

Contractors began working double shifts on the Folsom Dam spillway gates on Monday. The

in addition to swimming, fishing, and jet-skiing and boating, locals and newcomers can watch

and for help with towing. The boat patrol will only tow watercraft in an emergency.

After the train derailed in April, the City of Folsom had its liability investigators look into cause of the derailment. While they were not able to determine exactly what hap-

side. Although it is not clear whether the two incidences are related, the train will be shut down

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Folsom Zoo cats getting new home

Renovations yielding new cages, exhibits

By THEA ROOD
Telegraph Correspondent

Packing up their cats' pajamas, Willow, Bristlecone and Juniper move to a new home this summer.

The three mountain lions, residents of the Folsom Zoo since kittens, are the main focus of a \$150,000 zoo renovation project being constructed by the California Conservation Corps.

"The corps has a mandate to look for projects that expand their skills, benefit the public and enhance the resources of California," said Kit Kitzmiller, a park planner and landscape architect for the Parks and Recreation Department who is overseeing the project. "Mountain lions

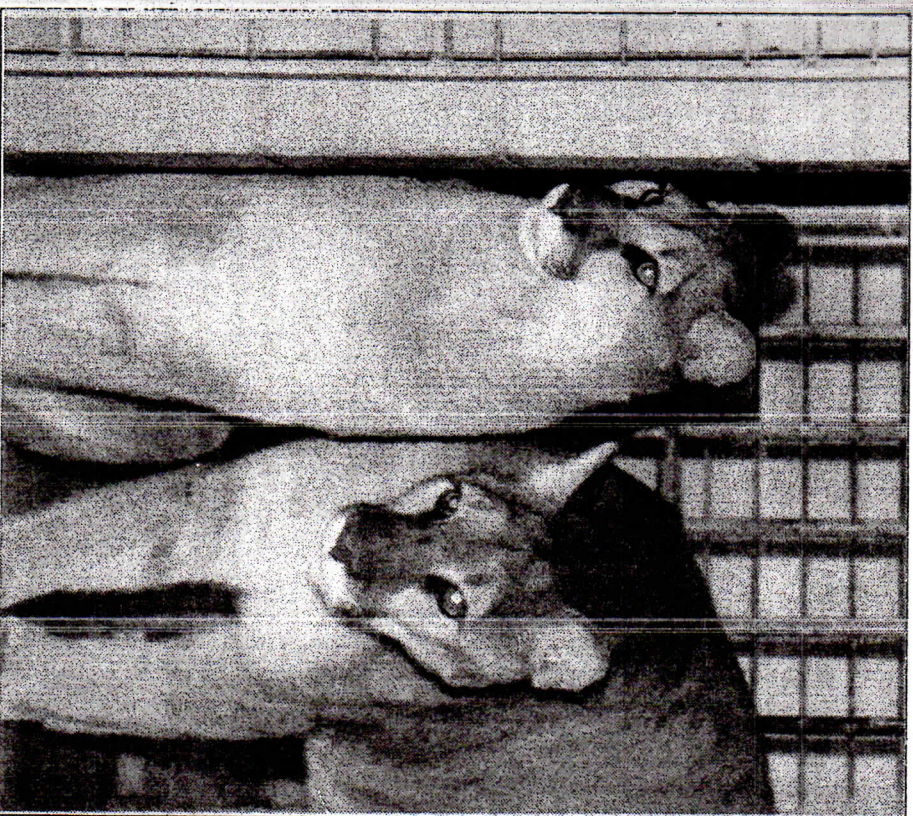
are a natural resource since they're native to this state."

The new habitat for the lions will be built of redwood and welded panel, featuring a variety of pools, vegetation, climbing limbs and boulders. It is part of the master plan for the zoo, which "focuses on larger, natural type exhibits, more like the areas where the animals would be found," Kitzmiller said.

In fact, the emphasis in most zoo renovations across the country is on providing space for animals to exercise and to roam, something that is difficult in the cramped cages the cats now live in. The new exhibit will also allow, for the first time, the three cats to live together.

All three mountain lions are orphans and were brought to the zoo as kittens when their mothers were killed. Willow is the youngest, just a little over two years old, and Bristlecone and Juniper, who are siblings, are nearly six.

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Bristlecone and Juniper will get a new home at Folsom Zoo when renovations are completed. Renovations are expected to cost \$150,000 and include new exhibits.

Teen hurt in crash

By PATTY MCALPIN
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A teen-age passenger was injured and an Alaskan Husky died during an accident on Folsom-Auburn Road south of Inwood Road at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The teen was Life-flighted to the U.C. Davis Medical Center. He suffered head injuries, internal injuries, and a broken leg, according to the Folsom Police Department.

Traffic was rerouted until 2 a.m. as officers and emergency personnel cleaned the crash site.

Police said two pickup trucks were traveling southbound on Folsom-Auburn Road when the

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"Except for living next to each other, seeing each other, scenting, through the bars, they're never interacted," Kitzmiller said. "Initially they will be put together, but the way the exhibit is built, you could easily put dividers in if you needed to," and the animals did not get along.

The enclosure is expected to be finished by August, only two years after the zoo decided to renovate and with no public fundraising efforts. Sensitive to public opinion after a mountain lion attack in the foothills, all the money was raised internally or through unsolicited donations.

The Friends of the Folsom Zoo, Inc. gave \$15,000 to the project and applied for and received a \$45,000 grant from Bosack/Kruger Charitable Foundation of Redmond, Wash. The Zoo Trust Fund, a city

The zoo is also building a new restroom and concession building in front of the main gates that will feature a stage area for the zoo's educational programs.

"Where the dirt pile is now," Kitzmiller said, "will eventually be lawn, a nice shaded place, for the public to sit and observe programs." This will enhance the educational function of the zoo, since with current limited space, they have been forced to take many of their programs offsite.

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up driven by a male teen from Rancho Cordova, went off the road, hit a telephone pole, sheared a light pole, and went back onto the road. The passenger was injured and the dog killed when the passenger side female teen driver from Gold River lost control of the 1983 Toyota pickup, sideswiped a 1981 Toyota pickup-

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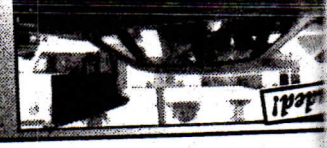
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indefinitely while a more in-depth investigation is put into place.

"We are looking for somebody that has some expertise specifically in this kind of rail operation and we're going to require that that person be hired, do a study and make recommendations," Frost said. "All of those will have to be implemented prior to the time we're going to let it open again."

Determining if the incidences were related is difficult, he added, because they involved completely different parts of the track. "That's why it's really a right now."

"Nobody was seriously hurt April derailment although people received some scrap no passengers were involved May incident.

"It wasn't like the other is was enough to make us as going to have to do another plate investigation," Frost said. "We don't want anyone to get a picture of his train."

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