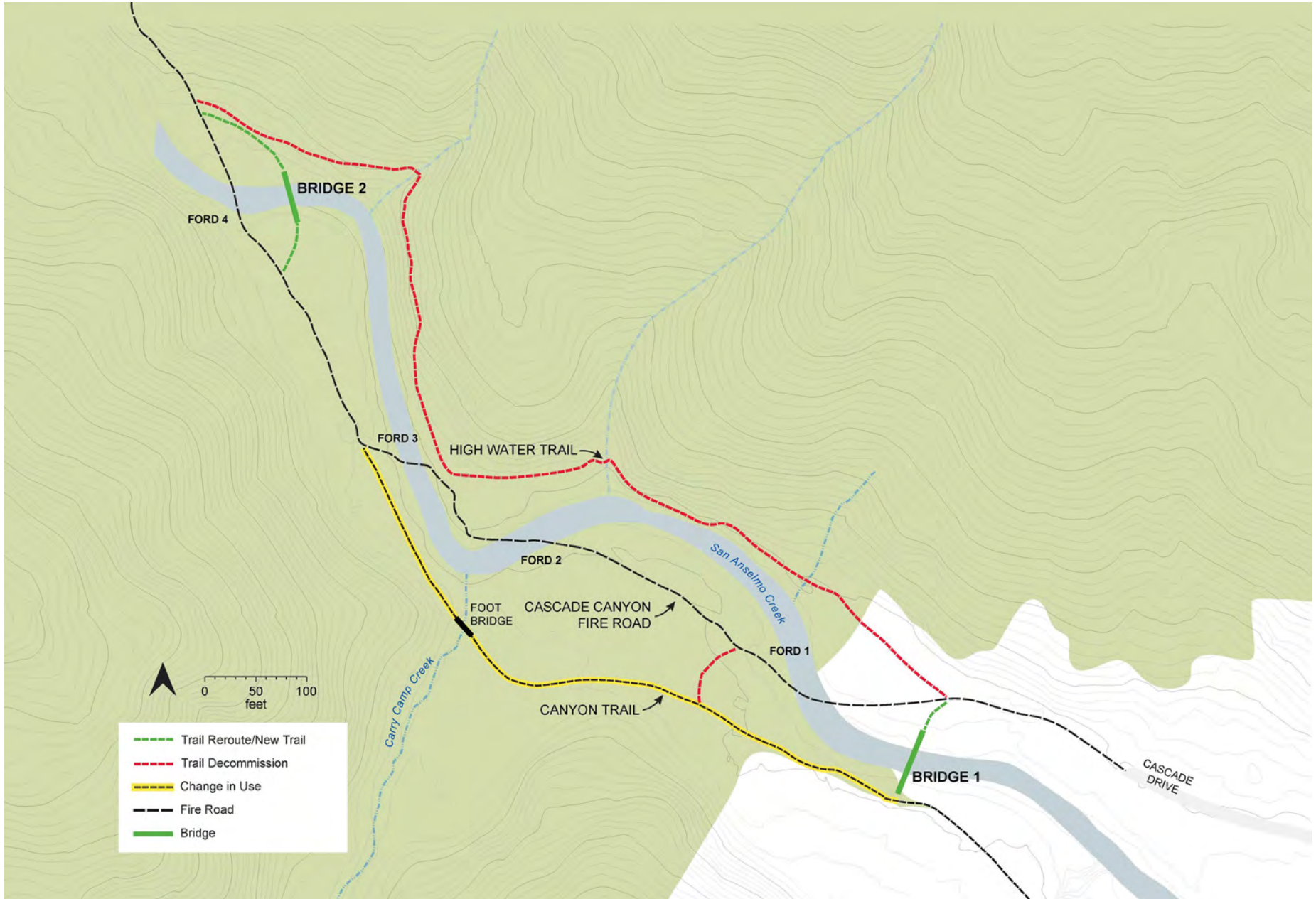


## VISITOR USE



- The COVID effect
- This plan does not create a new trailhead
- This plan does not add a new user group to the preserve
- This plan does not add new parking
- This plan does provide safe and sustainable passage over a creek

# TRAIL CIRCULATION



# TRAIL BRIDGES





## MORE INFORMATION



- For more information see the March 4, 2021 Public meeting via Zoom
- <http://bit.ly/CascadeMeeting>
- CEQA document available on District's webpage
  - Projects & Plans, Cascade Bridges

# CEQA

- **Public Review Period:** February 16 – March 19, 2021
- **Comment Summary**
  - ≈ 192 Individuals Commented
  - ≈ 141 Supported Proposed Project
- **Primary Concerns**
  - Need for Proposed Project
  - Traffic, Parking, Emergency Access, Evacuation Access
  - Wildfire Risk
  - Increased Cyclist Use
  - Biological Resources

## NEXT STEPS

### ➤ Evaluate Comments

- Prepare & Publish Responses to Comments
- Board Decisions on CEQA Document & Project Approval
- Apply for Regulatory Permits

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