

Big Bar Campgrounds

Big Bar Ranger Station - Shasta-Trinity National Forest



Season of Use

Fees are charged at most campgrounds in the Trinity River Management Unit year round. Water systems are turned off during the winter months but reduced fees are still required.

Length of stay

Maximum stay in campgrounds is limited to 14 days per year. Camping outside of developed campgrounds is limited to 30 days per year.

Campfire Permits

Campfire permits are not necessary to build a fire in the campsite fire ring at the campground. A permit is required if you intend to have a campfire or use a charcoal grill or gas stove outside the developed recreation site. During certain California state regulated fire restrictions, campfires and charcoal grills are not allowed outside of developed campgrounds. Check the ranger station for current restrictions and to obtain a free campfire permit.

Campfires

Before leaving your campsite you are required to extinguish your fire. Make sure the fire is dead out by drowning it with water, stirring the coals, and feeling them for heat.

Poison Oak

Poison oak is a common plant found growing at the campgrounds and near the river. Poison oak causes

itching of the skin within hours after the plant has been touched. If you come in contact with it, wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and lukewarm water as soon as possible. Over-the-counter cleansers and medications such as “Tecnu” are most helpful if used within the first few hours of exposure.

Giardiasis

(gee-ar-dye-a-sis) - Beware that giardiasis can be contracted from drinking untreated water from rivers, creeks, and springs. This is a disease caused by a microscopic organism, *Giardia lamblia*. Disease symptoms include diarrhea, increased gas, loss of appetite, abdominal cramps, and bloating occurring a few days to a few weeks after ingestion. Drink only water from the faucet at the campgrounds or other treated area.

Smoking

Smoke only where it is safe, around a campfire, in a vehicle, or in a cleared area. Please carry out all your cigarette filters.

River Recreation

The Trinity River offers many fun-filled hours of fishing, sunning, swimming, floating and boating. Keep safety in mind when floating down the river. Consider your experience level and the level of water in the river. Generally, Pigeon Point to Big Flat is too dangerous for tubers and family canoeists. Boating is not advised from Cedar Flat to Grays Falls except for expert boaters. A brochure called “Boating on the Trinity River” is available at the ranger station which gives a summary of river difficulty. **NOTE:** The Trinity River is subject to periodic changes in flow conditions from releases from Lewiston Dam. Current flows (CFS) can be obtained by calling (530) 246-7594 or by accessing the following web sites: <http://water.usgs.gov/waterwatch/> (Trinity River above Coffee Creek near Trinity Center CA) and <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/queryDaily?LEW> for releases from Lewiston Lake.



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Denny Campground:

