

Cedar Creek Acquisition

Special Benefits

The 266-acre Cedar Creek parcel is located within the boundaries of the Cleveland National Forest, in the headwaters of the San Diego River, just upstream from the El Capitan Reservoir. Mostly surrounded by National Forest System land, more than 2-miles of the San Diego River flow through this extraordinary parcel. It is rich in wildlife, plant, watershed values, heritage resources, scenic vistas, and recreation interest that extend beyond the boundaries of the parcel.

The parcel provides habitat for at least three federally listed endangered species: Arroyo Toad, California Gnatcatcher, and Southwestern Willow Flycatcher. It includes designated critical habitat for Arroyo Toad and California Gnatcatcher and proposed critical habitat for Southwestern Willow Flycatcher.



The San Diego River Gorge trail crosses the parcel. This connection enhances access by connecting trails leading into the San Diego River Gorge from the east and west, as well as the popular Cedar Creek Trail.



The Cleveland National Forest has worked with the San Diego River Conservancy, a State agency, and other local partners for years to encourage improved watershed health, ecological restoration, and sustainable recreation in the headwaters of the San Diego River. Collaborative projects include construction of the San Diego River Gorge Trailhead, Accessible Trail and Overlook; and the construction, rehabilitation, and restoration of the West San Diego River Gorge Trail. Acquisition of the Cedar Creek parcel is another step toward reaching this shared vision.

In June 2012, San Diego Gas & Electric transferred the Cedar Creek parcel to the Forest Service to satisfy a portion of the offsite mitigation requirement for impacts of the Sunrise Powerlink Project on sensitive vegetation communities and listed species. The Sunrise Powerlink Project is a 120-mile long transmission line project from Imperial Valley to San Diego County, of which 19 miles cross the Cleveland National Forest. The parcel, which was previously owned by the Helix Water District and known as the Fletcher Dam property, is the first of the mitigation parcels to transfer.



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Case Highlights:

Cleveland National Forest – William Metz, Forest Supervisor

Located in San Diego County, California, near the unincorporated community of Ramona

Authority: The Acceptance of Gifts Act of October 10, 1978 and The USDA Organic Act of August 3, 1956

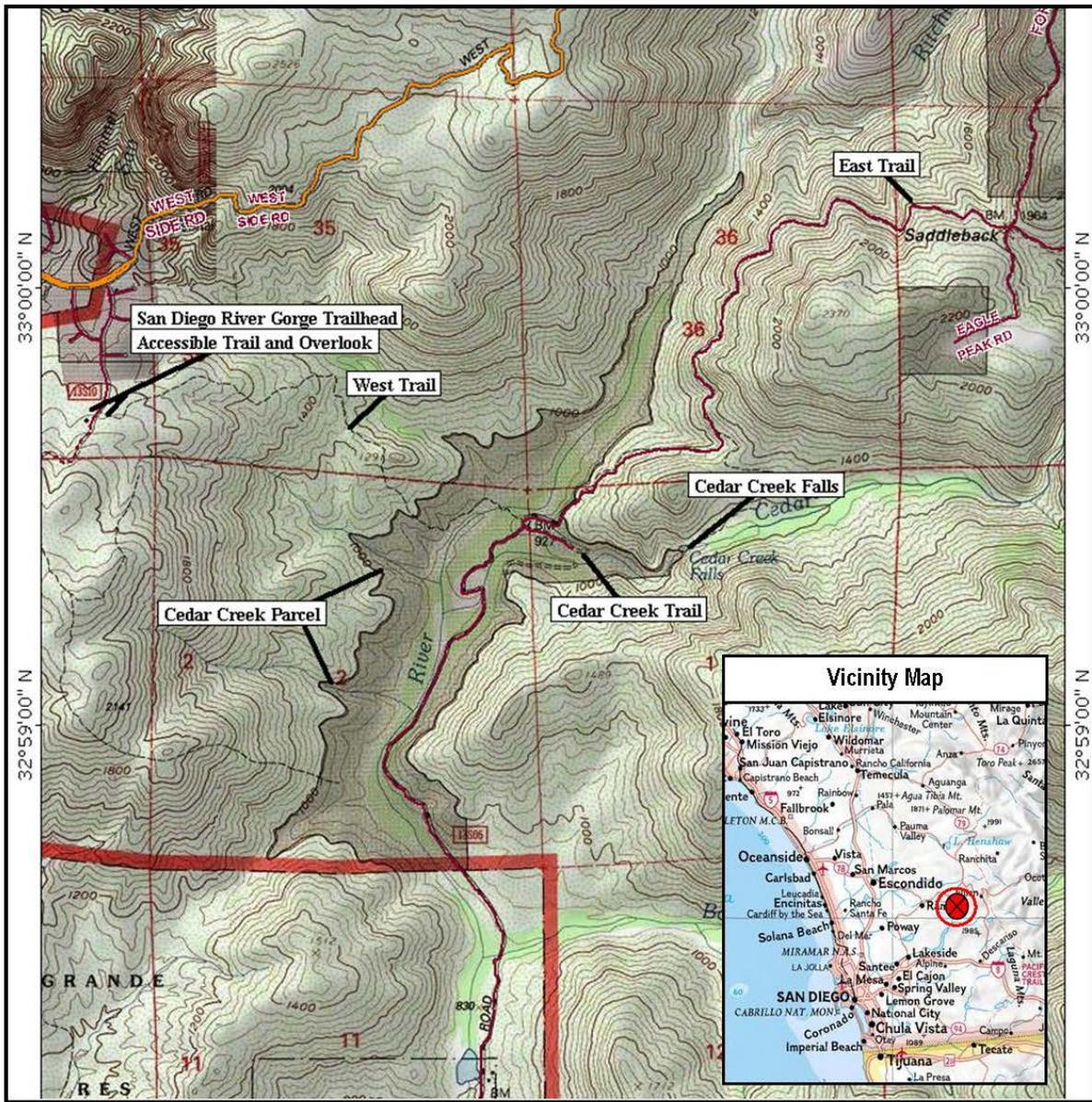
Deed Recorded: June 29, 2012

Total Acreage: 266 acres

Land Value Estimate: \$2,660,000

Case Manager: Sandra Lew

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References

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Legend

Cedar Creek Area 

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The Acceptance of Gifts Act of October 10, 1978
The Organic Act of August 3, 1956

Township 13 South, Range 2 East, Sections 35 and 36, and
Township 14 South, Range 2 East, Sections 1 and 2,
San Bernardino Meridian, San Diego County, CA.

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