

Auburn recreation area threatened by funding issues

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The federal government says it can no longer afford to maintain Auburn State Recreation Area, the popular park in the footprint of the defunct Auburn dam.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has been paying \$2 million annually to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to operate the 30,000-acre park at the confluence of the north and middle forks of the American River.

That money has paid for ranger patrols, trail improvements and a minimal level of visitor programs for the past 33 years.

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