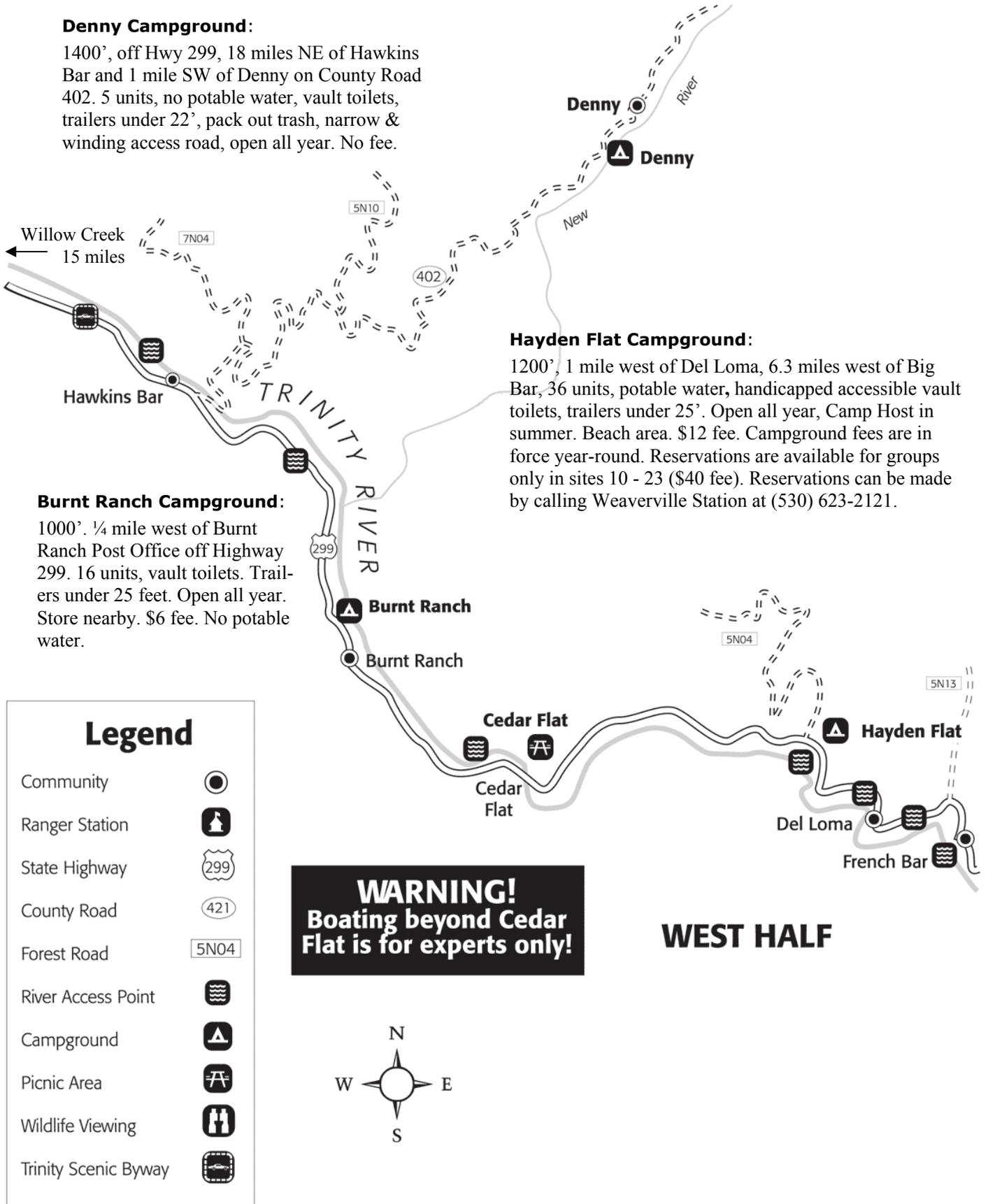
1400', off Hwy 299, 18 miles NE of Hawkins Bar and 1 mile SW of Denny on County Road 402. 5 units, no potable water, vault toilets, trailers under 22', pack out trash, narrow & winding access road, open all year. No fee.

Hayden Flat Campground:

1200', 1 mile west of Del Loma, 6.3 miles west of Big Bar, 36 units, potable water, handicapped accessible vault toilets, trailers under 25'. Open all year, Camp Host in summer. Beach area. \$12 fee. Campground fees are in force year-round. Reservations are available for groups only in sites 10 - 23 (\$40 fee). Reservations can be made by calling Weaverville Station at (530) 623-2121.

Burnt Ranch Campground:

1000'. ¼ mile west of Burnt Ranch Post Office off Highway 299. 16 units, vault toilets. Trailers under 25 feet. Open all year. Store nearby. \$6 fee. No potable water.

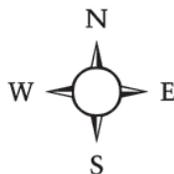


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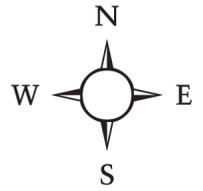
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- Ranger Station 
- State Highway 
- County Road 
- Forest Road 
- River Access Point 
- Campground 
- Picnic Area 
- Wildlife Viewing 
- Trinity Scenic Byway 

WARNING!
Boating beyond Cedar Flat is for experts only!

WEST HALF



EAST HALF



Hobo Gulch Campground:

2200', 17 miles north from North Fork Bridge. First take County Road 421, then road 34N07Y, follow signs. 5 acres, 10 units, vault toilets, trailers under 16 feet but not recommended due to rough access road. No potable water, pack out trash, open all year. No fee

Hobo Gulch



Ripstein Campground:

3000', 15 miles north of Junction City on Canyon Creek Road. 10 units. No potable water. Vault toilets, trailers under 22 feet. Open all year. No fee.

Ripstein



Maximum occupancy per site is 8 persons. Maximum of 2 vehicles per site. \$5 fee charged for each additional vehicle.

Group sites are available by reservation. These include Hayden Flat, Pigeon Point and Skunk Point.

Big Flat Campground:

1300', 3.7 miles east of Big Bar on the east side of Big Flat. 2 acres, 10 units, vault toilets. Trailers under 22'. Open all year. Camp Host during summer. Store nearby. \$6 fee. No potable water.

Junction City Campground:

Bureau of Land Management, (530) 224-2100. 1600', 1½ miles west of Junction City. 21 units, piped water, vault toilets. Trailers under 22'. Closed during winter. Store nearby.

Whites Bar



Big Bar



Big Flat



Big Flat



Pigeon Point

Pigeon Point Campground:

1100'. West of North Fork Bridge. 2 multi-family units, \$15. 2 walk in tent units, 4 single units \$12. Free day use. Parking and picnic area. No Potable water. Handicap accessible vault toilets. Trailers under 22 feet. Boat access and beach area. Maximum 50 person group site, \$75 fee. Reservations through the Weaverville Station, (530) 623-2121.

Junction City (BLM)

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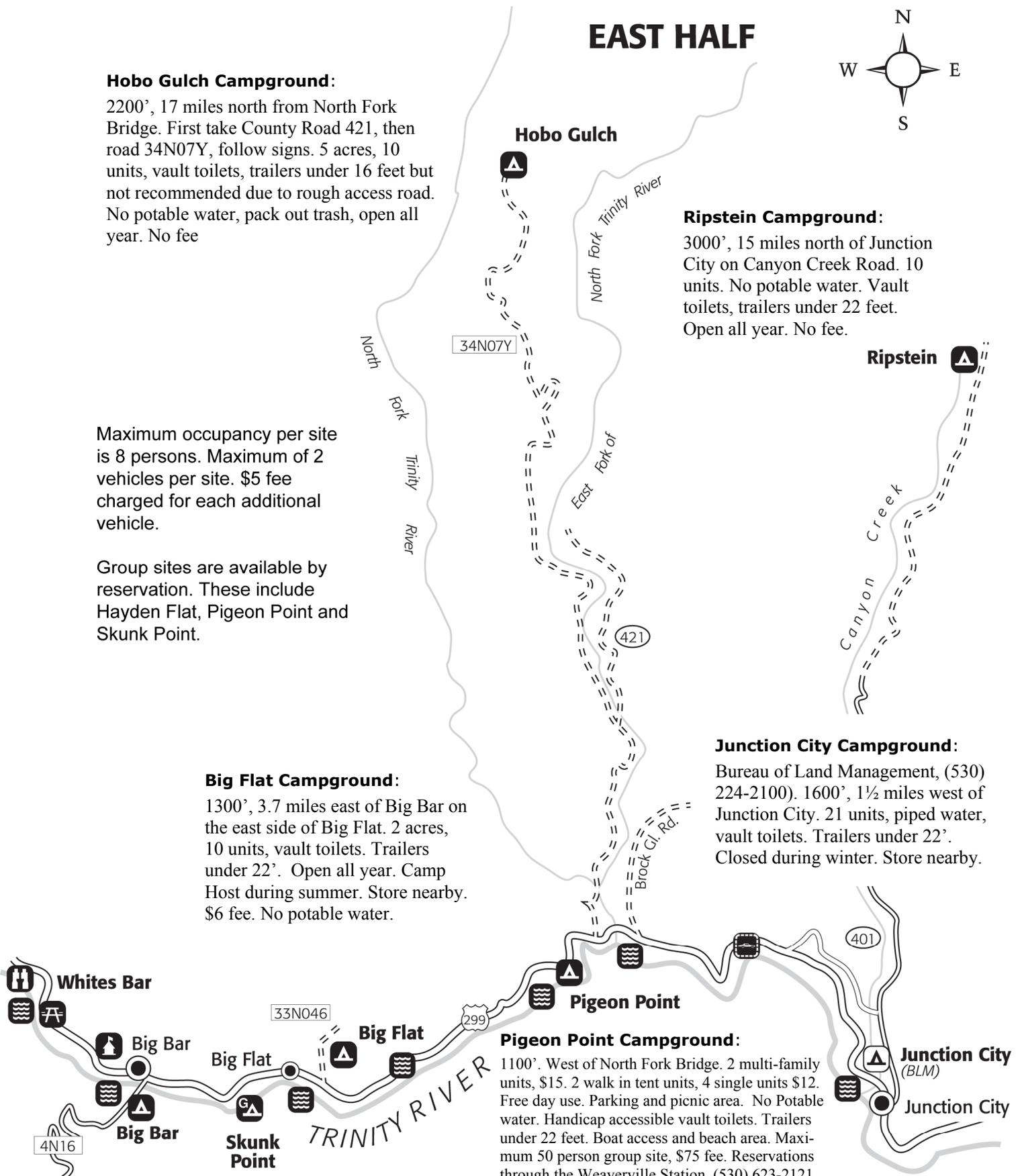
Big Bar Campground:

1250', Take bridge crossing the Trinity River opposite Big Bar Station...¼ mile up road 4N16. 3 units, no potable water, vault toilets. Small trailers. Open all year. No fee.

Skunk Point Group Campground:

1200', 1.9 miles east of Big Bar. One group site. Maximum 40 people. Reservations through Weaverville Ranger Station. No potable water, vault toilets, no trailers. Beach area. \$40 fee. Closed to camping and open for day use only from December 1 to March 1. Available for camping and day use from March 2 through November 30.

Weaverville
8 miles
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Day Hikes

There are many trails for day hikes in the area. Please obtain a free wilderness permit at the Big Bar Station's 24 hour self service kiosk. Wilderness maps are available at the Weaverville Ranger Station office for \$9.

Please carry out your litter and garbage. For human waste, hand trowels are helpful for digging 6-8 inch holes placed 200 feet from any water source. These trowels can be obtained at the local stores. Bring plenty of water; some trails do not have any available water. All water from the wilderness needs to be filtered because of possible Giardia contamination.

Trinity Scenic Byway: "From the Valley Oaks to the Redwood Coast"

This is the theme of Highway 299 the Trinity Scenic Byway from Redding to Eureka. There are many interesting local areas to explore while staying at our campgrounds. Enjoy the beauty nature has to offer, play on the water and trails, and visit our historic sites. A brochure is available at the Ranger Station.

Scenic Backroad Drives

For spacious scenic views, drive to Hayfork Bally Lookout for a panorama of the south side of the Trinity Alps, or Ironside Lookout for a view of the Trinity River, New River, and forested Denny area. Lookout tours are given by the Forest Service employees stationed at the lookouts open 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Forest maps are available at the Ranger Station for the route. The cost is \$10.

Watchable Wildlife

If you encounter unusual wildlife during your stay, please stop at the Big Bar Station and fill out a Wild-

life Observation Report form. Unusual wildlife include bear, mink, otter, fishers, eagles, hawks, osprey, owls, and many other birds. Free bird checklists are available at the office which help distinguish the unusual birds. We would be happy to hear of your wildlife experiences.

Pets

Pets are allowed and must be kept on a leash.

Leave NO Trace (LNT)

We have several booklets and brochures that define and explain the "Leave no Trace" outdoor ethic. This information will assist you in developing the practical conservation techniques designed to minimize your impact upon the environment during your visit to the great outdoors. By developing this awareness and these skills you are sure to increase the enjoyment of your National Forest by all users.

For more information

If you would like more information about the Big Bar area, the Trinity River, the Trinity Scenic Byway or the Trinity Alps Wilderness contact:

Weaverville Ranger Station

- **by mail:**

P.O. Box 1190
Weaverville, CA 96093

- **by phone:**
(530) 623-2121
- 711 (TTY)